



Fourteenth Sunday After The Pentecost

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"Greatness"

Matthew 18:1-20

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Opening Hymn - Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611 vv. 1, 2, 5

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1John 1:8

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** John 20:21-23

Kyrie (Lord, have mercy) *Mark 10:47*

Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy

Gloria in Excelsis *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth
Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus birth
We praise and bless you Father Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory Lord God our heavn'ly king
To You, O sole begotten the Father's Son we pray O Lamb of God, our Savior You take our sins away
Have mercy on us, Jesus Receive our heartfelt cry
Where You in power are seated At God's right hand on high
For You alone are holy You only are the Lord Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Collect for The Fourteenth Sunday After The Pentecost (short prayer before hearing the Word)

P 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**

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading -

Ezekiel 33:7-9

"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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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

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. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ 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, ⁴ 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. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ 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." ¹⁰ 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.**

Gospel Reading -

Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them³ and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.⁵ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,⁶ 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."⁷ "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!"⁸ 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.⁹ 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.¹⁰ "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."¹¹ ¹² 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?¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.¹⁵ "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."¹⁶ 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.¹⁷ 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.¹⁸ 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.¹⁹ 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.²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord **C Praise to you O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn – "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

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- 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.
- 2 How can Your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light Your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us, How great our debt to You!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

Hymn - Where Charity and Love Prevail

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- 1 Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek; Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

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Prayers of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who while he was with us, walking among us, taught us to pray:

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 Song

(based on Numbers 6:24-26)

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father And the grace of Christ the risen Son
And the fellowship of God the Spirit Keep our hearts and minds within His love

Chorus

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain Christ eternal the King of kings

May this peace which passes understanding And this grace which makes us what we are
And this fellowship of His communion Make us one in spirit and in heart - *Chorus*

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"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27

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