

The Service of Holy Communion
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021 8:30 A.M.

The Announcements

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Wayne Wold

The Prelude

The Ringing of the Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW #879

Greeting, Kyrie

"In peace, let us pray..."

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen

The Hymn of Praise pp. 149-150

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day L: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Psalm 15

L: ¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**C: ²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

L: ³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

C: ⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

L: ⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for

your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Anthem

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

Hailey Houg and Bailey Sherman, Vocal Duet

Children Message

Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?..."* page 151

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Sermon

Pastor Bryan Robertson

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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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 he 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.

The Offering Hymn

In The Garden

I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the
roses. And the voice I hear,
falling on my ear, the Son of
God discloses. And he walks
with me and he talks with
me, and He tells me I am his
own. And the joy we share
as we tarry there none other
has ever known.

He speaks and the sound of
His voice is so sweet the birds
hush their singing. And the
melody that He gave to me,
within my heart is ringing.
And he walks with me and he
talks with me, and He tells
me I am his own. And the joy
we share as we tarry there
none other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with
Him, 'tho the night around
me be falling. But he bids me
go; through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. And
he walks with me and he
talks with me, and He tells
me I am his own. And the joy
we share as we tarry there
none other has ever known.

The Offering Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns ELW #820 *O Savior, Precious Savior* ; ELW #824 *This Is My Father's World*

The Post-Communion Prayer

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection so that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

The Benediction

P: The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you, Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Go in peace. Share the Good News! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW # 864

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Michael Burkhardt

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sunday, August 29	8:30am
	9:30am
Wednesday, Sept 1	8:45-noon
	6:00pm
	7:00pm
	8:00pm
Saturday, Sept 4	11:30am
	12:30pm
	4:30pm
Sunday, Sept 5	8:30am

August 29, 2021 to Sept 5, 2021

Worship w/communion
Special Congregational mtg
Mini Do Day
Youth Bells
Sr Bells
Sr Choir
Visitation - Bob Anderson Memorial
Service - Bob Anderson Memorial
Kelsey Jacobs wedding off site
Worship w/communion

Scripture Reader	8:30am	Vickie Larson
Acolyte	8:30am	Ushers
Ushers	8:30am	Wendy & Sadie Bucheit
		Bill & Becky Roe
Greeters	8:30am	Karen Soper
		Ross Stammeyer family
Comm. Prep	8:30am	Linda Groe
Comm. Asst	8:30am	Bill & Sue Blagsvedt, Nona Sawyer
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

Radio Broadcast Ministry - Today's radio broadcast is given in loving memory of Clarence & Bernita Havelick and Jack Libbey; given by Dixie Libbey. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

The Church Council is calling a Special Congregational meeting on Sunday, August 29, after the 8:30am service to discuss & decide if we should acquire a neighboring property, with new information to be presented.

Our heartfelt sympathies to Ron & Joyce Jahnke in the recent passing of Marilyn's sister Marjorie Held and their cousin Karlton Gruel, a member here.

Our heartfelt sympathies to Sue & Bill Blagsvedt in the passing of Sue's brother Roger Ruehmann recently.

Outdoor Service

St. Johns Church is going to have an outdoor church service in our beautiful city park on Sunday, Sept. 12th. It will start at 8:30 AM at the amphitheater. Please bring a lawn chair to sit on if you would prefer not to sit on the benches. We will have a potluck brunch after the service. The brunch will take place in one of the park's shelters. The church is furnishing egg bakes, coffee, juice, and milk. We will also have paper products such as plates, napkins, etc for you. We ask that you bring a dish to share. The side could be muffins, bagels, fruit, coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, etc. There will be a time for fellowship and games after the brunch. Parents of Sunday School kids are asked to bring along their child's registration form to turn in if you have it ready.

Hope for beautiful weather, but if it is rainy we will be back in the church for this service.

If anyone has a golf cart/people mover that they would be willing to bring to help move people from one place to another, that would be great!

Invite friends and neighbors to join us! It should be fun worshipping together in our park surrounded by God's beauty!