



*14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2020- 10:00 a.m.*

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR VISION:

We envision a world fed and led by God.

OUR MISSION:

Fed and led by God, we live as a neighbor - in the West Central community, the city of Fort Wayne, and all the world.

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**COMMUNION TO BE CELEBRATED IN
(REMOTE AND PUBLIC) WORSHIP TODAY**

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion today and every Sunday moving forward. Here is what you will need to do on your end:

If attending our public worship:

We will be offering communion in one part, that is, wafers but no wine/ grape juice. Communicants will be directed by the ushers to come forward by side (left side from front to back, then right side), masked and maintaining physical distance from those outside of their family unit. After receiving the wafer from Pastor or the Assisting Minister (both of whom will be masked), you are asked to step to the side (on the 'X') before removing your mask to partake of communion. Then return, masked, to your seat. Hand sanitizers will be available on the tables by the side aisles.

If at home worshipping remotely:

1. Gather the elements you will need: bread, crackers or even a tortilla wrap, as well as wine or grape juice. If you'd like to make your own (unleavened, if you wish) bread, one was printed in the April newsletter or you can find several online.
2. Prepare a space for you to place the elements, either at a table or coffee table, perhaps with a tablecloth. Set the elements out for that point in our worship.
3. After the Words of Institution, you may then partake of the elements. If you are sheltering with others, share them with one another; if not, simply consume them yourself. In either case, speak the words, "The Body of Christ, given/broken for you/me . . . The Blood of Christ, shed for you/me," to remind you of Christ's presence "in, with, and under" (Luther's words) the ordinary elements of bread and wine.

As in previous instances of remote communion, we honor and respect you, whether you choose to partake or not to partake. *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.* + Ephesians 4:4

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY & FRIDAY
IN OFFICE 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
TUESDAY-THURSDAY (REMOTELY)
8:00 AM-3:00 PM**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP
14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

P = Presiding Minister; **A** = Assisting Minister; **C** = Congregation

GATHERING

Prelude..... *Prelude on “Praise My Soul”* - Lani Smith

Ringing of the Church Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: Amen.

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

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: Faithful God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. As a called and ordained minister . . . in the name of the †Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

(Please remain in place and maintain physical distancing while you greet those around you in the name of Christ.)

Gathering Hymn **WORSHIP BOOK - 722**
“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

Vs 1 O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore eve’ry human pain.
Its beating was, the pulse of God; its breadth, God’s vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
to write God’s love in human deeds, eternity in time.

Vs 2 As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another’s pain as though it were our own.

Vs 3 O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love’s open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.

Vs 4 O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
Whose arms stretched wide upon across embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways.
Whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

The Greeting

P: 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.**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, O Lord God,

C: **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. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading..... *Ezekiel 33:7-11*

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?

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Kids’ Talk..... Pastor Paul

Second Reading..... *Romans 13:8-14*

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.

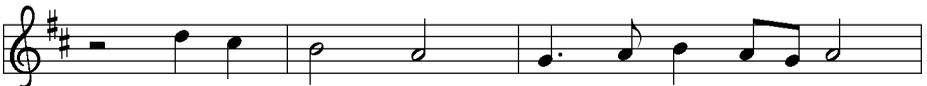
¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably 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.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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“Alleluia”



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel.....*Matthew 18:15-20*

(spoken) (text for pastor's sermon)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....Rev. Paul Offhaus

Song of the Day “*You Are My King (Amazing Love)*”

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken.
I'm accepted; you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me
because you died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor you.

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken.
I'm accepted; you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me
because you died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor you.
In all I do I honor you.

You are my King, you are my King.
Jesus, you are my King.
Jesus, you are my King.

Amazing love, how can it be that you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor you.
In all I do I honor you.

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Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the People (*after each petition, please respond as follows*):

A: Lord, in your mercy, P: ...through Christ our Lord.
C: hear our prayer. C: Amen.

Time of Offering *Thank the Lord* - David Cherwien

MEAL

Canticle of Thanksgiving **WORSHIP BOOK - 207**
"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion (*in the public gathering or in your own homes*)

(Lutheran Christians proclaim that Jesus Christ is truly present "in, with and under" the ordinary elements of bread and wine. To receive Holy Communion, therefore, is to receive Christ. All who seek to be nourished in faith and life through the presence and power of the Lord Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this Meal.)

Communion Music.....*One Bread, One Body* - Edwin T. Childs

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, both now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

Sending Song *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

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

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.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Joyful we adore thee! (repeat)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Joyful we adore Thee!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Mortals join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began.
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music lifts us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Joyful we adore thee!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude.....*Voluntary on "Hymn to Joy" - Michael Burkhardt*

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (9/6)

Presiding Minister & Preacher Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister Deb Waybright
Worship Leader Jay Heare
Organist Martin P. Gigler
Greeters Cindy & Catie Witters
Deacon Mike Mommer
Ushers Cindy & Catie Witters
Altar Guild Linda McGahey, Stacie Stauffer
Media/Sound Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (9/13)

Presiding Minister & Preacher Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister Jane Porter Gresham
Organist Martin P. Gigler
Greeters Diane Gebfert, Volunteer Needed
Deacon Mike Mommer
Ushers Cindy & Catie Witters
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O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - come'd those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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SERMON NOTES
