FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

The Sung Responses and Hymns are from The Lutheran Hymnal (RED BOOK), unless indicated otherwise. Please stand at the appropriate times.

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

THE ORGAN PRELUDE THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN NO. 575 - "Before the Lord We Bow" (Please stand to stanza 5)

THE INVOCATION

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
- C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C: Who made heaven and earth.
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
- C: O Almighty God, Merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
- C: Amen.

THE INTROIT (Pastor and Congregation chant alternately)

- P: How great are Your works, / O LORD!*
 Your thoughts are / very deep!
- C: It is good to give thanks / to the LORD,*
 to sing praises to Your name / O Most High;
- P: to declare Your steadfast love in the / morning,* and Your faithful- / ness by night,
- C: to the music of the lute / and the harp,* to the melody / of the lyre.
- P: For You, O LORD, have made me glad / by Your work;* at the works of Your hands I / sing for joy.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THEKYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- P: Glory be to God on high:
- C: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And with thy spirit.
- P: Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Thy humble servants, Thy holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Thy merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
- C: Amen. (Be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

A: This the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (Pastor and Congregation chant alternately)

- P: Fear the LORD, / You His saints,* for those who fear Him lack / nothing!
- C: Many are the afflictions of the / righteous,* but the LORD delivers him out / of them all.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13:1-10

A: This the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

THE GOSPEL ACCOUNT: Matthew 18:1-20

- C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.
- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated after making confession of our faith)

THE SERMON HYMN NO. 581 - "All Ye Who on This Earth do Dwell" (Sung to "Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink") (Please stand to sing stanza 7)

THE SERMON - "Humility In Christ."

Text: Matthew 18:1-20

(Stand)

THE OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition the pastor will say "Lord, in Your mercy." Congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

THE PREFACE OF HOLY COMMUNION (pages 24-27)

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And with thy spirit.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C: It is meet and right so to do.
- P: It is truly meet, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Thy will

and gaining for Thee a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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:

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!

C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. (Be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn No. 342 - "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Hymn No. 310 - "Thy Table I Approach"

Hymn No. 351 - "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

(Stand)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:

which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

- P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
- C: And His mercy endureth forever.
- P: We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
- C: Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And with thy spirit.
- P: Bless we the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

C: Amen, Amen. (Please be seated)

THE CLOSING HYMN NO. 576 - "Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor" (Sung to the melody of "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing")

The Presiding Minister

- Rev. James A. Haugen, Jr.

