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14th Sunday after Pentecost

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Thank you for joining our service today.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

We strive to live to follow God's commandments but we fall short. In this time of confession we will bring before God our shortcoming and ask God for forgiveness. Martin Luther wrote in the Small Catechism that in Confession "[you] reflect on your walk of life in light of the Ten Commandments: whether you are father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant; whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, lazy, whether you have harmed anyone by word or deed; whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted, or injured anything." (ELW page 1165)

This morning we confess to God in silence. You may read the Ten Commandments to help you reflect last week.

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

P: Apostle Paul reminds us that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8: 38-39) God forgives all our sins. Let us live in new life in Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn **“Praise My Soul the God of Heaven”** **ELW# 864**
Hymn will be played. You may hum along.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Scripture Reading **Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

L: Word of God, word of life. **C:** **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Hymn **“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”** **ELW# 470**
Hymn will be played. You may hum along.



Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others.

We especially pray

for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel;
for the well-being of creation;
for peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority,
and our community;
for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, and lonely;
for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

Additional prayer will be lifted here.

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

Prayer will conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Leader will lead the Lord's Prayer and you may pray in silence .

Sending

God bless us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing and Dismissal

P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with us. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

ELW# 836

