



## Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost ~ September 6, 2020

**Prelude**     *"Pastorale: Fairest Lord Jesus"* – Gerhard Krapf

Dr. Steven Gray

### **Gathering Hymn**

### **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - ELW 836**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect they rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **The Greeting**

P Blessed by the Holy Trinity, +one God, who creates, redeems and sustains us and all of creation.

**C Amen.**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins)*

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Faithful God,

**C have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift on salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of +Jesus Christ. Let by the Holy Spirit live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**C Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

**Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace - ELW 716 (1,2,5)**

Lord of all nations, grant me grace to love all people ev'ry race;  
And in each person may I see my kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.

Break down the wall that would divide thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.  
My neighbor's good let me pursue; let Christian love bind worm and true.

With thine own love may I be filled and by the Holy Spirit willed,  
That all I touch, where'er I be, may be divinely touched by thee.

**Prayer of The Day**

P The Lord be with you

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

**Lesson:** Romans 13: 8-14 (NTp.154)

**Psalm** 119:33-40 (OTp.578)

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Change my Heart O God – ELW 801**

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

**Gospel** Matthew 18: 15-20 (NTp.19)

**Sermon** - Rev. Dr. Jonathan Doolittle

**Hymn of The Day** **God, When Human Bonds Are Broken - ELW 603 (1,2,5)**

God when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill  
to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.

Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress,  
For the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.

Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true,  
Give us love to go on learning: God, encourage and renew!

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

### **Prayers**

P Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*After each portion of the prayers*

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

*The prayers conclude:*

P ... we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

### **Song of Prayer Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying – ELW 752 (sing twice)**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in the place;  
Lord, listen you your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

### **The Peace**

Pastor: While we cannot share God's peace with each other we still live today and always with the assurance that the peace of the Lord is with us always.

**Song** "At the River" – Robert Lowry, arr. by Aaron Copland Katy Lundeen

### **The Great Thanksgiving -**

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 our thanks and praise.**

### **The Words of Institution**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive  
those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

P God the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**C Amen.**

#### **Dismissal**

P Remain in God's great peace. Remember the poor.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Hymn**

**Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling - ELW 608**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

*Refrain:*

Come home, come home! You who are weary come home.  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is Calling, calling, "O Sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? – *Refrain*

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. – *Refrain*

**Postlude**

*"Hymn to Joy"* – Gordon Young

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**Serving us today**

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**Remember in prayer:** Jesús & Virginia Mecina, Carol Nass, Bev Covey, Myra Brandt, Bill Reed, Sandy McCauley, Janet Wood, Evelyn Salvog, Merle Flattum, Ken Doolittle, Judy Kline, Len Partyka, Beverly Partyka, Valerie Carlsen, Howard & Joan Knop, and Roz Battson.

**Please continue to pray** for all who are affected by the Corona virus, and those that serve the public in times of crisis. Please also pray for the peaceful protesters across the nation, and world, who are standing up for racial justice.

## Announcements



# CONGREGATION MEETING September 13

**The Call Committee** is pleased to present Pastor Cyndi Jones as the candidate for our new associate pastor. She has been affirmed by the Council to be approved for call at our next Congregation Meeting. She is an exceptionally bright, forward thinking, and accomplished person. We are sure she will be an incredible asset as we move into the future with Elena and Pastor Jon, serving both Spanish and English language communities with energy, wisdom and love.

**The church office** is under construction still so we ask that you call before you come. Angela will be on vacation from August 31<sup>st</sup> - September 7<sup>th</sup>, so it is very important to call first to make sure Pastor Jon will be in the office.

We continue offering **“drive-thru” communion** in the parking lot of the church from 9:30am – 10:30am. Please enter the parking lot on Bannock Street.

**Please remember** to send in your offerings, or donate online from the link on our website as you are able. Thank you very much.

**Plea for return of jelly jars:** With the current nationwide shortage of jelly jars, I’m asking that anyone who has the Quilted half pint jelly jars that I use, please return them and I will be refilling them when the wine grapes are ripe in September. I do reuse the rings and the lids so you can return those, too.

Please take them to the Church office (CALL the office FIRST) and I will get them from there. Thank you. Bill Fredericks

**California Wildfires:** As you may be aware, hundreds of wildfires are burning in California, forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate and costing at least six people their lives. We encourage those who are able, either individually or as a congregation, to support the work of the ELCA through *Lutheran Disaster Response* in providing aid and relief for those affected by

these wildfires. You can go to their "US Wildfires" page on their website to make a donation. Click the "Give Now" button to the right of the page and you may give immediately online or scroll down to the bottom of the page to find information on how to give by phone or mail. You can also give to CLC/ILC by writing "fires" on the memo line and we will forward any funds received to LDR.

We are grateful for whatever amount of support you are able to provide. Please keep those affected by the fires and all of the emergency personnel providing their assistance in your prayers.