

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Please register by marking an attendance card in the pew rack.

SATURDAY DRIVE-IN SERVICES
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- ATTENTION SUNDAY (IN SANCTUARY) WORSHIPERS -
LOOK TO THE DESIGNATED USHERS AND ELDERS TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH SEATING AND EXIT PROCEDURES.

TODAY'S WORSHIP
Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202
L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE (Sunday)

Gavotte

Matthew Cambridge

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

O Day of Rest and Gladness

LSB 906

- 1. O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," The triune God confess.**
- 2. This day at earth's creation The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus this day most glorious A three-fold light was giv'n.**
- 3. This day, God's people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, Renewed with heav'nly might,
From grace more grace receiving, On this blest day of light.**
- 4. That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One.**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **♪Amen.**

L: Gracious Heavenly Father, we are humbly sorry for our sins which are too many even to recall.

C: **Our good intentions, O Lord, so often fall short.**

L: We have wasted time and failed to discipline ourselves.

C: **We have complained when we should have made melodies in our hearts to Your honor and glory.**

L: We often have permitted circumstances to make us bitter and angry toward others.

C: **We confess that, in spite of Your assurance of constant care, we often get discouraged in life.**

L: Create in us truly repentant hearts.

C: **Give us the faith to trust in Your complete forgiveness through Christ's suffering and death.**

L: Renew our lives to serve with zeal and dedication.

C: **Receive our confession, merciful Father, and pardon our transgression.**

L: Be gracious unto us.

C: **Forgive us and cleanse us, for the sake of Your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION** C: **♪Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

♪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.

***THE KYRIE**

♪Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you. C: **♪And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray. C: **♪Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Ezekiel 33:7-9, page 721:

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **♪ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING is from Romans 13:1-10, page 948:

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay

taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA** **C: ♪ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter, verses 1-6,10-20, page 823:
C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE 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*With the Lord Begin Your Task*

LSB 869

1. **With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.**
2. **Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care, He is your Salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might, With His presence cheer you.**
3. **With your Savior at your side, Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.**
4. **If your task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run, Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.**

THE SERMON

"The Sanctity of Labor"

(Proverbs 10:16)

VOLUNTARY The Chancel Voices (Sunday)

O Lord, My God, You Are My Refuge

J.S. Bach/Hal H. Hopson

*THE OFFERTORY LSB page 192

♩ **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.**

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

(SATURDAY SERVICES—Skip to the Benediction, last page.)

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

C: ♪ Amen.

*THE AGNUS DEI LSB page 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.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

LSB 874

(Tune: O HEILIGE DREIFALTIGKEIT)

1. **O Splendor of God's glory bright, O Thou that bringest light from light,
O Light of Light, light's living spring, O Day, all days illumining.**

2. Come, very Sun of truth and love; Pour down Thy radiance from above
And shed the Holy Spirit's ray On all we think or do or say.
3. To guide whate'er we nobly do, With love all envy to subdue,
To give us grace our wrongs to bear, To make ill fortune turn to fair.
4. In Christ, the true bread, let us feed; Let Him to us be drink indeed;
And let us taste with joyfulness The Holy Spirit's plenteousness.

COMMUNION MEDITATION (Sunday)

Air

G.F. Handel

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

LSB 611

1. Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
3. Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.
4. Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.

NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

LSB page 199

♪ 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 without end. Amen.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: ♪ And His mercy endureth forever.

L: Let us pray.

C: ♪ Amen.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with Thy spirit.

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

*THE BENEDICTION C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

*THE CLOSING HYMN *O God of God, O Light of Light*

LSB 810

O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To You in heaven's glory bright The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won, All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Officiant: Pastor Robert M. Brown

Liturgist: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Organist: Kendra Ruesler

Piano & Choir Dir: Burnell Hackman, DMM

Oboe: Dennis Christ

Sat. Cantor: Alex Arensmeier

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Alan Hopfer/Terry Hutton

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NEWS AND NOTES

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ALTAR FLOWERS are placed by Ray Wagner in loving memory of his wife, Jane, on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary on September 10th.

PEACE FAMILY NIGHT Everyone is welcome to join us on the West Parking Lot on Saturday, September 26 (6:30-8 pm) for an evening of music from the Peace Orchestra (Songs from Disney and the Disco, and much more) followed by an amazing show by Juggling Jeff. Drinks, chips and Ted Drewes will be for sale from our youth group. Families will have the option to view the entertainment from their lawn chairs in individual parking spots or from their vehicle. Please RSVP online on the Peace website to attend this event. Spots will be given out based on registration. This is a FREE event.

2020 BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL-CANCELED Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, along with county regulations and good common sense, we cannot figure a way to hold the festival safely for our members and our guests. Thus, the decision has been made to cancel this year's pageant. Just to be clear, we are only taking a year off. We will return in 2021 refreshed and again ready to share the beautiful Gospel message.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY HAS BEEN POSTPONED Lifetouch has informed us that they are postponing all fall photography sessions until further notice. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for further updates.

FULL TIME OFFICE TEAM MEMBER NEEDED in the Peace Church Office. Job description is posted on the Commons bulletin board. If interested, please email cover letter and resume to HR@peacelutheranstl.org, or mail to 737 Barracksview Road, St. Louis, MO 63125.

PASTOR BROWN WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU There are multiple options available—in your home, outside your house, at church, or through a Zoom meeting. Go to www.peacelutheranstl.org for details and to sign up.

WHAT IS "EMERITUS"? Pastor Kastens is now Pastor Emeritus. This means that he is semi-retired, changing what he does here at Peace, but still one of our pastors! He is pastor for visits to those confined to home or long term care, and will still serve in a supporting role to Pastor Furgeson and Pastor Brown. We thank God for his continued service to our congregation!