

The Lakes Lutheran Church

Las Vegas, NV

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Service of the Word (online)

Prelude

Draw Us Using the Spirit's Tether

Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 470

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

PM: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PM: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

PM: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Open Now the Gates of Beauty

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #533

1

Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!

2

Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!

5

Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

PM: Lord have mercy.

C: Lord have mercy.

PM: Christ have mercy.

C: Christ have mercy.

PM: Lord have mercy.

C: Lord have mercy.

Glory to God

**C: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Opening Prayer (Collect)

PM: Let us pray,

A brief silence.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Word

First Reading – Ezekiel 33:7-11

R: A reading from Ezekiel, the thirty-third chapter

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel 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 ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our

transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40

Refrain: I desire the path of your commandments. (*Ps. 119:35*)

R: ³³Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.
³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.
³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.
³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

Refrain: I desire the path of your commandments.

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.
³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.
³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.
⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.

Refrain: I desire the path of your commandments.

Second Reading – Romans 13:

R: A reading from Romans, the thirteenth chapter.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became

believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

*Celtic Alleluia
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 174*

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

R: In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. (2 *Corinthian* 5:19)

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

PM: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PM: A reading from the Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

PM: [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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 772

1

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me
graceto know and do his will!**

3

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way,
restore your wand'ring sheep.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Apostles' Creed

**C: 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 into hell.
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 Intersession

PM: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world,
and all those in need.

...Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

PM: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in
your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

PM: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

Thanksgiving for the Word

PM: Let us pray,

A brief silence.

We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word, for calling creation into being, declaring forgiveness from the cross, and delivering the spirit of rebirth.

We praise you, O God, for your Word:

C: we praise you, O God, for your Word.

PM: Your word is a lamp lighting our path, a mirror reflecting our selves, a shield providing us refuge, a fire burning for justice and truth. Your word is sweeter than honey: it nourishes our bodies like milk, it sustains your people like bread. We receive your promises, more treasured than gold.

We bless you, O God, for your Word:

C: we bless you, O God, for your Word.

PM: Open our ears to your prophets, apostles, and saints, and to all the cries of the needy. Breathe into your church the mighty Spirit of Christ, that heeding your voice of beauty and power we are strengthened to serve wherever we are called. To you, Father, Son, and Spirit – the Source, Word, and Breath – we offer our thanks for your life-giving Word:

C: we offer our thanks for your life-giving Word.

PM: Amen.

C: Amen.

Sending

Announcements

Blessing

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

PM: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 836

1

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

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