

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 2021

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: Today we consider what it means to be wise and understanding people of God. As we examine the words of encouragement from Moses to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 4, we will see that God's wise and understanding people are given God's Word and keep God's Word. God is near His people with His goodness and grace shown to us today in His Word and Sacraments.

PREPARATION

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King" *LSB 905*

Come Thou almighty King

Help us Thy name to sing

Help us to praise

Father all glorious

O'er all victorious

Come and reign over us

Ancient of Days

Come Thou incarnate Word

Gird on Thy mighty sword

Our prayer attend

Come and Thy people bless

**And give Thy Word success
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend**

**Come holy Comforter
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour
Thou who almighty art
Now rule in ev'ry heart
And ne'er from us depart
Spirit of pow'r**

**To Thee great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see
And to eternity
Love and adore**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Lord, the unfolding of Your words gives light.

**People: Your Word imparts understanding to the
simple.**

Pastor: Keep steady our steps according to Your promise

People: and let no iniquity gain dominion over us.

Pastor: Cast us not away from Your presence,
People: and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.

Pastor: Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,
People: and uphold us with a willing spirit.

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We are God's people. Through His Word, He has given us wisdom and understanding to follow His ways. Yet, there are times when we have chosen foolishness over wisdom, willful ignorance instead of understanding. Still, even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have ignored Your Word. We have lived according to our own commands rather than Yours. We have chosen the wisdom of the world instead of Your perfect wisdom. Forgive us, create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us, so that we may follow where You are leading, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our sins. Because of Jesus, the joy of our salvation is restored, and no iniquity can remain in dominion over us. Therefore, as a called and ordained

servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We have been cleansed of our sin. Amen.**

(Please Stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: v. 2*

Pastor: Wash away all my iniquity. And cleanse me from my sin. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a pure heart, O God. And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence. Or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation. And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Wash away all my iniquity. And cleanse me from my sin.

GLORIA PATRI *(Sing)*

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE (SING)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” LSB 940 verses 1 & 4

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou has opened heaven to faith.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (sing) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, You inspired the prophets, evangelists,
and apostles to write the words of the Scriptures.
Help us to cherish Your words so that they might
be to our benefit for wisdom and understanding;
for You live and reign with the Father and the Son,
one God, now and forever.

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 ESV*

“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Psalm 34:9, 19*

Pastor: Fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 6:10-20 ESV*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sing)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:14-23 ESV*

And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-

begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” *LSB* 655

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done**

**Lord Jesus Christ Your pow'r make known
For You are Lord of lords alone
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally**

**O Comforter of priceless worth
Send peace and unity on earth
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life**

+ SERMON+

“The Law of God Is Good and Wise”

Text: Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

Theme: Because Christ came near to fulfill God’s Law, we are free.

Goal: That each and every one would be moved by God’s Law to call upon him here and now and then believe that Christ has come near to set us free and declare us clean, righteous, and forgiven.

Outline:

1. GOD’S GOOD AND PERFECT LAW REMINDS US THAT WE ARE SINFUL AND WE ARE LOST.
2. BUT GOD IS NEAR WHEN WE CRY OUT TO HIM, “LORD, HAVE MERCY!”
3. AND WHEN GOD IS NEAR—EVEN WITH US! IMMANUEL! HE FULFILLS THE LAW, AND WE ARE SET FREE.

BECAUSE CHRIST CAME NEAR TO FULFILL GOD’S LAW, WE ARE FREE

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY *LSB pages 192-193*

ALL: (sing) **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the Prayer of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *LSB 708:3*

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all people who serve in various vocations, that they be given creativity, wisdom, understanding, discernment, and courage to follow where God is leading. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all those who celebrate such as **the birth of Evelyn Mary Brown, a week ago Thursday morning, parents Kevin and Lenore Brown, Grandparents Dave and Marie,** good news of birthdays, anniversaries and Baptisms, success at work or school, and anything else that is worthy of praise, we thank You, Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief, *especially for the family of Faye Jones, Val Mason's Aunt, and the family of Nick Scott, who was killed in a construction accident*. Help the families to grasp firmly our hope in the resurrection and eternal life with You. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that they lead and serve according to God's wisdom rather than the wisdom of the world. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church, that God's Word rules their lives and overflows into the lives of others. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all who fight the assaults of Satan, that they find strength and protection in the whole armor of God. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, *especially Margie and Larry, Val Mason's Cousins, hospitalized with covid and on ventilators, and Barbara Parise, Frank's sister*,

undergoing cancer treatments, and Daniel Brown, father of Dave Brown, recovering from a fall, and Linda Grant, recovering from hip replacement and Diane Brown, sister of Sandy Cairns, appendicitis and Back Issues, we pray that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all who are trapped at the airport in Afghanistan, and behind enemy lines, give them that assurance of Your presence, give them comfort from Your Word of promise that you will remain with them even until the end of the world. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: Lord, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guidance, knowing that You hear us.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is the Word made flesh who has brought wisdom and light into our world of darkness and ignorance.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

(Please stand)

SANCTUS (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna,

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy

we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**All: 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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Your Table I Approach” LSB 628

**Your table I approach
Dear Savior hear my prayer
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there**

**Lord I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at your hands**

**Your body and Your blood
Once slain and shed for me
Are taken at Your table Lord
In blest reality**

**Search not how this takes place
This wondrous mystery
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be**

**O grant most blessed Lord
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind**

**Oh may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood
O God my peace and light**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Please stand)

THE BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face**

of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” *LSB 924*

Lord dismiss us with Your blessing
Fill our hearts with joy and peace
Let us each Your love possessing

**Triumph in redeeming grace
O refresh us O refresh us
Trav'ling through this wilderness**

**Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound
Ever faithful ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found**

**Savior when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way
Let not fear of death appall us
Glad Your summons to obey
May we ever may we ever
Reign with You in endless day**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Dave Hamilton, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lots of Thank Yous!

- Sally & Sherman Trout, Jim & Karen Bumgarner, Bill Switter and anyone we forgot, for helping with cleaning & setting up for the sale of the Parsonage.
- Everyone who helped with VBS and the Picnic.

Thank you for the gifts & cards for our Anniversary
-Ruth & Pastor

Bible Studies are returning

Sunday Bible Study starts Sept. 19th

Wednesday Bible Study starts Sept. 15th @10:30 am

Studying the Book of Ruth. If you want an advance copy, see Ken today.

Everyone, Please

Fill out a yellow attendance card & place it in the offering plate at the back of the church.

Quilting for September

4th & 11th

Attendance

Sunday August 22th 9:30 am 38

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Scott & Keri Driscoll – August 31st

Birthdays

Alexander Aubrey – August 30th

Marissa Cortez – August 30th

Jacob Cairns – September 3rd

Mary Bigliardi – September 5th

For the Shut-Ins

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Margie Taylor, Val Mason's Cousin, in hospital on ventilator for covid. Her other cousins have come down with covid but are improving.

Daniel Brown, father of Dave Brown, recovering from a fall.

Linda Grant, recovering from her hip replacement.

Diane Brown, Sandy Cairns' sister, hospitalized with appendicitis and back issues.

Barbara Parise, Frank Pignanelli's sister, undergoing more cancer treatments.

Pastor Tony Sikora, in the hospital with Covid and on ventilator.

Shirley Griffin, recovery from surgery and cancer treatment

Pastor Marvin, the patience to endure and exercise or therapy to gain more and more strength and movement.

Phyllis Dasher, upcoming Surgery on her eye

Kim Armstrong, upcoming surgery

Afghanistan Citizens & American Citizens, for keeping them safe during this hard time.