

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - August 25, 2024



The Word of the Lord is wisdom to those who believe, and yet those who are intelligent or wise by the world's standards often do not understand it. An element of faith is necessary for interpreting God's will among us; when we rely on our own wisdom, we end up being foolish. Jesus taught this lesson to the religious leaders who censured his followers for not following the traditions of ritual washing.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and return our thanks in prayer and praise.
- ◆ All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join with us today.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

MUSICIAN: KAREN HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL

PRELUDE - Karen Hall

▲ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (Spoken)

In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

(SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him. **Amen**

▲ HYMN "PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN" LBW # 549 (vs. 1,2,4)

▲ LITANY Adapted from Psalm 42 (ESV)

Deep calls to deep **at the roar of Your waterfalls;**

all Your breakers and Your waves **have gone over me.**

By day the Lord commands His steadfast love, **and at night His song is with me,**

a prayer to the God of my life. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

▲ GREETING

▼ HYMN "JESUS MESSIAH"

Verse 1: **He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing. *Chorus***

Verse 2: **His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing. *Chorus***

Chorus: **Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all.**

Bridge: **All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world. *Chorus***

Ending: **Jesus Messiah
Lord of all.**

▼ HYMN "SANCTUARY"

Verse 1: **Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary, for You.**

Verse 2: **Lord I know that, I'm not worthy
But You love me, just the same
So I'll go on, where you lead me
Till the world, exalts Your Name.**

(Repeat Verse 1 Acapella)

▲ READINGS **PLEASE STAND FOR THE READING OF GOD'S WORD**

Isiah 64:6-9 (p. 740 in pew Bible)

Our Gospel reading from the 22nd Chapter of Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Matthew 22:1-14 (p. 983 in pew Bible)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

▼ MESSAGE - **DOES HEAVEN REALLY HAVE A DRESS CODE?**

▲ HYMN "TRUST AND OBEY"

**When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey. Refrain**

**Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear, Can abide while we trust and obey. Refrain**

**Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross, But is blest if we trust and obey. Refrain**

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go Never fear, only trust and obey. Refrain**

Refrain: **Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.**

▲ APOSTLES CREED (Spoken)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

▼ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

▼ OFFERING PRAYER (Spoken)

Heavenly Father, creator of all things, **we come before you today seeking your divine guidance and wisdom. We gather as a congregation and recognize the importance of this in our journey of faith. We ask for your divine wisdom to fill our hearts and minds.**

Help us understand the impact of stewardship on our spiritual lives, families, church, and our community. Lord Jesus, inspire a spirit of generosity, rooted in the love and grace you have poured upon us. Amen

▲ OUR RESPONSE (Sung)

**Praise God from who all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

▼ THE LORD'S SUPPER

▼ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

▼ 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 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

▼ AGNUS DEI (Sung)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

▼ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join with us today.)

▲ COMMUNION BLESSING

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Spoken)

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

▲ BENEDICTION (Spoken)

May the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace in believing. So that by the power of The Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

▲ SENDING SONG "I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR" (Insert)

▲ DISMISSAL (Spoken)

Grow in faith! Love God. Serve others. Share Christ. **Impact the world!**

POSTLUDE