

Dismissal

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

A Together with Christ...

C We Care!

Postlude

****Communion is available upon exiting the church.**

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EVENTS

Sept 8-12	1:30 pm Daily Devotion
Sept 9	8:30 am T.O.P.S.
Sept 12	5:00 pm Worship
Sept 13	8:00 am Handbell Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School on Zoom

Flowers: To the glory of God: Larry & Mary Engebretson



14th Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, September 5, 2020
5:00 PM
Sunday, September 6, 2020
9:00 AM

+ GATHERING +

Prelude

Call to Worship

P Long ago a vineyard was planted. The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

C **But the vines grew wild, the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.**

P What happened in that place of promise?

C **People forgot the One who planted the vineyard. They chose their own ways and failed.**

P Let us again turn to the Lord, who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

C **Let us open our hearts to God, trusting in God's ways and God's word. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

A O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.

C **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 +

First Reading **Ezekiel 33:7-11**

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

Gospel Reading **Matthew 18:15-20**

Children's Time

Message

Moment of Reflection/Musical offering

Prayers of the People

each petition ends: A Lord, in your mercy
 C **hear our prayer.**

the prayers conclude: A ... through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 C **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

P God of all righteousness, we know how the apostle Paul counted himself as a righteous person when zealously carrying out the law as a Pharisee. He considered himself to be blameless, but counted all that as loss when he came to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. From that time on, righteousness took on a new meaning. Paul knew that he no longer needed to perform exemplary deeds in order to earn your love. All he had to do was to accept your gracious and unconditional love.

C Forgive us, O God, when we believe that righteous behaviour is all that is needed to secure your love. (silent reflection)

P We know that we can neither earn nor deserve all that you have done for us.

C Help us to surrender our wordly attitudes and values so that, like Paul, we can celebrate anew lives centred in Jesus Christ. (silent reflection)

P Paul acknowledges a desire to participate in the death and resurrection of Christ so that he can die and rise also. He urges others to do likewise.

C Forgive us, O God, when we lose sight of the goal of our lives as Christians—that of following Jesus;

P Merciful God, in the agony of the crucifixion, we see the lengths you were prepared to go, to 'do great things for us'.

C Whatever gains we may have experienced in our lives, like Paul may we regard them as loss, compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus as our Lord. This we pray in his name. Amen

Words of Assurance

P The Lord has indeed done great things for us, as '*our righteousness is one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.*' (Phil.3: 9)

The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ we are accepted, we are loved, we are forgiven.

C Thanks be to God!

+ COMMUNION +

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Creator God—
as we return now to our homes, workplaces, and communities,
may Your Spirit open our eyes anew
to the vastness and splendor of Your beauty all around us.

May we hear, and smell, and see, and touch
Your glory evident in all of Your creation.

Above all, let us see Your beauty
even in the brokenness of our brothers and sisters—
all of them, created in Your image,
and waiting to experience that redemption that comes
only through Christ Jesus our Lord.

We go now to love and serve our Lord—Amen.