

*Love*

DOES NO WRONG TO  
A NEIGHBOR;

*therefore*  
*Love*

IS THE FULFILLING OF  
*the law.*

ROMANS 13:10, ESV

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 5, 2020—8:00**

*\* - Congregation will rise*

**\*Order of Worship “Divine Service Setting IV”**

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**Confession & Absolution**

**Opening Hymn**

“Thy Strong Word” - #578 v. 1, 2, 5, 6

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| <p><b>1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;<br/>At Thy speaking it was done.<br/>For created light we thank Thee,<br/>While Thine ordered seasons run.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Praise to Thee who light dost send!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia without end!</b></p> <p><b>2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,<br/>Dark as night and deep as death,<br/>Broke the light of Thy salvation,<br/>Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Praise to Thee who light dost send!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia without end!</b></p> | <p><b>5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,<br/>Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,<br/>Throats that shout the hope that fills us,<br/>Mouths to speak Thy holy name.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>May the light which Thou dost send<br/>Fill our songs with alleluias,<br/>Alleluias without end!</b></p> <p><b>Δ 6 God the Father, light-creator,<br/>To Thee laud and honor be.<br/>To Thee, Light of Light begotten,<br/>Praise be sung eternally.<br/>Holy Spirit, light-revealer,<br/>Glory, glory be to Thee.<br/>Mortals, angels, now and ever<br/>Praise the holy Trinity!</b></p> |
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**P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

**Kyrie** (*sung*)

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- C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**Gloria in Excelsis** (*sung*)

*LSB 204*

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| <p><b>1</b> To God on high be glory<br/>And peace to all the earth;<br/>Goodwill from God in heaven<br/>Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!<br/>We praise and bless You, Father;<br/>Your holy name, we sing—<br/>Our thanks for Your great glory,<br/>Lord God, our heav'nly King.</p> | <p><b>2</b> To You, O sole-begotten,<br/>The Father's Son, we pray;<br/>O Lamb of God, our Savior,<br/>You take our sins away.<br/>Have mercy on us, Jesus;<br/>Receive our heartfelt cry,<br/>Where You in pow'r are seated<br/>At God's right hand on high—</p> |
| <p><b>3</b> For You alone are holy;<br/>You only are the Lord.<br/>Forever and forever,<br/>Be worshiped and adored;<br/>You with the Holy Spirit<br/>Alone are Lord Most High,<br/>In God the Father's glory.<br/>"Amen!" our glad reply.</p>                                  |   |

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.  
O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

Romans 13:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The 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: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## \*Alleluia Verse (*sung*)

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**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## \*Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### \*The Nicene Creed

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**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Hymn**

“Praise the Almighty” - #797 v. 1, 3, 5

**1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!  
Yes, I will laud Him until death;  
With songs and anthems I come before Him  
As long as He allows me breath.  
From Him my life and all things came;  
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,  
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,  
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
To all who trust in Him, our Lord  
Will aid and counsel now afford.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Δ 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise Him solely,  
With happy heart its amen sings.  
Children of God, with angel host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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## **Sermon**

“Why Romans 13?” - Romans 13:1-10

## **Offering**

### **\*Offering Prayer**

### **\*Prayer of the Church**

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## **Special Intercessions**

- $\dagger$  Jackson Hamilton E who is being welcomed into God’s family this weekend through Holy Baptism.
- $\dagger$  Tim & Susan D who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on September 2nd;  
Tom & Carol B who are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on September 5th;  
Gregg & Barbara B who will celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary on September 8th.

† For Christ's help and hope for those fighting cancer: *(please notify the Church Office of updates for long-term cancer patients and we will gladly include them in our prayers)*

Jim P, Frank T, Ulla W, Nicole T, Jodi B, Lonna C, Tate V, Doris G, Tim A, Nadine B, Diane M, Julie S, Bill H, Joni D, Marilyn S, Susan M, Tate S, Gary R, Donna K, Rachel M, Anita G, Christopher G, James K, Pat C, Donna F, Diane D, Nicki S, Carol S, Dorothy H, Janet L, Terri J (cousin of Janet H)

## Service of the Sacrament

### \*Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### \*Sanctus *(sung)*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

- 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.

### The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei (*sung*)

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| <b>C</b> 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,<br>You take the sin of the world away;<br>O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,<br>Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray. | 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,<br>You take the sin of the world away;<br>Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,<br>And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray. |
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### Distribution





## Distribution Anthem

“Behold the Lamb” - Getty

1. *Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away  
Slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross*

2. *The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you  
Eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one Chorus*

*Chorus:  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King*

3. *The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you  
Drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God. Chorus*

4. *And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond  
And to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth  
  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King*

## Distribution Hymn

“What Is This Bread” - #629

1 **What is this bread?  
Christ's body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break,  
This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.**

3 **So who am I,  
That I should live and He should die  
Under the rod?  
My God, my God,  
Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see—the Lord is free.**

2 **What is this wine?  
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace  
Brings His embrace  
Of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see—the Lord is King.**

4 **Yet is God here?  
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul  
He makes us whole—  
Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see—the Lord is real.**

5 **Is this for me?  
I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe  
That I receive  
His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see—the Lord is good.**

## Distribution Hymn

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” - #637

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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## Nunc Dimittis (*sung*)

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| <p><b>C</b> 1 O Lord, now let Your servant<br/>Depart in heav'nly peace,<br/>For I have seen the glory<br/>Of Your redeeming grace:<br/>A light to lead the Gentiles<br/>Unto Your holy hill,<br/>The glory of Your people,<br/>Your chosen Israel.</p> | <p>2 All glory to the Father,<br/>All glory to the Son,<br/>All glory to the Spirit,<br/>Forever Three in One;<br/>For as in the beginning,<br/>Is now, shall ever be,<br/>God's triune name resounding<br/>Through all eternity.</p> |
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## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.



## Benedicamus

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- A** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - #686

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\*Postlude

## Participants

**Preacher** ..... Vicar Kurt Hellwig  
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**Organist** ..... Mr. Andrew Schempf  
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*Altar  
Flowers*

*Altar flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of  
their 55th Wedding Anniversary on September 5th  
placed by Tom & Carol Brown*

*Altar flowers in the Fellowship Hall are in honor of  
their 30th Wedding Anniversary on September 2nd  
placed by Tim & Susan Deppe*


**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Ways I'd like to serve:**

<input type="radio"/> Greeter <input type="radio"/> Parking Lot Help <input type="radio"/> Bell Ringer <input type="radio"/> Screen Operator <input type="radio"/> Audio/Visual Technician <input type="radio"/> Sunday School <input type="radio"/> Other _____	<input type="radio"/> Youth Ministry <input type="radio"/> Usher <input type="radio"/> Connections Café / Food Server <input type="radio"/> Communion Assistant / Set Up <input type="radio"/> Bible Bubble Leader <input type="radio"/> Office Help
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**How often I'd serve**

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Obey the Lord and serve him faithfully  
 with all your heart.  
 Remember the great things  
 he has done for you.  
 1 Samuel 12:24