

Service of Holy Communion
14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	- Charles Callahan, <i>arr.</i>
"Diapason Movement"	- John Keeble
"O God of Love, O King of Peace"	- Jim Konkel

WELCOME

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned.**

In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt.

Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.

Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.

As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

GATHERING HYMN "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" Red Book #628

The congregation is invited to turn and face the cross in the procession.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

GLORY TO GOD *stanzas 1 and 3*



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28**

The sinfulness of the people will surely bring their destruction. God's searing wind of judgment, in the form of a massive foreign army, will reduce the land to its primeval state of waste and void, as it was at the beginning of Genesis.

¹¹At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—¹²a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

²²"For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good."

²³I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

²⁴I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

²⁵I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

²⁶I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

²⁷For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

²⁸Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 14 *read responsively*

¹Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt, every deed is vile; there is no one who does any good.

²**The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all,
to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks after God.**

³They have all proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;
there is none who does good; no, not one.

⁴**Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?**

⁵See how they tremble with fear,
because God is in the company of the righteous.

⁶**Your aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,
but the LORD is their refuge.**

⁷Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion!

When the LORD restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice
and Israel will be glad.

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

O God, Whose Word Well-Planted



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

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GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Red Book #789

APOSTLES’ CREED

**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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

That we may trust in God's radical grace and share God's joy in human repentance, let us pray: **God, have mercy.**

That God send relief to drought-stricken and heat-hammered lands and wisdom to those who care for our climate, let us pray: **God, have mercy.**

That the hearts of those who cause war in Ethiopia, Ukraine, Yemen, Cameroon, and other lands be converted to the cause of peace, let us pray: **God, have mercy.**

That those who served this nation's military in the wars following September 11, 2001, receive healing for their wounds, comfort in their grief, and just support for their service, let us pray: **God, have mercy.**

That those who are most on our minds today, especially those whom we lift up in joy or concern, receive what they need from God's hand, let us pray: **God, have mercy.**

That those who have died in the faith discover the wide embrace of God's love, even in death, let us pray: **God, have mercy.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

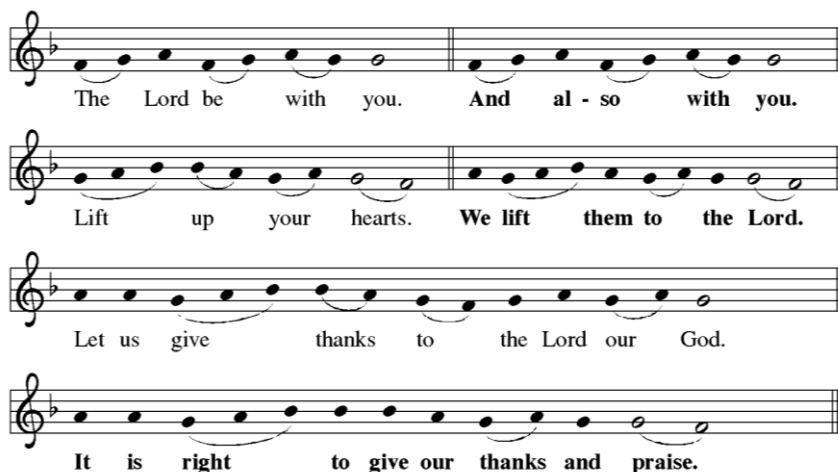
And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Let All the World Rejoice and Sing” - Joseph M. Martin

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

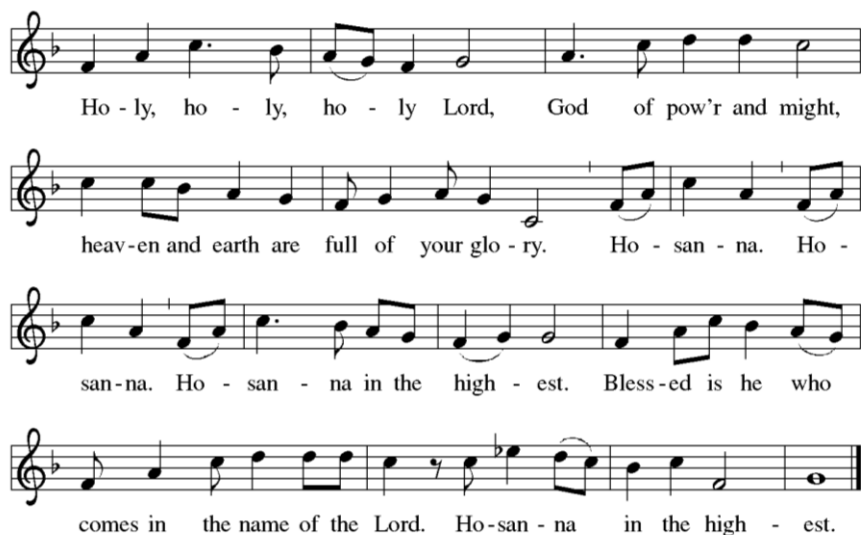
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are quarter notes, mostly beamed in pairs or groups of four. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff also ends with a double bar line. The third and fourth staves end with a final double bar line.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy (*the presiding minister continues giving thanks*)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Response: **The earth is full of your glory.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

