



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 3, 2023



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Marian White in loving memory of Jane Rivers and Jim White.

As you enter the nave—our worship space—we ask that you remember this room is holy: Set apart for prayer and praise. Please enter this space with reverence and keep silence, so that you may quiet your mind and be prepared for worship.

H82 is the shorter hymnal which says “The Hymnal 1982” on the front and spine.
ELW is the slightly taller hymnal which says “Worship” on the spine.

PRELUDE

— *All stand as the bell is tolled.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *“Praise the Lord, Through Every Nation”* **H82 #484**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

All **Amen**

— *All are seated.*

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Reader

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I **did** not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be God.

Psalm 26:1-8 Judica me, Domine

Said by all in unison

Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be God.**

— *All stand.*

GRADUAL HYMN *“Will You Come and Follow Me”* **ELW #798**

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

— *All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

SERMON *Rev. Dr. Jim Bullion*

— *A moment of silence and reflection is observed. All stand with the Presider.*

NICENE CREED

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

— *All stand or kneel.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

After each petition:

Intercessor Hear us, O God,

All **Your mercy is great.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect. All respond ‘Amen’.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen**

— *All stand.*

PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Alms basins will be passed during the Offertory. If you don't carry cash or a check, you can give online at our website, or by texting "give" to 229.384.0050. Thank you for your generosity!

— *All stand.*

OFFERTORY CANTICLE *"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"* *Old Hundreth*

All **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING – PREFACE

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, . . . for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

GREAT THANKSGIVING – SANCTUS

in front section of H82 #S 125

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

— *All stand or kneel.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness . . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise . . . all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN**

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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**

FRACTION ANTHEM

"My Flesh Is Food Indeed"

in front section of H82 #S 169

Cantor My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

All **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

Cantor Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

All **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

INVITATION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

— *All are seated.*

HOLY COMMUNION

At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion from the center aisle. Please place your hands open in front of you to receive the bread. If you wish to receive wine from the common cup (chalice) or if you wish to receive it by having the bread dipped and placed on your tongue (intinction), please move to the chalice administrator standing off to the side. You may either stand or kneel at the Altar rail for the Chalice.

COMMUNION HYMN I

"O Jesus I Have Promised"

H82 #655

COMMUNION HYMN II

"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

H82 #635

— *All stand at the direction of the Presider.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

BLESSING

The Presider proclaims God's blessing. All respond 'Amen'.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

"The Church of Christ, In Every Age"

ELW #729

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall next door following the worship service.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Sept. 3 14 Pent. – Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

First Sunday Brunch - 11:00 AM

Sept. 10 15 Pent. – Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting 11:00AM

Sept. 11 ECW 6:00 PM

Sept. 17 16 Pent. – Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

Sept. 18 Men's Steak Night 6:00 PM

Sept. 24 17 Pent. – Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

Sept. 25 St. Clare's Kitchen 10:00 AM

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR | Our wonderful choir is returning from their Summer break next Sunday, Sept. 10th! Choir practice is at 6pm on Wednesdays and 9:15 am Sunday mornings. All are welcome. There is a place for you!

ECW | Ladies, please mark your calendar for the resuming of ECW meetings on Monday 11 Sept. 2023 at 6 PM in the Parish Hall. Please bring an appetizer to share.

NURSERY | Our Nursery is available during the Sunday morning service on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Sundays of each month.

FLOWER GUILD | Do you like to arrange flowers, or would you like to learn how? Become a part of the Flower Guild! No experience necessary! If interested, talk with Celie Hogue or Trish Moreschi.

VESTRY | The Vestry will meet on Sunday, September 10th immediately following the service in the All Saints Room.

BACK FORTY | The Men of the Back Forty are looking for volunteers to help with the ground maintenance. If you are able, please contact Joe Wingard.

GIRL SCOUTS | Troop 40276 will begin another year on September 16th. They will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Hall. They also have a camp-out planned for Nov. 3-4.

SUPPLY PRIEST SCHEDULING | Below are the dates we have been able to secure a supply priest and who they are. If a date is not listed below, we are yet unable to schedule someone. Our Senior Warden will continue to look for supply for the open Sundays, and will also work with the available clergy to schedule 2024 within the next two months.

September 3, 10 & 24, Fr. Jim | September 17, Mtr. Tar

October 15, Fr. Jim | October 29, Mtr. Tar

November 5, 12 & 19, Fr. Jim | December 3, 10, 17 & 31, Fr. Jim

CHILDREN'S CHURCH | Every Sunday at 10a during the first half of our worship service children are invited to Sunday

School in the Children's Classroom of the Parish Hall building. Here they will learn and do activities related to the lessons for that Sunday, and then they will return to worship with us beginning at the Offertory!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED | Items needed: cereal, canned vegetables, peanut butter.

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY:

1st – Carolyn Brunson, Michael Brunson Jr., Hermine Holt 11th – Celie Hogue 30th – Jo Cerrone, Janet Ranew

BIRTHDAY:

August 27th - Jane Swanson 30th – Tony Moreschi

September 2nd – Doris Alley 4th – Michael Northrop, Myra Walker 8th – Billy Youngblood 11th – Anne Gibson

13th – Evelyn

Clements 19th – Grant Combs, Orva Voth 22nd – Autumn Hart, Emily McPeters 23rd – Ellie Driggers 25th –

Danyelle Barber

26th – Barbara Cumbee 27th – Kennedy Hackett 28th – Mindy Northrop 29th – Hermine Holt

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

11th – Jimmy & Carole Clements 24th – Sergio & Jo Cerrone, Steve & Joanne Tanner

KEEP IN PRAYER

Ray M., Mark Brunson, Bonnie Hough and Family, Donna Timmons and Family, Frank Acosta, Jan Ranew, Mara Owens, Angel Kraus, Dante Walker, Doris Alley, Cheryl Girtman, Susan Cochran, Lana Blackwell, Bill Nordstrom, Hugh Waters, Loring Gray, Carmel Taylor, Christopher Bevington, Sue Jerina, Julie Bravo, Missy Simmons, Myra Hundley, Jeff Williamson, Michael Brunson, Stephen J., Butch Tiell, Elsbeth Hebert, the Wingo Family, Stacey Fleming-Weeks, Vivian Fleming, M. Johnson, David Hogue, Shavonya Wade, Steve Williams, Gary Shafer, Sue Young, Jessie, Ann Young, Jackie Powell, Steve & Nancy Jackson, Michael Price, Steve Tanner, Jessica Thompson, Micki Hundley Addleman, Donna Prescott, Maxx Bourgeault, Savannah Esway, Jay Howard & Family, Jim Howard, Al Seely-Wilson, and Evie Tsisis.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

TODAY

NEXT SUNDAY

COFFEE HOUR:

First Sunday Brunch

Sandy Wingard

ALTAR GUILD:

Jane Braun, Adia and Donna

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Sakura-Lemessy

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OFFERTORY BEARERS:

John and Nancy Griffin

Tom and Orva Voth

GREETERS:

John and Nancy Griffin

Tom and Orva Voth

USHERS:

Brian and Loretta Williamson

Marian White, Rose Dunlap

A/V TEAM:

Lucas Wingard

Lucas Wingard

READERS:

Lindsey Stewart

Joyce Bridges-Judkins

ACOLYTES:

Bob Baranko

Kennedy Hackett

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