Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Aug. 29, 2021 | 8 & 10:30 am

PRELUDE Courante from Partita No. 4 (BWV 828) | Johann Sebastian Bach

Gathering

Please turn and face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

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.

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.

Amen.

#557 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

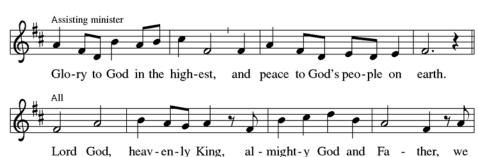
Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the altar.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

And also with you.

GLORIA





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Word

Please sit.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

The choir sings the antiphon, "Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?" before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



Lord, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,

who speak the truth | from their heart;

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends; they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the Lord.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

SECOND READING James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acclamation sung by all:





Choir: God gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would become a kind of first fruits of creation.

All repeat acclamation.

GOSPEL *Mark* 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#806 HYMN OF THE DAY O God, My Faithful God

APOSTLES' 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor: **Peace be with you.**

Meal

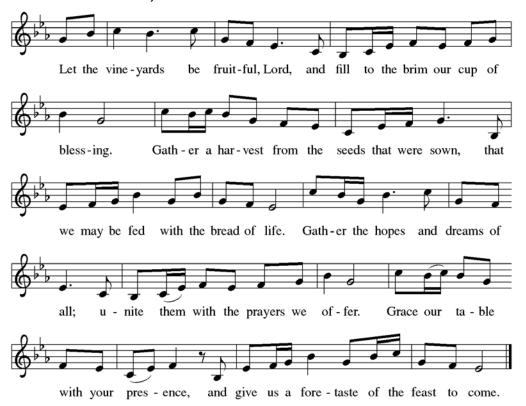
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OFFERING

Music at the Offering Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs | arr. Frederick Frahm

Please stand.

#184 OFFERTORY Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

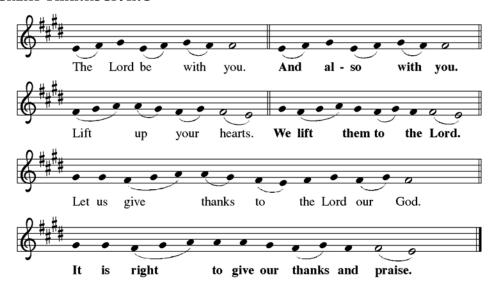


OFFERTORY PRAYER

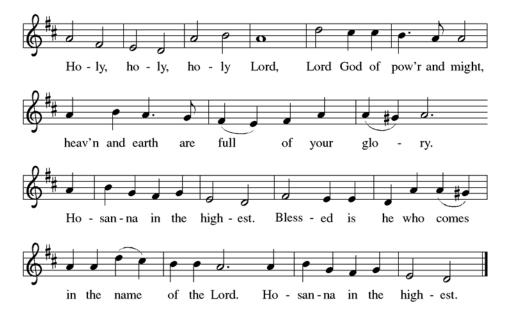
Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

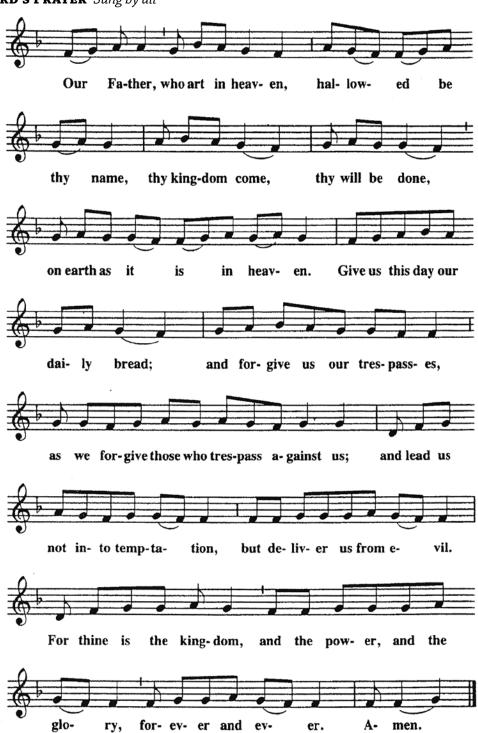
You are indeed holy... until he comes.



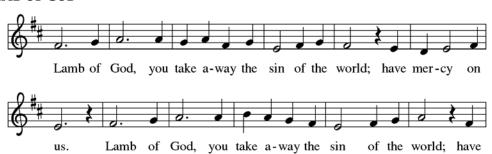
Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

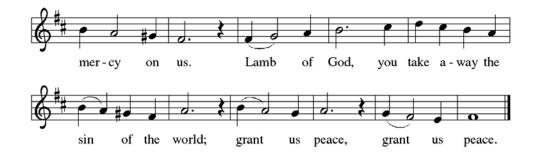


LORD'S PRAYER Sung by all



LAMB OF GOD





Please sit.

THE COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. We receive the Body of Christ (bread) in our open hands and the Blood of Christ (wine) by intinction. Christ is fully present in both bread and cup; persons unable to drink wine are encouraged to abstain from the cup and receive Christ in the bread.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Faith Is | Austin C. Lovelace

#879 COMMUNION HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

#873 RECESSIONAL HYMN Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the font.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Scherzo | Eugène Gigout

Serving today

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Preaching Pastor Brad Pohlman
Organist Andrew Schaeffer

Assisting Minister

Communion Assistant Helen Hartman

Lector Crucifer

Sacristan Dan Ruge
Head Usher Carl Anderson
Video Director Lee Powell
Sound Operator Bill Braham

Our thanks to Jonathan Hall, piano, and Margaret Stansfield, soprano, for enriching our worship this morning.

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