The Assistant

- Rich Dyke

The Organist

- Karen Kostelnik

The Head Usher

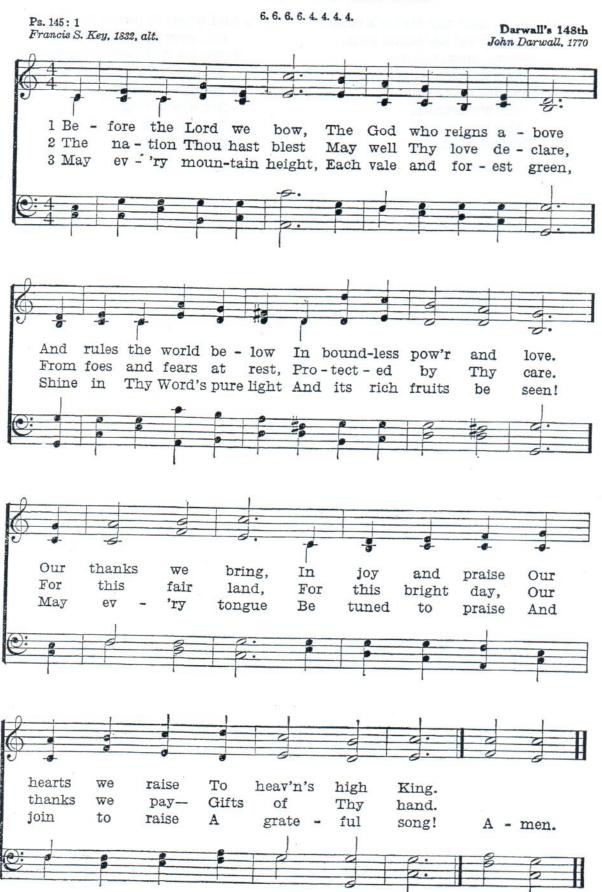
- Steve Szucs

Caring for the Altar

- Martha Prok

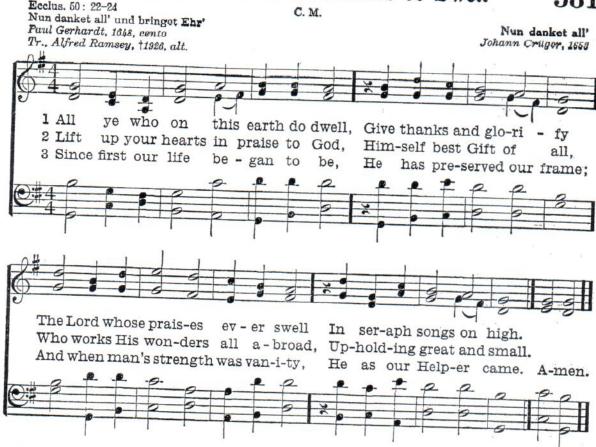
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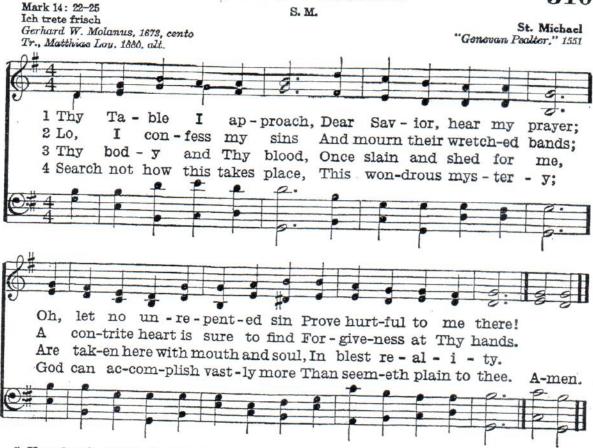


Before the Lord We Bow

- 4 Earth, hear thy Maker's voice,
 Thy great Redeemer own;
 Believe, obey, rejoice,
 And worship Him alone.
 Cast down thy pride,
 Thy sin deplore,
 And bow before
 The Crucified.
- 5 And when in power He comes,
 Oh, may our native land
 From all its rending tombs
 Send forth a glorious band,
 A countless throng,
 For aye to sing
 To heaven's high King
 Salvation's song!

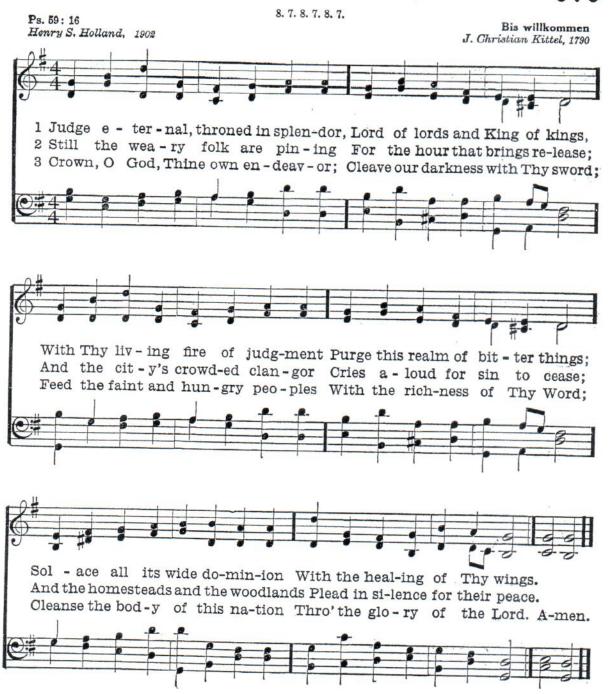


- 4 Though often we His patience try And well deserve His frown, In grace He lays His anger by And pours new blessings down.
- 5 'Tis He revives our fainting soul, Gives joyful hearts to men; And when great waves of trouble roll, He drives them back again.
- 6 May He adorn with precious peace Our own, our native, land And crown with joys that never cease The labors of our hand!
- 7 Long as we tarry here below
 Our saving Health is He;
 And when from earth to heaven we go,
 May He our Portion be!



5 Vouchsafe, O blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined May ne'er about this Sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank Thee day and night
For Thy true body and true blood,
O God, my Peace and Light!



Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

7"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

Epistle: Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. 5Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1–20

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put

him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

7"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! 8And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. 9And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

10"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."



About the Cover: During New Testament times, children were viewed as a burden, unable to provide an economic benefit to society. To our Lord, these little ones are precious beyond value. Their Father



- 4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is All in all to me; All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own. Safe with Him from earthly strife, He sustains the hidden life.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford
 By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!
 When my wayward heart would stray,
 Keep me in the narrow way;
 Grace in time of need supply
 While I live and when I die.

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

