

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 25, 2024**

**9:30am Worship**

**The Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\* Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage 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.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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. **C: Amen.***

**\* Gathering Hymn #731**

**“Earth And All Stars!”**

**\* Greeting p. 147** *P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.***

**\* Kyrie p. 147** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: 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. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

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

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

**\* Glory to God p. 148**

**\* The Prayer of the Day (all pray)** **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18**

**24** Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods.

<sup>14</sup>"Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive Reading – Psalm 34:15-22**

L:<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

**C:<sup>16</sup> The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.**

L:<sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

**C:<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**

L:<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

**C:<sup>20</sup> He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.**

L:<sup>21</sup> Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**ALL<sup>22</sup> The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

### **Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20**

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

\* **Gospel Announcement**

\* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* **The Gospel Lesson: Luke 7:36-50**

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. <sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, <sup>38</sup> and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

<sup>41</sup> "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn #241** (TOSB – vs. 1,2)

**"To God Be The Glory"**

**The Sermon**

**"The Parables of Jesus"**

**Part 17 – "Be Thankful For The Grace Of God"**

*(sermon text: Luke 7:36-50)*

**Pastor William Shields**

\* **Apostles' Creed** (on screen)

**The Hymn of the Day #613**

**"Thy Holy Wings"**

**Offering**

\* **Offering Response #186**

**"Create In Me A Clean Heart"**

**Prayers**

\* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **C: 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.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Sending Hymn #536**

**“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”**

\* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

**Announcements:**

Altar Flowers  
Given by Keith & Julia Cain for their  
43<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Rally Day**  
**September 15**  
**9:30am – 1:00pm**  
**Come for worship, fun and lunch.**  
**Please bring a lawn chair, and a**  
**dish to pass. Meat will be provided**

**Weekly Schedule of Activities**

Tues. 8/27	7:00am Jr. High Study 10:00am Prayer Shawl
Wed. 8/28	6:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00am Sr. High Study 1:00pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Choir
Sun. 9/1	<b>9:30am Worship/ Comm.</b> <b>Coffee Fellowship</b>

**Confirmation begins**  
**Sept. 4 at 6:00pm**

**Pastor's Bible Studies**  
**begin Sept. 4 at 11:00 am**  
**and Sept. 5 at 6:00pm**

**Continued Prayers for Cancer patients:** Loren & Brenda Cook, Gary Schaille, Eric David (*brother-in-law to Rob Buchanan*), Michael Frandsen (*brother of Lani Swinford*), Rodney Smith (*brother of Duane*), Janet Stringer (*sister of Jerry Zibert*), John Baird, Joe Cartwright (*friend of Jeff & Jennifer Jaques*), Don Kyle.

Others: Pete May (*heart*), Val Blythe (*heart*), Sandi Smith (*health issues*), Doug Ostrom (*broken bones*), Melissa Castro (*foot*)