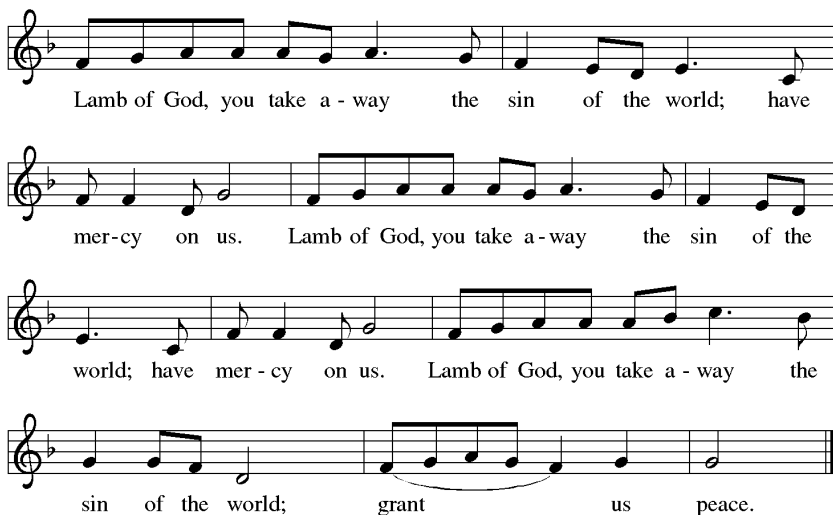
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

"Let us Break Bread Together"

Red Book #471

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

During the hymn, the congregation is invited to turn and face the cross in the procession.

SENDING HYMN

"Lord Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

Red Book #676

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Day by Day"

- Oskar Ahnfelt

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Linda Mathias	Assisting Minister
Susan Farrell	Reader
Christiaan van Driel	Crucifer
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Josh Kamerer	AV Assisting Minister
Joan Giese	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Jack Rudzki and Larry Christy	Ushers
Bob and Karen Domanski	Counters

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Mollie and Larry Hibbs in memory of Terry L. Hibbs.

*All are welcome to gather in the social hall for coffee hour following worship.
Thank you to our hosts, Tillie and Tony Sequite.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 9/12	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tues., 9/13	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wed., 9/14	8:00 AM	Community Health Clinic Mtg. (Social Hall)
	9:30 AM	Music Committee Hymn Pick Meeting
	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)

	7:00 PM	Zoom Book Group (Online)
Thurs., 9/15	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 9/16		Pastor Kimberly's day off
Sat., 9/17	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun., 9/18	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's Office)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

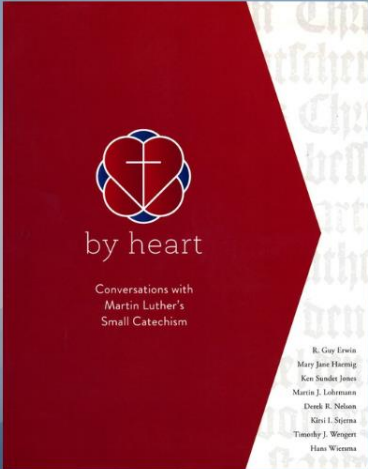
We mourn with the family of Ray Sawyer, former sexton at First English, upon hearing of his death on September 1, 2022. Ray's life was celebrated privately at his farm.

Do you have joys and concerns you would like to lift up in the prayers of intercession today? We'll invite people to name those concerns prior to worship during the welcome time. Zoom worshipers are invited to name their prayer requests in the chat.

Join us for Daily Discipleship Bible study at 9 a.m. We'll look at the gospel reading in the Sunday worship service and the invitation to daily discipleship in it. If you wish to join by Zoom, please use the link for our worship service and join the gathering by 9 a.m. We will conclude our study by 9:40 a.m. in preparation for worship!

The new processional cross is dedicated to the glory of God. It comes to our sanctuary through financial gifts to our Memorial Fund. The new cross is significantly lighter in weight than the previous one and can be carried comfortably by more people. We begin and end worship with a procession following the cross to symbolize the way we follow Jesus in our daily lives.

Acolyte and Crucifer training will take place today, September 11, following the worship service in the sanctuary. All who are interested in serving in these roles are welcome to stay to learn more about them!



Join Us for a
Wednesday Evening
Book Group on Zoom
beginning September
14th at 7:00 p.m.

We will read *By Heart:
Conversations with
Martin Luther's
Small Catechism.*

Books are available for purchase on Amazon
or you can contact the church office at
(724) 283-2378 to order your copy.

*The Zoom book study will meet using the same link that we use for
Sunday morning Zoom worship.*

PRAYERS

Brian Salisbury; Mark Vogel & family; family of Ray Sawyer; Ramona Schmidt; Sandy Lefebvre; continued healing for Graham Cannon; family of LTC. Jeffrey E. Cunningham; Pat Mould & family; Stan Graff; family of Gretchen Farrell; Stephanie (Stevie) Andrew & husband; victims and community of Highland Park, Ill.; continued healing for Baby Mac; family of John Rudzki (Jack Rudzki's father); Aryl Bashline; Patrick Frank; family of Ed Shields; the families and community of Uvalde; Tom Walker; Holly Schubert; Jeff Cunningham; family of Mary Ellen Shanor; continued healing for John Negley; family of Don Hapeman (Jeanette Cunningham's stepfather); family of Jim Petsinger; Ellen Dodge; family of Jean Morrow; Jamie McPoyle & family; Andrea Dubler; Keith Morgan; Jan Nieto; family of Marlyn Dempsey; Michelle; family of Megan Gibson; Chrissy; Jennifer Hartle Fink; family of Rob Huey; the people of Ukraine & others affected by the conflict; Tracy Steadman & family; Cassidy; Roberta; Cindy Regis & family; Tad Sellers; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson; Judy; Claudia; Karen; Anita

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Jeremiah 8:18--9:1

The Lord laments over Judah

Psalm 79:1-9

Deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake. (Ps. 79:9)

1 Timothy 2:1-7

One God, one mediator — Christ Jesus — who gave himself for all people

Luke 16:1-13

A shrewd manager: faithful in little, faithful in much; serving God/wealth

ZOOM MEETING INFO

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