

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

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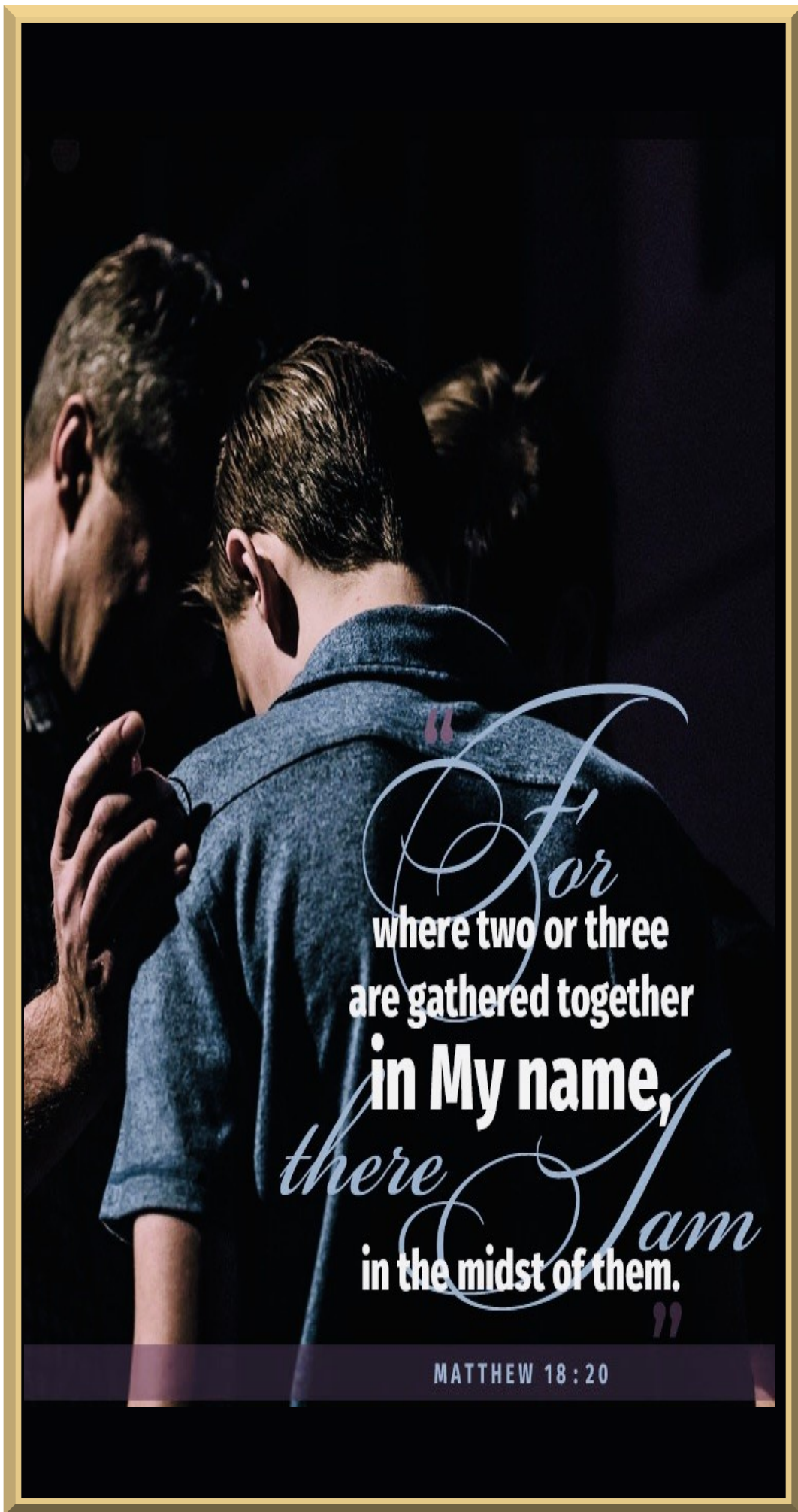
***Sunday*
9:00 AM
Worship Service**

**10:30 am
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Sunday School**

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MATTHEW 18:20

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our prayer that you will be spiritually nourished through God's Word, and we look forward to seeing you in person when we gather together in God's house again.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - O God, from whom all goodness and love proceeds, grant to me the posture of true humility and repentance, that turning from my sins, I receive the remission You promise to all who trust in You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER WITH OUR FAMILIES - "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus' disciples asked. Our Lord responded by welcoming a child into His midst. "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Children are highly valued by our gracious God because they are completely dependent. On their own, they have nothing, yet they need everything. This is true for all of us in our relationship with God! On our own, we have only our sinful, broken lives and are unable to please God and fulfill His commands. Yet, in Jesus Christ, we possess everything we need! Forgiveness of sins and the guarantee of life forever with God are freely given to those who turn from their sin and receive the forgiveness earned by our crucified and risen Savior. In Jesus, we are, like

children, completely dependent. We have nothing to offer, yet everything we need is ours to receive from the gracious hands of our Savior.

