



Sunday, September 3, 2023
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
6:30pm & 8:30am Worship Order

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn for Labor Day by Thurlow Weed and Michael Morgan (Tune: Beach Spring)

All our work and all our being come from you, most gracious Lord.

Ev'ry task which lies before us is Creator's will outpoured.

**Help us as we build your kingdom know we labor not in vain;
give us sure and deep conviction for the tasks that you ordain.**

**Some may nurture those who hunger, tend and heal the broken heart;
set our flagging spirits dancing, spark our vision through their art.
Others teach and offer counsel, bear life's burdens, ease its care;
strive for justice, peace, and freedom for all people ev'rywhere.**

**Let us labor in the knowledge that no task can be too small;
that the God who stretched the heavens no less shaped the least of all.
Give us strength, Lord, to accomplish what you set our hands to do,
that by serving those around us, we return the gift to you.**

We will be using Divine Service, Setting One, page 151 of the Maroon Hymnal

Confession, page 151

This is the Feast, page 155

Collect of the Day: Holy Spirit, by whose power we are moved to good works, give us the wisdom and the grace to use the gifts You have given us for the welfare of our neighbor, that the health of the body of Christ be maintained and the people of the world be served in our time; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

Readers: 6:30pm Herb Kuehl; 8:30am Darlyn Egge

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

**¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;**

know that for your sake I bear reproach.
¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:
"If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.
²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 26 (Please read responsively):

Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
² **Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.**
³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.
⁴ **I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.**
⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.

⁶ **I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,**
⁷ proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
⁸ **O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.**
⁹ Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
¹⁰ **in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.**
¹¹ But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
¹² **My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

New Testament Reading: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, page 156-157

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."
²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life[☩] will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?

Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

The Nicene Creed, page 158

Children's Message: Not Always Easy But Always Important

HYMN 655 (Maroon): Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

SERMON Discipleship: Counting the Cost (What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?)

1. We Count the Cost; 2. We Accept the Cost; 3. We live for Christ and Follow Him

Offering & Offertory, page 159

PRAYER of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT, page 160

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

AGNUS DEI, page 163

FAVORITE HYMN 547 (Maroon): The Lamb, The Lamb (Pat Schmidt and Charlene Havelka)

HYMN 718 (Maroon): Jesus Lead Thou On

POST- COMMUNION CANTICLE, page 164

BENEDICTION

FAVORITE HYMN G603 (Green): Lead On, O King Eternal (Mark Haag)

PLEASE REGISTER FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ONLINE OR IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Rally Sunday Fun Day, September 10th

Meet with your teacher & class, food and games at 9:40am; Worship at 10:30am.

CONFIRMATION – Parent meeting on Wednesday, September 6th at 6pm.

Classes begin September 13th. We are planning to have students bused from school, with classes meeting after school. If you have questions, contact Pastor Meyer or Paul Otte.

The Youth Advisory Group met last week after church. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Meyer or the church office.