



**14th Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**September 6
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DIVINE SERVICE (BETHEL SETTING)

This service is adapted from the Divine Services in Lutheran Service Book.

Opening Hymn
Refrain

Father Welcomes

LSB605

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a gain.
Live in the peace of God.

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Invocation, Exhortation, and Confession of Sins

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness... Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Absolution (Forgiveness)

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

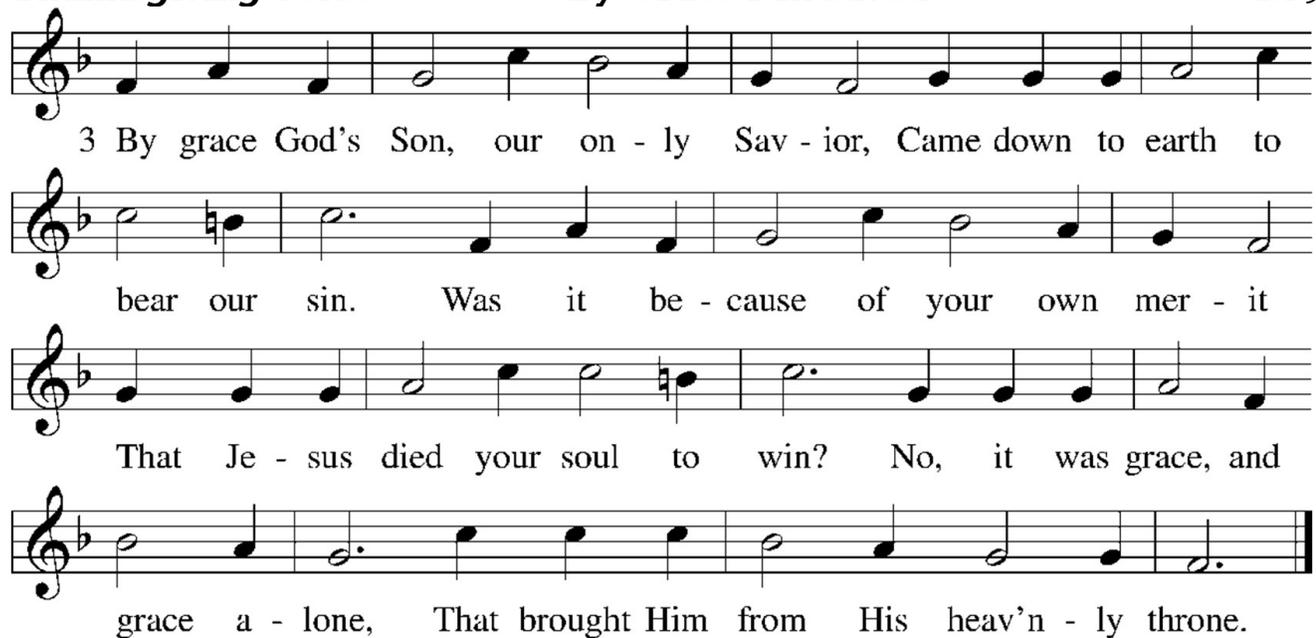
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Thanksgiving Verse

By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566 st. 3



3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

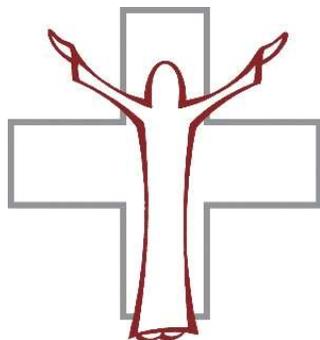
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**



Greeting and Collect (Prayer 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.**

Anthem

Happiness

Adult Choir

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

I found happiness, I found peace of mind,
 I found the joy of living, perfect love sublime,
 I found real contentment, happy living in accord;
 I found happiness all the time, wonderful peace of mind,
 When I found the Lord.

No more lonely days of pain and misery,
 For the door of happiness I've found the key,
 I have found a life of love and harmony,
 Wondrous happiness all the time, harmony so divine,
 Since I found the Lord.