PRELUDE

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

LSB 554

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

- 1 O Jesus, King most wonderful!
O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable,
In whom all joys are found:
- 2 When once You visit darkened hearts,
Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs,
Then kindles love divine.
- 3 O Jesus, light of all below,
The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire:
- 4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name,
Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame
To seek You more and more!
- 5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless,
May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express
The image of Your own!

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
 Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; **Refrain**

ref Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
 I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
 And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
 Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
 That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
 He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" **Refrain**

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OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 92:1-2

L It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
A to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
 L to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,
A and Your faithfulness by night.

L The Most High God gathers us to praise His name and declare His love together!

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

A But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

A Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 "In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy

Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

A Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 92:1-4; antiphon: v. 5*

L How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

A It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

L to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night,

A to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

L For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

A Glory be 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.

L How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray. O God, our gracious and loving Father, we are Your dependent children. Although we in no way deserve Your goodness, You freely offer Your grace to all who turn to You. Grant us faith to trust in Your Son, who humbled Himself for our salvation. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

(The watchman warns the wicked to turn from his way.)

7 “So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. 8 When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you shall surely die!’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your and. 9 Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 32:1-7; antiphon: v. 1*

L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

A Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

L For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

A For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

L I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

A Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him.

L You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

A Glory be 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.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(see video)*

EPISTLE *Romans 13:1–10*

(Love is the fulfilling of the law.)

1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. 5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. 8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not

covet,” and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:1–20*

(Jesus calls the children of God to humility and repentance.)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

A Glory to You, O Lord.

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, 3 and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. 6 “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. 7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! 8 “If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off,

and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. 10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. 11 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. 12 "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? 13 And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. 14 Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' 17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

18 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to You, O Christ

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed*
LSB 560

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
 With healing gifts for souls distressed,
 To find in Thee my life, my rest,
 Christ crucified, I come.
- 2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
 Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
 Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
 Christ crucified, I come.
- 3 Wash me and take away each stain;
 Let nothing of my sin remain.
 For cleansing, though it be through pain,
 Christ crucified, I come.
- 4 And then for work to do for Thee,
 Which shall so sweet a service be

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4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

For all the children of God, the Holy Christian Church, that we proclaim the salvation of Christ wherever we are and to whomever we meet, let us pray to the Lord.

A Father, we depend on You as we share the Good News.

L For the living out of our vocations, that no matter our station in life or what calling we have been given, that we faithfully represent our Savior with lives of humility and faith, let us pray to the Lord.

A Father, we depend on You as we serve You with our lives.

L For all children, that they grow daily in the wisdom of the Lord, and for all parents and those who work to care for children, that they be guided in their important service of love, let us pray to the Lord.

A Father, we depend on You as we live as Your children.

L For all public servants who selflessly serve others, both those who serve locally and those in positions throughout the world, that they would entrust their lives into the protecting care of their Maker, let us pray to the Lord.

A Father, we depend on You for Your protection.

L For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, [especially . . .], that they with patience and faith receive the healing care You offer, let us pray to the Lord.

A Father, we depend on You for Your healing touch.

L For these concerns and for every unspoken prayer that is on our hearts and minds, that our gracious God would hear and answer us, let us pray to the Lord,

A Father, we depend on You for everything. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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.

BENEDICAMUS

L Let us bless the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

L The Lord bless us and keep us,
The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us
The Lord lift His countenance upon us and grant us peace

A Amen

SENDING HYMN *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* **LSB 811**

1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!

My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.

2 O all you pow'rs that He implanted,
Arise, keep silence now no more;
Put forth the strength that God has granted!
Your noblest work is to adore.
O soul and body, join to raise
With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

3 You forest leaves so green and tender
That dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,
You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God's praise alone.
Join me to make His glory known.

4 All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite
Declare the wonders of His might.

5 Creator, humbly I implore You
To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You,
Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing
Eternal anthems to my King.

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week.

This week's memory verse: 1 Peter 1:3

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. “

Tomorrow is **Labor Day**; have a safe and blessed day!



Patriot Day (Remembrance)

Friday, September 11th, 2020



Family Worship at Home

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**
July 12, 2020

Prayer Upon Entering Church-

OPENING HYMN *** 123**

CONFESSION *****
***** . Amen

INTROIT *****

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM

HOLY GOSPEL

SERMON *****

OFFERING

SENDING HYMN *** 456**



Living as Humble Little Children of the Father

True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, “you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,” but whoever is humbled like a little child will be “the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 18:3–4). Though in our sin we deserve to be “drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned (“buried”) with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7–9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which “is the fulfilling of the law” (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we “pay to all what is owed to them” (Rom. 13:7) and we “owe no one anything, except to love each other” (Rom. 13:8).

8/16, 23 & 30/2020

Sunday Worship

Plate:	\$	50.00
Envelopes:	\$	1,350.00
Donation:		
Total:	\$	1,400.00

Bible Class: **N/A** N/A

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Readings :

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103:1-12

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35