

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 22, 2024



Idolatry, disobedience, and pride run deep amongst human beings. The prophets of old warned God's people to be humble and meek before Him. As the disciples argued among themselves over which of them was greatest, Jesus interjected the very image of greatness: a little child whom he pulled onto his lap. To be great in the kingdom is to put oneself last while serving and promoting others to be first.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUEST

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join in communion today.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

MUSICIAN: KAREN HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE - Karen Hall

▲ CONFESSIO & ABSOLUTION (Spoken)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(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 "REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!" LBW #171

▲ GREETING

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

▲ SHARE THE PEACE

▲ LITANY PSALM 118:5-8 (NLT)

In my distress I prayed to the Lord, and the Lord answered me and set me free.

The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear.

What can mere people do to me?

Yes, the Lord is for me; he will help me.

I will look in triumph at those who hate me.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in people.

Amen

PLEASE STAND FOR THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

▲ **ROMANS 12:2-16** (p. 1126 in pew Bible)

▲ **JAMES 1:12-18** (p. 1199 in pew Bible)

▲ The Holy Gospel from the 8TH Chapter of Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.** (Spoken)

Luke 8:22-25 (NLT)

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and started out. ²³ As they sailed across, Jesus settled down for a nap. But soon a fierce storm came down on the lake. The boat was filling with water, and they were in real danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves. Suddenly the storm stopped and all was calm. ²⁵ Then he asked them, "Where is your faith?"

▲ The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (Spoken)

▼ MESSAGE - **GOD IS FOR US!**

(THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WILL BE A PART OF PASTORS MESSAGE TODAY)

▲ HYMN - "JUST AS I AM" LBW #296 (vs. 1,2,3,5)

▲ 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

▼ PRAYER 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.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

▼ OFFERING PRAYER (Spoken)

Let us pray. Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

▲ OUR RESPONSE (Sung)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

▲ 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 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

▲ 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 THE HOLY SACRAMENT

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

▲ COMMUNION BLESSING

▲ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, Father, for the gift of salvation. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for this holy meal and the sacrifice of Your life. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for awakening faith within our hearts. We hear your voice in this meal and celebrate your holy presence. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. In Jesus' name, 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 "BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS" LBW #370

▲ DISMISSAL (Spoken)

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

POSTLUDE