



ATONEMENT

LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Sharing the Love of Jesus by Glorifying God and Extending His Kingdom”



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

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Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. Your presence here means a lot to us and to God. We desire your experience to be spiritually enriching and fulfilling. Come celebrate with us **each Sunday**, and grow in faith.

Service Times

Sundays: Traditional 10 a.m.

Watch us Livestream at: www.discoveralc.com

Today's Worship Leaders

Preaching
Assisting Minister
Reading
Children's Moment
Keyboardist

Vocalists

IT/Video
Celebration Choir Director

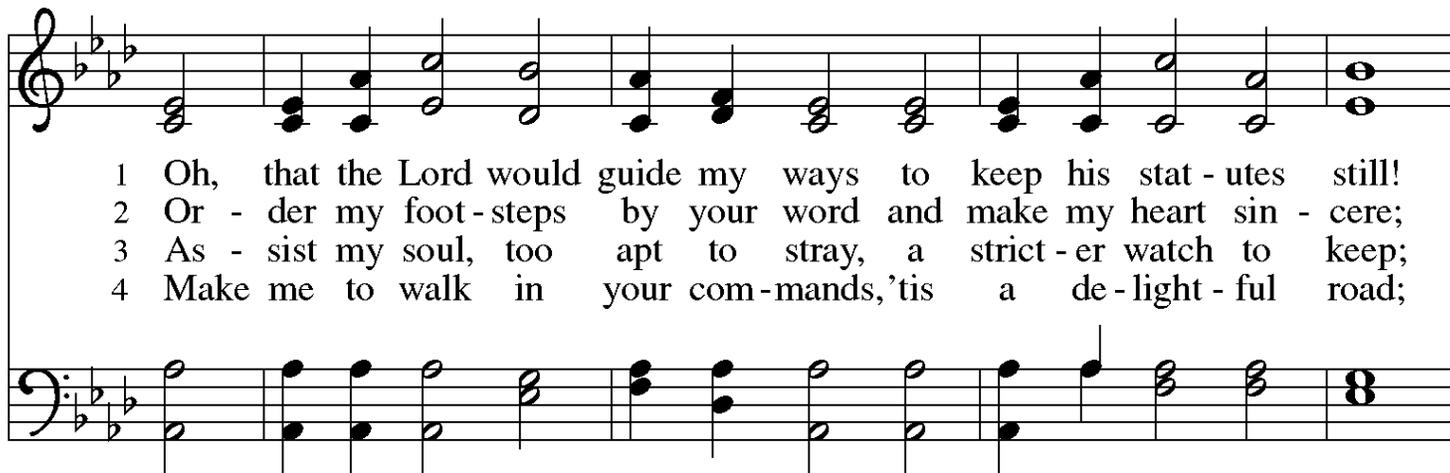
Intern Pastor Esthel Kane
Detlev Aeppel
Rebecca Parker
Jan Gerle
Ken Hanks
Brian Lindner
Kristen Styles
Julie Kaufmann
Rebecca Parker
Scott Giesking
Ruby Agnir

As the chimes sound, please prepare for worship in silence.

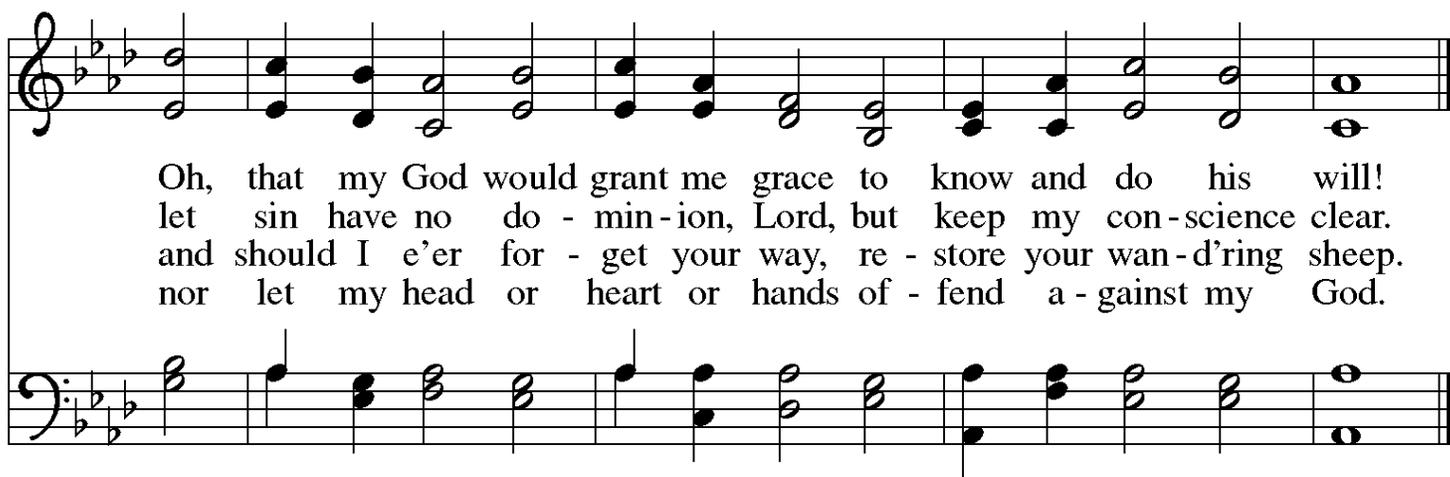
PRELUDE

WELCOME

ENTRANCE "OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS" (ELW 772)



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (NOW THE FEAST ELW 157)

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

Refrain

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

Refrain

God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

The First Lesson is from the 33rd Chapter of Ezekiel

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

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.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:8-14

The Second Lesson is from the 13th Chapter of Romans

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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, "Love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Praise the Name of Jesus" (OSB 173)

Eb Gm Ab Bb7 Eb Gm7 Ab Bb7

Praise the name of Je - sus praise the name of Je - sus

Ab Gm7 Ab Gm7 Ab Gm7

He's my rock He's my fort - ress He's my de - liv - er - er in

F7 Bb7 Eb Gm7 Fm7 Bb7 Eb sus Eb

him will I trust praise the name of Je - sus

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.**

SERMON

The Sermon. Silence for reflection may follow.

