



For where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them.
Matthew 18

THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

*We are Disciples of Jesus.
Growing in Faith, Serving our Community and Connecting Others to Christ.*

✝ This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. ✝

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

✝ GATHERING ✝

Gathering Music

As the Deer Longs for the Water

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rm1LLchTpFI>

Welcome + Announcements

We Prepare our Heart for Worship

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZugvUQ4m90U>

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.
Amen.

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.

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.

✝ WORD ✝

The First Reading: Psalm 119:33-40

- ³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.
³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.
³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.
³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.
³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.
³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.
³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,

because your judgments are good.
⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: **Romans 13:8-14**

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the

evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Be Still and Know

Steven Curtis Chapman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcX5106rJLY>

The Prayers of Intercession

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of our Hilton Head faith communities coming together to support children in school. Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or wildfires. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. As our nation continues to suffer from injustices, old and new, from

political polarization, from fear and violence; help us to hear one another and discover a new language built on the grammar of reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit especially Rita, Sarah's mom, Brian, all ill with COVID-19, all living with depression and those who love and care for them, those supported by the feeding ministries in our neighborhoods and all others we remember before you this day, [*silence is kept for naming*].... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. On this Labor Day, we pray that societies will ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work and our vocations. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift up all celebrating birthdays this week: Rita Hungate, Dan Luciano and Gary Dolch. We give thanks for all celebrating wedding anniversaries: Gary and Leslie, Mike and Patti, Tony and Michelle, Carl and Janet. May all the milestones of our living fill us with gratitude for all good gifts and remind us that you go with us every step of the way. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

While we are in these Zoom meetings, we will provide a time for worshipers to prepare an offering to be mailed in, to go to our website to make a contribution, or take time to pray and consider how God is calling each of us to share our resources with the church and the world.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Relief may be made on our website using the GIVE button and selecting it under the “options” feature. These gifts will go to aid in wildfire and hurricane relief. You will also find an option for the Adopt-A-Child effort.

Visitors in our worship today are encouraged to go to our website <https://clchhi.org/> and send us an email letting us know you were worshipping with us today. If we can support you in any way, please share your need with us.

If you have not already done so, use this time to finish setting your home table for communion.

Offering Anthem: *Create in Me*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noUeQQ64Q1I>

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Dialog

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

from Mozart's *Requiem*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpQoKW-1VbE>

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Table

Come to the banquet table
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Communion

After the pastor says: "The body of Christ given for you, all at home may commune those in their household. Then the pastor will say, "The blood of Christ shed for you" and all may share the wine at home.

✠ SENDING ✠

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

Shepherding God,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of
truth and life.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Song

By Our Love

Christy Nockels

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hNnq4RjW3w>

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