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Sunday, August 29, 2021 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.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

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 (Page 26)

OPENING HYMN: #186 "O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God"

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STAND

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O Spirit of Life, **O** Spirit of God



Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–68, abr., adapt.; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, alt. Tune: O JESULEIN SÜSS (10 8 88 10) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623, alt.

- **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.



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 very evil, hear our prayer, O Christ



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.



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



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

O LORD, OUR LORD



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



FIRST LESSON: Joshua 24:1,2a, 14-18

24 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods.

¹⁴ "Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 71

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In you, O LORD, I have taken <u>ref</u>uge;* let me never be <u>put</u> to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your <u>right</u>eousness;* turn your ear to me and <u>save</u> me.

Be my rock of refuge to which I can <u>al</u>ways go;* For you are my rock and my <u>for</u>tress. *Refrain*

Since my youth, O God, you have <u>taught</u> me,* and to this day I declare your mar<u>vel</u>ous deeds.

Even when I am <u>old</u> and gray,* do not forsake <u>me</u>, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,* your might to all who are to come.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>Amen.</u> *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:21-31

²¹ ...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.
²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.
²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body.
³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and

hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

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

GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:60-69

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶² Then what if you were

to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵ And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."



BE SEATED HYMN OF THE DAY: #556 "Rise, Shine, You People"

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Rise, Shine, You People



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SERMON STAND

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 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.

Almighty God, we ask You to be near us with Your Word and Spirit. Guide and lead us, that we may not stray from the way of Your commandments nor forget the wonderful blessings that You have given to us. Direct us always with Your Word of truth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: By Your Holy Spirit, protect us this day from the assaults of the devil. Equip us with the full armor of God, that we may be clothed in truth, righteousness, peace, faith and salvation, bearing the sword of the spirit, which is Your Word. Keep us all in safety and security from the forces of the evil one. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Heavenly Father, preserve us from all that would defile us in heart and soul. Keep us from all evil thoughts, immorality,

theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us, that we would be holy as You are holy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: God of all knowledge and wisdom, grant us to know You and Your love. Bless pastors and teachers, parents and grandparents, and all who teach the faith, that the Gospel may continue to spread throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord, You are the strength of the weak and the refuge of the powerless. Be with Your people who are struggling with doubt and temptation. Grant assurance to the doubtful and deliverance to those tempted by this world. Give Your power, grace and love to those who need it. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord of life, bring health and healing to Your people. We pray for everyone in need of Your mercy today. Strengthen them with Your Word of grace, that they would look to You for comfort in the midst of suffering and pain. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God, purify our hearts with Your cleansing Word. Remove all impurities from us, and enable us to lead godly lives before You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to shed His blood on the cross for the

forgiveness of our sins. Bless us this day as we receive that same body and blood in this Holy Sacrament, remembering and proclaiming with joy the salvation accomplished for us by His death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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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 (Page 33)



M: Lift up your hearts.



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



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.



DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

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1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow you, Forsaking old, familiar ways For ventures bold and new: Grant us to hear your call To risk security And, bound in heart and will to you, Find perfect liberty.

2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed,Whose words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed:Instruct us now, we pray, By your empow'ring Word.True teacher, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.

3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd never trod To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The nearer reign of God: Send us on ways where faith Transcends timidity, Where love informs and hope sustains Both life and ministry.

4 O Christ, th'apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song, The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong: Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring, Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#356 "You Are the Way; through You Alone" Text: George W. Doane

#596 "Let Me Be Yours Forever" Text: Nikolaus Seinecker.



You Are the Way; through You Alone



Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.

Tune: DUNDEE (CM) The CL Psalms of David, Edinburgh, 1615.

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Let Me Be Yours Forever



Text: Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532–92, st. 1; *Gesangbuch*, Rudolstadt, 1688, st. 2-3; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt. Tune: ICH DANKE DIR, LIEBER HERRE (76 76 D) *Musika Teutsch*, Nürnberg, 1532, alt.

THANKSGIVING (page 36)



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.



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 Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today 9:30 AM Divine Service
 - 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn
- Monday 7:00 PM Final Divine Service
- Wednesday NO Bible Class
- Thursday 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday 9:30 AM Divine Service
 - 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Chris Ward; Ushering – Team 3

Altar flowers are donated to the glory of God by Pastor and Joy Schaefer, and in honor of the wedding of Anthony Nguyen and Sarah Schaefer.

Pastor vacation – Pastor Schaefer is on vacation from August 26 to September 6. If a pastoral emergency should occur, please contact Rev. Tom Schroeder, Good Shepherd, Novi (248)348-2613. Pastor Jon Bauman, campus pastor at Huron Valley Lutheran High School, is officiating for both Sundays and tomorrow evening.

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

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