

ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion Sunday
September 6, 2020**

9:00 a.m.

Parking Lot/Lawn Chair Service



GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of God the Creator, the Love of Christ the Redeemer, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit the Comforter be with your all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: 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

New Testament Reading: Romans 13:8-14 (Good News Translation)

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.

⁸ Be under obligation to no one—the only obligation you have is to love one another. Whoever does this has obeyed the Law. ⁹ The commandments, "Do not commit adultery; do not commit murder; do not steal; do not desire what belongs to someone else"—all these, and any others besides, are summed up in the one command, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." ¹⁰ If you love others, you will never do them wrong; to love, then, is to obey the whole Law.

¹¹ You must do this, because you know that the time has come for you to wake up from your sleep. For the moment when we will be saved is closer now than it was when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over, day is almost here. Let us stop doing the things that belong to the dark, and let us take up weapons for fighting in the light. ¹³ Let us conduct ourselves properly, as people who live in the light of day—no orgies or drunkenness, no immorality or indecency, no fighting or jealousy. ¹⁴ But take up the weapons of the Lord Jesus Christ and stop paying attention to your sinful nature and satisfying its desires.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *from Psalm 119*

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 (New Revised Standard Version)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[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.

Message “Community Rules”

“Humm” of the Day Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
 to keep his statutes still!
 Oh, that my God would grant me grace
 to know and do his will!

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
 a stricter watch to keep;
 and should I e'er forget your way,
 restore your wand'ring sheep.

2 Order my footsteps by your word
 and make my heart sincere;
 let sin have no dominion, Lord,
 but keep my conscience clear.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,
 'tis a delightful road;
 nor let my head or heart or hands
 offend against my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Prayers of Intercession

MEAL

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

 You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

 You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

 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 a people
 for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

 Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church,
 both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Lord has taught us . . .

Invitation to Communion

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

The people open the portion of their Fellowship Cup with the morsel of bread and take it when the words are said, "The Body of Christ given for you."

Then, the people tip the Fellowship Cup over and open the taste of grape juice and drink it when the words are said, "The Blood of Christ shed for you."

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

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.**

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

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Please remember in prayer:

- All our friends who cannot be with us today due to health, employment or other circumstances.



Looking Ahead....

Update on Lutheran World Relief Fall Drive

During Lent, we were collecting items for our Personal Care Kits. Unfortunately, COVID-19 shut down our church services and we fell short on finishing the collection of needed items.

- On Sunday, September 13, we will be taking a special collection so that we may purchase towels to finish our LWR Personal Care Kits.
- On Sunday, September 20, the Personal Care Kits and Quilts will be blessed.

Note: Unfortunately, we will not be donating Baby Kits and School Kits to LWR this year. It is our hope that we can start collecting items for these kits once the Covid-19 pandemic has passed.

Update on Norwegian Dinner



The Norwegian Dinner has been postponed. The Parkview School District is not currently allowing Visitors/Non-Essential individuals into the buildings. We use the Parkview facilities for much of the Norwegian Dinner preparation. There is also a concern regarding the safety of the workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Church Council will revisit the subject in January 2021 to see if we are able to hold the Norwegian Dinner in the Spring of 2021.