ANTHEM “O Let Us Go Unto the House of the Lord” by Mosley
Ruby Agnir, Soloist

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.

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN Word of God Speak

Words and Music by Bart Millard and Pete Kipley

Verse 1

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say

Chorus

Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know
That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness
(Word of God speak)

Verse 2

I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice

Ending

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community (*especially*). Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit (*especially The Family of Sharon Davis, The Family of Mary Lyman, The Family of Marvella Muzik, Mark Shannon, Jean Lyle and Rorey*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Precious Lord, you make the renewal of our lives and loves possible through your grace. Be with those who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Ronel Udo and Shad Latson. And those celebrating anniversaries including Robin & John Phifer. May they

continue to know your joy and presence in all that the years may bring.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C Am G Am F G C
Our Fa - ther in - hea - ven, - Hal - lowed be your name, Your

5 Am F G Am F C G C C F
king - dom - come, Your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our

10 C Am F G C F G C F G
dai - ly bread, For - give us our sins as we for - gi - ve those who sin a - gainst

16 C Am Dm Am G G7 Am
us. Save us from the time of - trial and de - liv - er us from - e - vil. For the -

21 F C G Am F G C Am Em
king - dom the pow - er and glo - ry are yours, Now and for - ev - er. A - men, -

26 F C Dm G C
A - - - men, A men I sing A me - en.

BLESSING

The minister blesses the congregation.

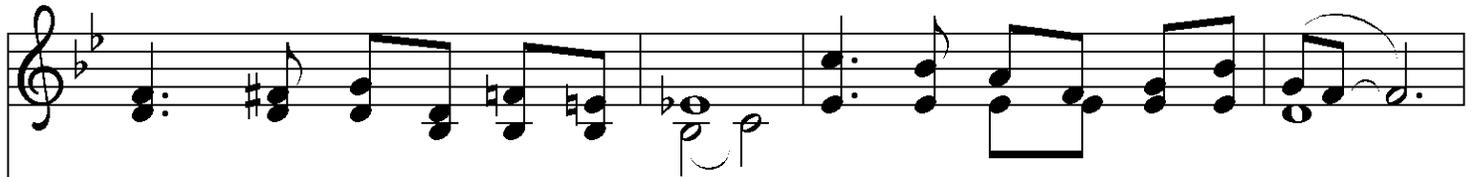
Mothering God,

Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,

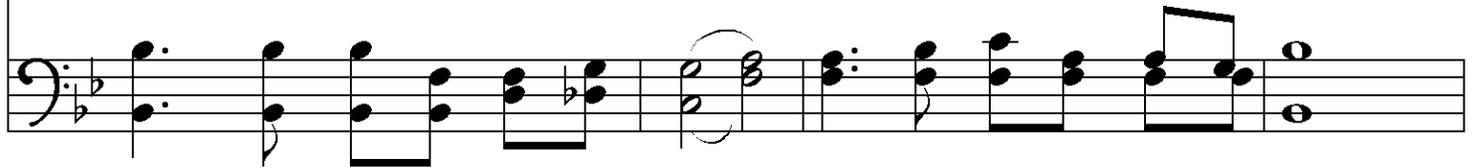
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

SENDING SONG "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" (ELW 697)



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Upcoming Commemorations

Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the slaves that arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

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IMPORTANT UPDATE



As of September 26, 2020 please resume mailing all correspondence/offering and donation checks to the church address:

29617 State Road 54 Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

Thank you,

Carol Rothgeb



The church office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2020



This link will be the same every Sunday!
<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/98195691140>

SUNDAYS BEFORE SERVICE
@ 9:15AM

Virtual Narthex

An email invitation will be sent out to everyone on that week. If you don't receive an email call our office 813-973-2211 or email office@discoveralc.com Monday through Friday 10am to 3pm



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SEPTEMBER 13TH

We will be collecting for a local animals rescue:

- ◆ Handwritten encouragement letters and cards for employees & volunteers
- ◆ Dog & Cat dry food
- ◆ Dog Toys Only Rubber or Plastic
- ◆ Cat Toys only Rubber or Plastic
- ◆ Kitten Formula & Bottles

We will collect items on:

- ◆ August 22nd (11am-2pm) & 23rd (1pm-4pm)
- ◆ September 5th (11am-2pm) & 6th (1pm-4pm)



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Glory to God!

Offering Summary for September 2, 2020

General Fund	\$3,650.00
10-4-10	85.00
Stephen Ministry	133.93
Grand Total:	\$3,868.93

**NEW
UPDATE**

MEMBERS ONLY

If you are an **ACTIVE MEMBER** at ALC, we have a new **MEMBER ONLY Page (Password Protected)** in our new website. Located under the **MORE TAB**, select **MEMBERS ONLY PAGE** Check it out: www.discoveralc.com

You need to Call Marybeth M-F 10-3 (813-973-2211) for the PASSWORD!

You will find a NEW Photo Church Directory!

Keep in touch with your church friends during this quarantine time! Pick a random person weekly just to say: Hi, how are you doing!