

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Family by God's Design
September 13 & 14, 2014
5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God. And that is what we are.” (1 John 3:1) This great truth was proclaimed last week. Yet, now that we are the children of God, how shall we live? As God’s children, we seek to follow our Father’s will, not our own will, even as Jesus has taught us to pray. (Matthew 6) As God’s children, we do not conform to the teachings of this world, but seek to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12). As God’s children, we seek to live together in *family* according to God’s design and His will for us in Christ. (Genesis 1-2; Ephesians 5-6)

WELCOME

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.
(Ephesians 2:19-20)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #862 “Oh, Blest the House”

Oh, blest the house, whate’er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!

A home that is not wholly His How sad and poor and dark it is!

Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound;

They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!

Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children’s foremost need
And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav’n be lost!

Oh, blest that house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children’s lives is shown How richly God can bless His own.

Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say:

Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

(Rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness

People: and justice for all who are oppressed.

Pastor: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,

People: bless His holy name!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: We confess to you that we have sinned against you in our thinking, speaking, and acting, by not forgiving the people around us the way you have so graciously forgiven us in Christ. For Christ’s sake alone, we boldly ask your forgiveness. Send the Holy Spirit to empower us to freely forgive others the way we have been forgiven.

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who, for the sake of Christ Jesus, forgives all your iniquity, heals all your diseases, redeems your life from the pit, crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, and satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: That we may be quick to forgive others,

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: That we may let go of the grudges we so easily hold,

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: That we may always live in the light of your forgiveness,

People: Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us your peace.

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
 Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
 We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing-
 Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
 O Lamb of God, our Savior, you take our sins away.
 Have mercy on you, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
 Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
 Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
 You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
 In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, how quickly we forget the great love with which you love us and the grace you have freely bestowed upon us through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Grant that our gaze be fixed on Jesus, our hearts overwhelmed by your love, and that all our relationships may be marked by forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

+ WORD +**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Genesis 50:15–21*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. His brothers then came and threw themselves down before

him. "We are your slaves," they said. But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

EPISTLE *Romans 14:1–12*

Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. He who regards one day as special does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

8:00 CHOIR ANTHEM

"You Are Mine" Arr. By Mark Hayes

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:21–35*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything,' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'" But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man

thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #858 "O Father, All Creating"

O Father, all creating, Whose wisdom, love, and pow'r
First bound two lives together In Eden's primal hour,
Today to these Your children Your earliest gifts renew:
A home by You made happy, A love by You kept true.

With good wine, Lord, at Cana The wedding feast You blessed.
Grant also these Your presence, And be their dearest guest.
Their store of earthly gladness Transform to heav'nly wine,
And teach them, in the testing, To know the gift divine.

O Spirit of the Father, Breathe on them from above,
So searching in Your pureness, So tender in Your love
That, guarded by Your presence And kept from strife and sin,
Their hearts may heed Your guidance And know You dwell within.

Unless You build it, Father, The house is built in vain;
Unless You, Savior, bless it, The joy will turn to pain.
But nothing breaks the union Of hearts in You made one;
The love Your Spirit hallows Is endless love begun.

SERMON

"The Glory of Christ Forming Family"
Ephesians 5:21-6:4

(Rise)

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

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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.

APOSTLES' CREED *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register for names of those to greet after the worship service.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Pastor: . . . trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #537 “Beautiful Savior”

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I’d love Thee, Truly I’d serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shine purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forever-more be Thine!

HYMN #811 “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God, with thousand tongues!
My heart which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.

O all you pow’rs that He implanted, Arise, keep silence now no more;
Put forth the strength that God has granted! Your noblest work is to adore.
O soul and body, join to raise With heartfelt joy our Maker’s praise.

You forest leaves so green and tender That dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender, You flow’rs so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God’s praise alone. Join me to make His glory known.

All creatures that have breath and motion, That throng the earth, the sea, the sky.
Come, share with me my heart’s devotion, Help me to sing God’s praises high.
My utmost pow’rs can never quite Declare the wonders of His might.

Creator, humbly I implore You To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You, Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav’n to sing Eternal anthems to my King.

HYMN #802 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest to both great and small
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but naught changes Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight
All laud we would render; O help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed our body and soul with the true body and blood of Jesus, our Savior, and we ask you not to leave us to our natural unforgiving ways, but that through this Meal, we may be strengthened to trust in your forgiveness and emboldened to forgive those who wrong us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #863 "Our Father, by Whose Name"

Our Father, by whose name All fatherhood is known,
Who dost in love proclaim Each family Thine own,
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well,
With constant love as sentinel, The homes in which Thy people dwell.

O Christ, Thyself a child Within an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled, Thou didst to manhood come;
Our children bless in ev'ry place That they may all behold Thy face,
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.

O Spirit, who dost bind Our hearts in unity,
Who teachest us to find The love from self set free,
In all our hearts such love increase That ev'ry home by this release
May be the dwelling place of peace.

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The Family Project

It is not too late to sign up for one of the sessions.

God's glorious design for family is what every Christian family should be striving for. When we fall short, God's grace forgives and strengthens us to strive again for His ideals and all for His glory as well. Be a part of the Family Project and you will be blessed.

Your Groundwork Guatemala Team thanks you for your response to our request for school supplies. We now ask for your continued generosity as we collect health and hygiene needs. Toothpaste, deodorant, soap, vitamins for all ages, bandages, and OTC meds for pain, colds, stomach upset, diarrhea are a few of the many items needed; detailed lists are posted on the donation baskets in the narthex and near the 1st floor elevator and in the September Herald. Thank You!