

GATHERING

September 6, 2020
14th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be...all of creation. **Amen.**



Let us confess our sin...Faithful God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries...to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Awake, my soul, and with the sun
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice.

All praise to thee, who safe hast kept
and hast refreshed me while I slept.
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless light partake.

Lord, I my vows to thee renew.
Disperse my sins as morning dew;

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun (ELW 557)

guard my first springs of thought and will;
and with thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day,
all I design or do or say,
that all my pow'rs, with all their might,
in thy sole glory may unite.

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

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for

the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen, amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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and peace to God's people on earth.

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.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

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.

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and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33: 7-11

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM: *Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak*, Schumann

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things you do impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet; O feed me,

Lord, that I may feed the hungering ones with manna sweet.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when and where; until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

SECOND READING: Romans 13: 8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15-20

SERMON

Pastor Alex Martini

HYMN OF THE DAY

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether (ELW 470)

giver break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...in your mercy, **hear us and help us.**

PEACE

remaining in place, turn and offer a word or bow of peace to your neighbor

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your heart. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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BLESSING

Mothering God...the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. Refrain

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Preacher:	Alex Martini
Director of Music Ministries:	Karl Segletes
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Liturgist:	Joy Gross
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