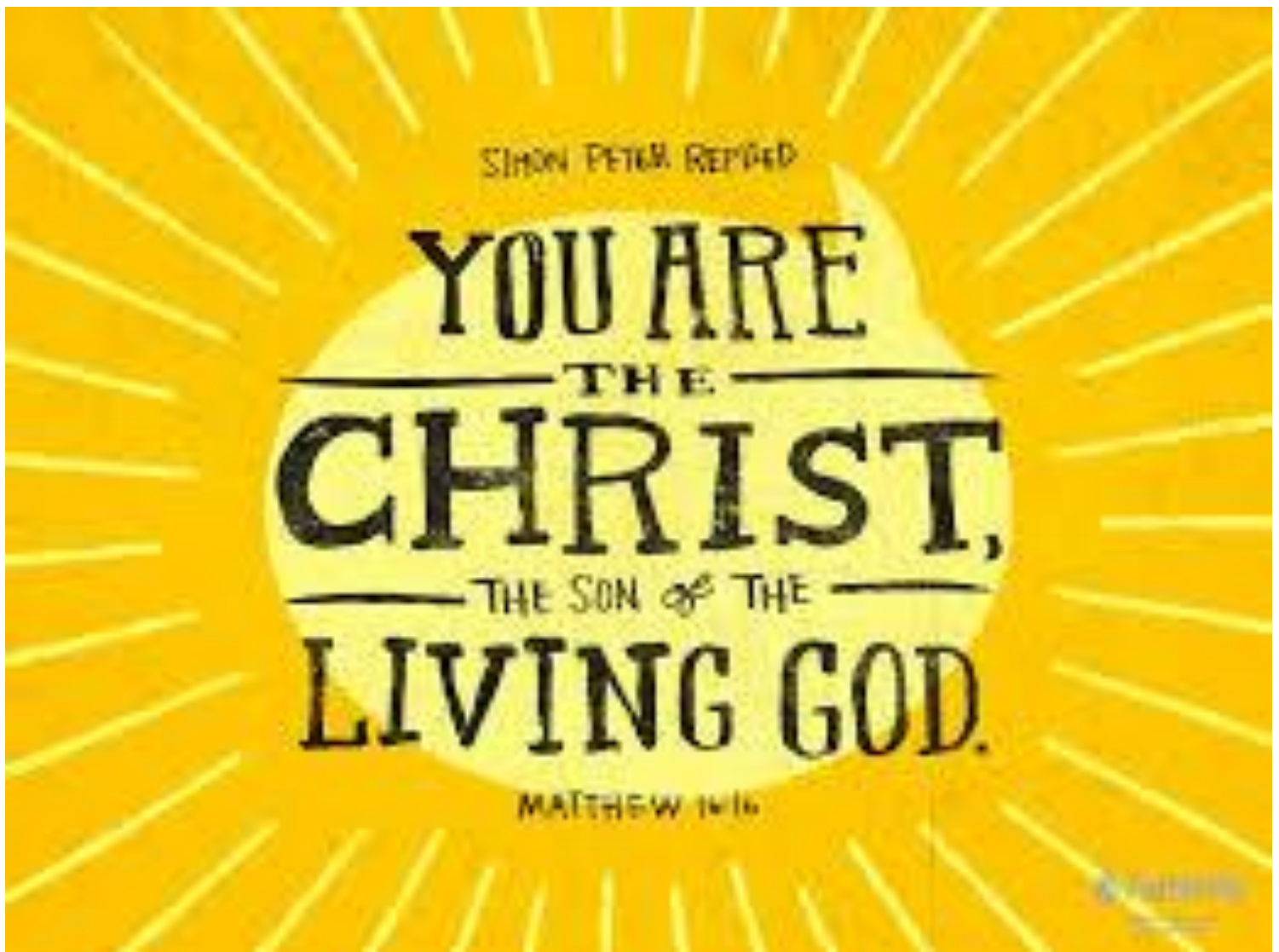


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Sunday, September 3, 2023
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN: #528 "Christ is Our Cornerstone"



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we
2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall
3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw
4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -



build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of
ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in
near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your
plore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us



heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we
One to sing And thus pro - claim In joy - ful
chil - dren hear, And more and more On those who
ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the



place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.
pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.
blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.
Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 4444) John Darwall, 1731-89.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 6:2-8

² God spoke to Moses and said to him, “I am the LORD. ³ I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. ⁵ Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶ Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take

you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸ I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 34.

