



**Service of Worship**  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2010

9:30am

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*We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today.  
For parents with young children: a nursery is available during all services in the  
lower level for children under age 5. If you are visiting, please complete the  
Communication Card located on the chair backs. Hymnals and Bibles are located  
under each chair.*

◆ **Prelude**

◆ **Gathering Song**    *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*    774

◆ **Welcome and Announcements**

◆ **Sharing of the Peace**

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

C: **And also with you.**

◆ **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our  
sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection*

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from  
you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are  
truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion  
forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have  
done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to  
you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live  
and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were  
dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By  
grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with  
power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your  
hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

◆ *Greeting*

P: Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ *The Prayer of the Day*

P: Let us pray:

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

◆ *First Reading*

*Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

◆ **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 14:1, 7-14*

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.*

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

◆ **Children's Message**

*Pastor Mark Nelson*

◆ **Song**

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

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◆ **Song**

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

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### ◆ *Apostle's Creed*

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 to the dead. 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.

### ◆ *Giving Back to God/Offertory*

#### ◆ *Offering Response      Create In Me*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

#### ◆ *Offertory Prayer*

P: God of mercy and grace,

C: the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

#### ◆ *Prayer Song    Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying      752*

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

#### ◆ *Prayers of the Church*

*We remember in our prayers: **Peace Members:** Vi Turner, Joe Smith, Wendell Olson, Barbara Lockwood, James Smith, Chirapaporn Ekegren, Lou Vietti/Pat Lahti family, Roger Rowlette **Friends of Peace:** Ken Kjeldahl, Jerry Yeager, Barbara Howell, Roy Jacobson, Lee Jacobson, Deb Simensen.*

Karen Fredricks, Evin Roley, Tom Bro, Dale Winegar, Phyllis Young  
*Military: Joshua Lee, Matt Janssen*

### ◆ ***Holy Communion***

*Jesus gives of himself in the bread and wine and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. All are welcome at His table. In addition to red wine, white grape juice is also available. We also have gluten free/wheat free/corn free/soy free wafers. If you would like this type please identify yourself when receiving Communion. If you are not able to come forward to receive Communion please notify an usher and the bread and wine will be brought to you.*

#### ***Words of Institution***

##### ***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.**

◆ <b><i>Distribution Music</i></b>	<i>We Come to the Hungry Feast</i>	<u>479</u>
	<i>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</i>	<u>484</u>
	<i>Lord of All Hopefulness</i>	<u>765</u>

### ◆ ***Communion Blessing and Prayer***

P: Let us pray:

God our creator, at this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ◆ ***God's Blessing to Us***

P: Continue to walk in Christ Jesus, rooted and built up in him. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

◆ <b><i>Song</i></b>	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	<u>881</u>
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◆ ***Sending***

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Worship Assistants**

<b>Usher:</b>	Justin and Kim Myhre
<b>Greeter:</b>	John and Verla Bayard
<b>Lector:</b>	Gary Vig
<b>Communion Assts:</b>	Dave and Nancy Dynneson
<b>Hosts:</b>	Marcie Horner and Mark Nelson
<b>Music:</b>	Cheryl Higgins

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