

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting Four pg. 203 in the hymnal

WELCOME

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

#725

INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

GLORIA

“Glory to God in the Highest”

COLLECT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (ESV)

Moses urges the people of Israel to follow the LORD's commandments in order that they might enjoy the blessings of obedience. By doing so they will become a beacon of wisdom to the world.

"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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 51

L: Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,* and cleanse me | from my sin!

C: Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;* wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

L: Create in me a clean heart, | O God,* and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

C: Cast me not away from your | presence,* and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

L: Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,* and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

L: Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,* and cleanse me | from my sin!

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20 (ESV)

Paul urges us to put on and never take off the spiritual armor that God has given us through our baptism. With this armor we are kept safe against Satan and his attacks.

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

“These Things are Written”

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:14-23 (ESV)

Jesus teaches us that the impurity we should be most concerned about is that which comes from within our hearts.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the seventh chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jon Dunbar

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Fight the Good Fight"

#664

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

#789 vs 1,3

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

#722

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Lee Seetin and St Peter Lutheran Church, Gresham

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

Dealing with an illness: Taida Grantski, Ann Gardels, Mary Reeves (niece of Bobbie Luce),

Sharron Owens, Pauline Bulgrin, Pat Koch, Karen Stuart (Roy Richter's mother),

Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Stephen Ramsey, Roger Rhodes, Mitch Peeks,

Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood,

Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law),

Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

Recovering from surgery: Artie Rutledge, Merle Schmieding

Declining Health: LaVern Stuhr

† St. Paul Visitation Ministry †

Duane Barth

Don Butzke

Paul Heidorn

Christine Erks

Jim Klepper

Rosemary Matlock

Elsie Pirrie

Alretta Klepper

LaVerne Rohren

***Bill West**

***Marilyn Ziemke**

Delores Nordmeyer

Ardith Stuhr

Bryce Clausen

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In Response to God's Love

August 22: Inperson Attendance: 240 Visitors: 20 Online: 58

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(08-29-21) Acolyte: Kendra Sugden

Lay Reader: Colleen Classen

Organist: Donneta Schmieding

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (08-29) 9:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Tanking Trip
MONDAY (08-30) 9:30 AM Bible Study
TUESDAY (08-31) -----
WEDNESDAY (09-01) 3:45 PM Midweek classes
7:00 PM Service of Healing postponed
THURSDAY (09-02) -----
FRIDAY (09-03) 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (09-04) -----
SUNDAY (09-05) 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion
10:30 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM Junior High Youth Ministry
7:30 PM Senior High Youth Ministry

As of 08-23-21	Amount received 08-22-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$55,730.00		\$442,573.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$3,880.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$19,256.00		
Total	\$55,730.00	\$18,479.00	\$465,709.00	\$521,990.00	-\$56,281.00
Building Fund	\$40.00		\$790.00	Bldg Fund**	\$7,948.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$600.00	Teacherage Fund	\$675.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00		\$1,476.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$40.00	\$75.00	\$4,925.00	\$4,904.00	\$21.00

Current Operating Note: \$69,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

You are invited to join Trail Life & American Heritage Girls today(Aug. 29th) at 4 pm at the Seward Pond at the Fairgrounds. There will be fun, fishing and food. We are a Christian Outdoor Adventure group for ages 5-17. Contact Troopmaster Rick Backhus 402-641-7531 or Rebecca Mau 402-363-1824 with any questions. We hope to see you there!

As another year of youth group begins we want to make sure to keep you in the loop. Join our classes on Remind by texting a class code including the @ to 81010.

***High School Parents: @h24ag9g
High School Youth: @youngsaint
5th-8th Grade Parents: @k9cba***

Service of Healing Postponed We have decided to postpone the Service of Healing, planned for September 1st, until a later date. Hope Dunbar, who was organizing that service, is currently out of town and caring for an ailing parent. Look for more information in coming months.

Josephine Turnbull and Girl Scout Troop 20538 are collecting items to furnish a home for a refugee family, through Lutheran Family Services. A list of supplies being collected can be found on the bulletin board and at the Welcome Center. Small items may be left in the collection box. For larger items or questions, contact Josephine or Stacie at stacie.turnbull@gmail.com or 402-266-1529. Thank you for supporting this project!

Sponsor a Child through WGO

You have the opportunity to sponsor a child in Honduras through the ministry of World Gospel Outreach! WGO is a Christian evangelical organization that provides "a safe haven and restoration to many at-risk, abandoned children". In previous years, members of St. Paul's have gone on mission trips to Honduras organized by WGO. These trips have had a remarkable faith impact on those who participated. Sponsoring a child is a great way to help needy children in impoverished countries AND involve your own family in the Great Commission. Check out the materials on the Mission bulletin board in the hallway or contact Sue Sullivan-Eliker to find out more.

Monday A.M. Bible Study

Pastor Dunbar will be resuming a study of the book of Proverbs started Monday, August 16th at 9:30am. Group meets in the Quilting Room. Class will be in-person only (no livestream available). This portion of Scripture covers many practical topics that apply to everyday life. All are welcome for conversation in God's Word!

Midweek Classes Begins Midweek instruction for public school 5-8th graders started on Wednesday, August 25th, 3:45-5:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. This is a four-year program taught by Cristy Richters, Pastor Dunbar and DCE Brittany. It's designed to prepare children for confirmation as Lutheran Christians after their 8th grade year, and to receive Holy Communion. Informational letters were mailed out this past week. If you know of someone who is interested, please have them contact Pastor Dunbar.