

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

If you are new to our congregation, please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome enter or in the pew rack in front of you.

Childcare is available: During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

We have **gluten-free wafers** available: Please make your request known at the altar rail.

Restrooms are located to the right as you go through the arch off the breezeway.

Following the service we welcome everyone for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, located on the first floor. Turn right after passing through the arch off the passageway between the buildings.

A gentle reminder: As a courtesy during the church service, please be sure to turn your **cell phone off** or put it on the vibrate setting.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

PRELUDE

[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

365, vs. 1,4

[Please stand.]

C *Come, thou almighty King, help us thy Name to sing,
help us to praise. Father whose love unknown
all things created own, build in our hearts thy throne, Ancient of Days.*

*To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be,
hence evermore; thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

P Let us pray together...
C *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

O Day of Radiant Gladness

48, vs. 1,2

*O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
this day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God Triune.*

*This day at the creation, the light first had its birth;
this day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
this day our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heaven,
and thus this day most glorious a triple light was given.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

G **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18 • Psalm 34:15–22 • Ephesians 6:10–20 • John 6:60–69
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

L *The First Reading is taken from Joshua, chapter 24...*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders of Israel, its leaders, judges, and officers. They presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to the entire people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors lived on the other side of the Euphrates. They served other gods. Among them was Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor.

"So now, revere the Lord. Serve him honestly and faithfully. Put aside the gods that your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt and serve the Lord. But if it seems wrong in your opinion to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Choose the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But my family and I will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "God forbid that we ever leave the Lord to serve other gods! The Lord is our God. He is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. He has done these mighty signs in our sight. He has protected us the whole way we've gone and in all the nations through which we've passed. The Lord has driven out all the nations before us, including the Amorites who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God."

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm 34: [Tune: *Jesus Shall Reign*]

**Your eyes, O God, are on the just; Your ears are open to their cry;
Your face is set against the false To root them out from memory.**

**You save the righteous in their need, For when they cry, Lord, you will hear;
Those crushed in spirit you will save, The broken-hearted you are near.**

**The troubles of the just are great, And yet, you, Lord will save your own
And keep them safe from every harm; Not one shall break a single bone..**

The Second Reading:

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Ephesians, chapter 6...*

Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and his powerful strength. Put on God's armor so that you can make a stand against the tricks of the devil. We aren't fighting against human enemies but against rulers, authorities, forces of cosmic darkness, and spiritual powers of evil in the heavens. Therefore, pick up the full armor of God so that you can stand your ground on the evil day and after you have done everything possible to still stand. So stand with the belt of truth around your waist, justice as your breastplate, and put shoes on your feet so that you are ready to spread the good news of peace. Above all, carry the shield of faith so that you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word.

Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers. As for me, pray that when I open my mouth, I'll get a message that confidently makes this secret plan of the gospel known. I'm an ambassador in chains for the sake of the gospel. Pray so that the Lord will give me the confidence to say what I have to say.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word Word

440, vs. 1

[Please stand.]

℣ ***Blessèd Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.***

The Gospel:

℣ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

☩ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

℣ Many of his disciples who heard this said, "This message is harsh. Who can hear it?"

Jesus knew that the disciples were grumbling about this and he said to them, "Does this offend you? What if you were to see the Human One going up where he was before? The Spirit is the one who gives life and the flesh doesn't help at all. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. Yet some of you don't believe." Jesus knew from the beginning who wouldn't believe and the one who would betray him. He said, "For this reason I said to you that none can come to me unless the Father enables them to do so." At this, many of his disciples turned away and no longer accompanied him.

Jesus asked the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"

Simon Peter answered, "Lord, where would we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are God's holy one."

℣ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

[Please be seated.]

SERMON HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

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A1 *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*

*High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

THE NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

A1 **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you choose.]

D Let us pray to God, who is made known in Jesus Christ:

L Father of all, let all the world be saved through your Son. Let our president, and all rulers and authorities, seek and see your kingdom so that peace may reign in our time.

C **As your Son taught us, we pray for our enemies.**

L God of the Prophets, we thank you for calling all people to be righteous, justifying us with the free gift of your grace. Let this parish be a place where your testimony is received, where guests find a welcome, and where all are born anew of the Spirit.

C **Give strength to your church as together, trusting in you and supporting each other, we proclaim your kingdom with our lives.**

L Restoring God, there are many who may feel lost or even condemned as they endure trouble and illness. We ask for your healing to lift up and comfort [*names in notebook*] and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts [*leave time ...*], as well as all others who suffer.

C **God of Light and Life, help us to be the answer to the prayers of those who cry out to you.**

L Lord God, we give you thanks for the blessings we received from your hand each day, especially... [*read items from notebook*] and for the flowers given today [...]. Let us rejoice in the knowledge that all good gifts around us come from your loving hand.

C **We ask for one more thing, Holy God: give us grateful hearts.**

L Lord of Eternal Life, we ask your mercy on all those who have died, especially ... [*names in notebook*] and those on our hearts this morning that we bring to you, [*leave time*]. Let your grace and power give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist.

C **We ask also that your comfort and strength surround all who grieve, whether their loss is new and raw, or has been a painful reality for many years.**

All **Holy Spirit, fill our hearts this day and every day so that we live our lives in ways that honor your image in us, our baptism in you, and our connection with each other. Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- Ⓓ Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
[*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God,
- Ⓐ **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**
- Ⓓ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- Ⓐ **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

[Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions may receive an individual prayer.]

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[*Please stand.*]

- Ⓓ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- Ⓒ **And also with you.** (*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- Ⓓ Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

OFFERTORY

[*Please be seated.*]

PRESENTATION

[*Please stand when the plates are given to the Deacon.*]

- Ⓓ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

For the Harvests of the Spirit

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

***For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.***

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER [Prayer B]

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Al **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

P And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

C **We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.**

P By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

A **AMEN.**

P And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P The Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world.

C **The Cup of Salvation is shared with all who seek God.**

FRACTION

I Come with Joy

A ***I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.***

***I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.***

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Note: *Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, a loved one, or anything else on your heart.*

CHANT *Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord*

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

**☩ Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Let us pray...

AI **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

P Christ who has nourished us with himself, the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day. The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

☩ Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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AI **Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

THE DISMISSAL

D Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

☩ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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