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Refrain



Hap-py the peo-ple the Lord has cho-sen to be his own.

Psalm tone



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Taste and see that the LORD is good;*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous*
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear
him,*

and he delivers them. ***Refrain***

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;*
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted*

and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;^{*}

no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son^{*}

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,^{*}

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 11:33-36

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY (spoken by the pastor)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

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536 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a -
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri -



one foun - da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you
 lone con - fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing
 pure and low - ly. And may your Word, that light di -
 fice all trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed



bows, And waits for your sal - va - tion. Built
 care, True u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your
 vine, Shine on in splen - dor ho - ly That
 cross, To find in you all plea - sure. Oh,



on this rock se - cure, Your Church shall en - dure
 sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your sav - ing Word
 we re - pent - ance show, In faith ev - er grow.
 grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress.



Though all the world de - cay And all things
 To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they
 The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils
 Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



pass a - way. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!
 may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.
 that an - noy. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
 grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

SERMON

STAND

NICENE CREED

**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,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary,
and became fully human.**

**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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

M: Almighty God, from You and through You and to You are all things. You have built Your Church on the confession of the Gospel and have promised that the gates of hell will not overcome it. To Your Church throughout the world grant the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God Almighty, You transform Your Church by the Holy Spirit so that she does not conform to the world. Draw forth from Your people their proclamation of thanksgiving, that they may tell of all Your wondrous deeds. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, grant that the Office of the Keys may be honored among us, in order that we may confess our sin and be absolved in the name of Christ. As You have so graciously forgiven us, grant that we may extend this grace by forgiving others. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Heavenly Father, care for all families, children, single adults and youth, that they might steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal. Grant an increase in wisdom and grace to all who teach and learn. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God, grant that all nations and leaders might act for peace; promote godliness; and protect all who live under violence, oppression, injustice and fear, that all people might extol You. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Heavenly Father, care for all victims of disaster, for those stricken by illness or infirmity, for the aged and infirm, for the grieving and for those near death. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we may not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God. Prepare us to receive the blessed gifts of our Lord's table, that this food may keep us holy and blameless in Christ now and when He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: From You and through You and to You are all things! To You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, be glory now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare. **C: Amen.**

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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.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

STAND



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



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

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



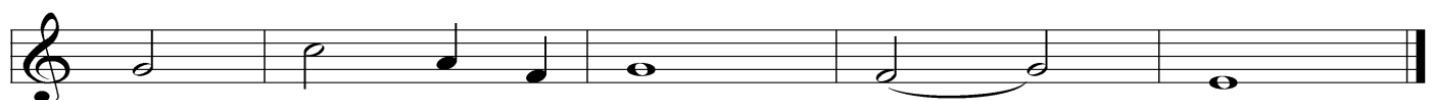
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #538 "The Church's One Foundation"

Text: Samuel J. Stone (1839-1900); Tune: Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876)



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er
3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord,
4 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees
5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult



Christ, her Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By
all the earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One
to de - fend, To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is
her op - pressed, By schisms rent a - sun - der, By
of her war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of



wa - ter and the Word. From heav'n he came and
Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she
with her to the end. Though there be those that
her - e - sies dis - tressed, Yet saints their watch are
peace for - ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion



sought her To be his ho - ly bride; With his own
bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And to one
hate her And strive to see her fail, A - gainst both
keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the
glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest And the great



blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

THANKSGIVING (page 36)

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The 2023 Church picnic will be on Sunday, September 24th from 11 AM to 2 PM (after church) at St. Peter's. The Board of Stewardship and Education will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. A Sign-up Genius will be sent out for salads and desserts. Please plan on joining us for this event!

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards, and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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