
✠ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠
ORDER OF WORSHIP • SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 • 9:00 AM

✠ Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

✠ OPENING HYMN

DEAREST JESUS, AT YOUR WORD
LBW #248

✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Let us confess our sins to God, whose presence is joy, and whose word brings life.

a time of silence for reflection

WL: Steadfast and faithful God,

All: **you have revealed the ways of justice,**

yet we fail to follow you.

We are overwhelmed

by the world's violence and suffering.

We are afraid to risk what we have

for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused,

known and unknown, forgive us.

For the unjust demands we place on others

and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away

from you and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to you

and set us on the right path;

in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

WL: Beloved in Christ, the Almighty God, in mercy, has chosen to suffer and die for us. God's love and justice stretch beyond all understanding. God's mercy and compassion are beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ, your sins are forgiven. Go now and serve our risen Savior with joy and gladness!

All: **Amen!**

✠ KYRIE

MERCY . . . FILL US WITH MERCY

Mercy . . . Fill us with mercy . . .

(repeat quietly and continuously)

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

COME ON AND BLESS!

Come on and bless the Lord with me! (4X)

Come on and praise God's holy name! (4X)

Come on and sing "Hallelujah!" (4X)

Hallelujah! (4X)

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

PSALM 27:11-14

R: Our First Lesson for this Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 27th Psalm, verses 11-14.

Teach me your way, Lord;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.

I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

WL: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 2:24-29

R: Our Second Lesson is from First John, the second chapter.

As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he promised us—eternal life.

I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

WL: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

TEACH US . . . ANOINT AND TEACH US

Teach us . . . Anoint and teach us . . .

✠ HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 13:54-58

WL: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

All: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked. “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” And they took offense at him.

But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home.”

And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

WL: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You O Christ!**

TODAY’S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH YOU

LBW #492

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

WL: With the church throughout the ages, let us boldly confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

REFRAIN **Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

1 **I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *REFRAIN***

2 **Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *REFRAIN***

3 **When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *REFRAIN***

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. God of abundance, in this feast you have fed us and strengthened us. Send us now in peace to share your love with all the world, that we may joyfully worship you in all that we say, and in all that we do, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

✠ BLESSING

WL: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

✠ SENDING HYMN

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING
LBW #221

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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