

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Communion

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP – (taken from Season of Creation Resource)

We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creatures!

Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all.

Season of Creation Greeting

Greetings in the name of our God who is good:
whose love endures forever.

Greetings to you, sun and moon,
you stars of the southern sky:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
Sunrise and sunset, night and day:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

Greetings to you, mountains and valleys, grassland and scree,
glacier, avalanche, mist and snow:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

Greetings to you, kauri and pine, rata and kowhai, mosses and ferns, Baobab, fynbos, yellowwood and aloe:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

Greetings to you, dolphins and kahawai, sea lion and crab,
coral, anemone, pipi and shrimp:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

Greetings to you, rabbits and cattle, moths and dogs
kiwi and sparrow and tui and hawk:
Elephant, lions, rhinos, and giraffes, ostrich, sheep, cattle
Scorpion and dung beetle:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

Greetings to you, women and men,
Elders and children, women and men,
Diverse cultures of this rainbow land:
Typists and teachers, cleaners, and clerks,
learners, job-seekers, TV and sports' stars,
All who care, who love and who pray,
Who laugh and learn, who rest and who play.
give to our God your thanks and praise.

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - Evangelical Lutheran Worship #807
Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLkIB5xGOVQ>

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.

KYRIE (ELW p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 187)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING – Exodus 32:7-14 (NRSV)

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

PSALM – 51:1-10 (NRSV)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness,

and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my offenses,

and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,

a sinner from my mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,

and would have me know wisdom deep within.

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all my wickedness.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 1:12-17(NRSV)

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus

came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING – Luke 15:1-10 (NRSV)

The holy gospel according to Luke

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'
So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.'
'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is - Evangelical Lutheran Worship #502
Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eP7XuKjcnCA>

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in God,
who creates all things,
who embraces all things,
who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God
as the source of all life,
who baptises this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
the suffering one,
the poor one,
the malnourished one,
the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ,
the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community (*Fed and Nourished, the Ladies Giving Circle, Sunday School*), that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERATORY PRAYER

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Loving One, compassionate Three,
we offer our praise and thanksgiving:
for your good creation,
for your presence in our brokenness,
for the stories of the ancestors,
and the hope your companionship inspires.

On this day,
as we turn to you in public worship,
we remember:
the coming of Jesus in poverty and oppression,
the feeding and healing he shared,
the stories of ordinary things which point us to you,
and his embrace of the suffering and the dying.

We especially remember
on a night of betrayal and desertion,
that Jesus took bread and gave thanks,
broke it and gave it to those he was with, saying,
Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

And he took the cup after supper,
again gave thanks,
and gave it for them to drink saying,
This is the covenant, renewed in my blood,
poured out for you and for all,
for forgiveness and reconciliation.

Do this in remembrance of me
Therefore, loving One, compassionate Three,
we do remember, and we proclaim again:
his life of service and solidarity,
his dying and rising,
and his promise of new life,
given and renewed each day.

By the coming of your Spirit,
in this meal, in our gathering,
and in every daily interaction:
strengthen our faith in your promise,
inspire our grateful response,
and fire us with hope for the world.

By the promise and presence of Jesus,
break open our hearts to share the love you are;
pour us out in service to your hurting world;
bring creation to fulfillment, and make us new.

We offer these prayers in the name of the Loving One,
trusting the faithfulness of the compassionate Three, now and always. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,

Generous God,
We give you thanks for feeding us
with grace to meet the journey's needs.

Send us into this week
To be living signs of your presence.
Amen.

BLESSING

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures,
That reflect God's glory in creation.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak- Evangelical Lutheran Worship #676
Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IODsmv7atCA>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Dance with creation.
Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Council Meeting** will be held on Tuesday September 20 @ 7 p.m.
- **Walking Group:** Please join Pastor Brooklynn Wednesday mornings @ 9:30. Meet at the front of the church for a leisurely walk and fellowship. All are Welcome!
- **Yard Sale:** St. John's will be holding a yard sale on Saturday September 24 from 9-3 and Sunday September 25 from 1230-330 and we are looking for volunteers. If you are able to set up/work the days of the sale please contact Melinda Kerwin at 902 527 7970 or call the church office at your earliest convenience. If you are wondering what you can contribute to the sale, we are looking for Gift Cards (minimum of \$25.00) to use as ticket items, preferably from Sobeys, Loblaw's or a gas station. The gift cards are be passed to Kelly or put in the drop box outside the church on or before September 15th please. Thanking you in advance for your support of this fund raiser.
- **Grocery Card Fund Raiser:**
Orders for the next **Grocery Gift Card** fundraiser are due to David Eisnor by Sunday September 25. Remember that you can place your order early –and cheques postdated for Sunday September 25 are welcome! For more information, or if you have any questions please speak with David.
Thank you so much for supporting this fund raiser!
- **Pastor Brooklynn** will be away from September 13-19. In the event of a pastoral emergency please contact Rev. Rick Pryce at 902 634 8395
- **Shared Ministry** at Trinity United on Sunday September 18 @ 11 a.m.

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