



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost ~ September 13, 2020

Prelude

"Sing Praise to god, the Highest Good" – Mark Sedio

Dr. Steven Gray

Gathering Hymn

In Thee is Gladness - ELW 867

In thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.
Who trust thee surely has built securely and stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining, dying or living,
to thee are cleaving; naught can us sever: Alleluia!

Jesus is ours! We fear no powers, not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses; he can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story tell of his glory with heart and voices;
all heav'n rejoices in him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness, love him and praise him
and still shall raise him glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

The Greeting

L 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)

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L 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 of 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.**

L 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. Led by the Holy Spirit live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

I Come with Joy - ELW 482 (1,4,5)

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.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Prayer of The Day

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

Lesson: Romans 14: 1-12 (NTp.155)

Psalm 103: 8-13 (OTp.564)

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: 21-35 (NTp.19)

Sermon - Bishop Andrew Taylor

Hymn of The Day

Our Father, We Have Wandered - ELW 606

Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
Compassionate, forgiving, and ever caring Lord.
Grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.

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

L 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

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

The prayers conclude:

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

Song of Prayer

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying - ELW 752

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

The Peace

Leader: 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

"The Gospel of Grace" arr. Mark Hayes

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**Rise Shine, You People! - ELW 665**

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.

Postlude

"In Thee is Gladness" – J. S. Bach

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Serving us today

Bishop Andrew Taylor

Dr. Steven Gray, Organist & Director of Music

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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, Len Partyka, Beverly Partyka, Valerie Carlsen, Howard & Joan Knop, and Roz Battson.

We especially remember the Bannach family at the death of Judy Kline, LeRoy's sister in Everett, Washington. May all who mourn be kept in God's comfort with the hope of the resurrection.

Please continue to pray for all who are affected by the Coronavirus, 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

2:00 p.m. via Zoom ONLY

by phone:

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Meeting ID: 492 666 8640

Passcode: 387855

On a computer, smart phone, tablet or laptop:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4926668640?pwd=U2dFc3JsNklWc2VuTFZXUjYrK3B2Zz09>

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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.

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 Avenue.

Please remember to send in your offerings, or donate online from the link on our website as you are able. Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

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.

A Prayer and Scripture Reading for our Fellowship Hall building project

O God, as we struggle to live our imperfect lives, help us to remember that you desires us to dwell completely with you in your holy temple. In these troubled times, help us to understand that our Fellowship Hall is a communal space where we get to live and share with the community, and each other, Christ's love through the actions of our hearts and minds and bodies. Amen.

Ephesians 2:19-22 (NIV)

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.