I found happiness, I found peace of mind,
 I found the joy of living, perfect love sublime,
 I found real contentment, happy living in accord;
 I found happiness all the time, wonderful peace of mind,
 When I found the Lord.

I'm so happy with this brand new melody,
 I have found that life can be a symphony,
 Looking forward to that happy jubilee,
 Glorious symphony all the time, melody so divine,
 Since I found the Lord.

I found happiness, I found peace of mind,
 I found the joy of living, perfect love sublime,
 I found real contentment, happy living in accord;
 I found happiness all the time, wonderful peace of mind,
 When I found the Lord.

Old Testament Reading**Ezekiel 33:7-9 (ESV)**

[And the Lord said to Ezekiel the prophet]: ⁷“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. ⁸If 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. ⁹But 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.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle (New Testament Letter)**Romans 13:1-10 (ESV)**

¹Let 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. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For 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, ⁴for 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. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay 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.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, 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: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Praise Praise the Father, Praise the Son



1. O sov-'reign _ God, O match-less King— the saints a - dore, the an - gels
 2. These suf - fer — - ings, this pass - ing tide un - der Your wings I will a -



sing, and fall be - fore the throne of grace— to You be - longs the high - est
 -bide, and ev - 'ry en - e - my shall flee; You are my hope and vic - to -



praise. Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, Three in
 ry.



One; Clothed in pow - er and in grace, the name a - -bove all oth - er names. Yours is the



king - dom, Yours is the pow - er, Yours is the glo - ry for -



-ev - er! er! Praise the Fa - ther, praise the



Son, and praise the Spir - it, Three in One; Clothed in pow - er and in



grace, the name a - bove all oth - er names, the name a - bove all oth - er names.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1–20(ESV)

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

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

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

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but 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! ⁸And 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. ⁹And 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. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What 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? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So 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. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷If 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. ¹⁸Truly, 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. ¹⁹Again 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. ²⁰For 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.**

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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.

Hymn of the Day O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near

LSB 599; tune: 634



1 O gra - cious Lord, with love draw near To these, Your
2 Sus - tain the work You have be - gun In these u -
3 De - liv - er them from ev - 'ry wile, From all that
4 Lord, keep them firm in their in - tent To You, Your



chil - dren gath - ered here; The Spir - it's gift in
nit - ed to Your Son, For in that pure bap
would their hearts be - guile, From world - ly ways and
Word and Sac - ra - ment. O make them bold, their



them re - new: The gift of faith that clings to You.
- tis - mal flood They have been cleansed by Je - sus' blood.
Sa - tan's lies, That they may not Your Word de - spise.
faith to share And make them strong, each cross to bear.

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Sermon

Called to Be a Watchman

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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

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.

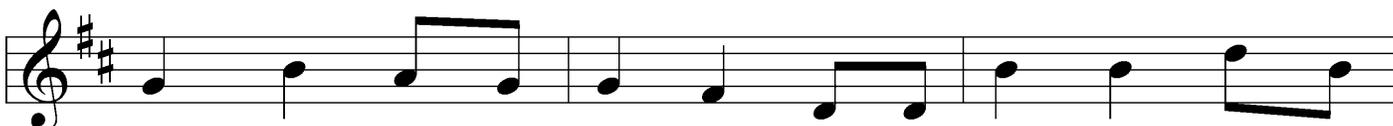
Closing Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Announcements



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



SEPTEMBER 6 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM

SEPTEMBER 13 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM

INTRO TO PASTOR WEIDLER/ANIMATE PRACTICES 10:15-11:00AM*

OUTDOOR COMMUNION & FELLOWSHIP 11:15-NOON

SEPTEMBER 20 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM

ANIMATE PRACTICES: *PRAYER* 10:15-11:15AM*

SEPTEMBER 27 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM

ANIMATE PRACTICES: *WORSHIP* 10:15-11:00AM*

OUTDOOR COMMUNION & FELLOWSHIP 11:15-NOON

BECKY LANZITO & KAREN LEICHT – ORGANISTS

ANN SOUZA - MUSIC DIRECTOR

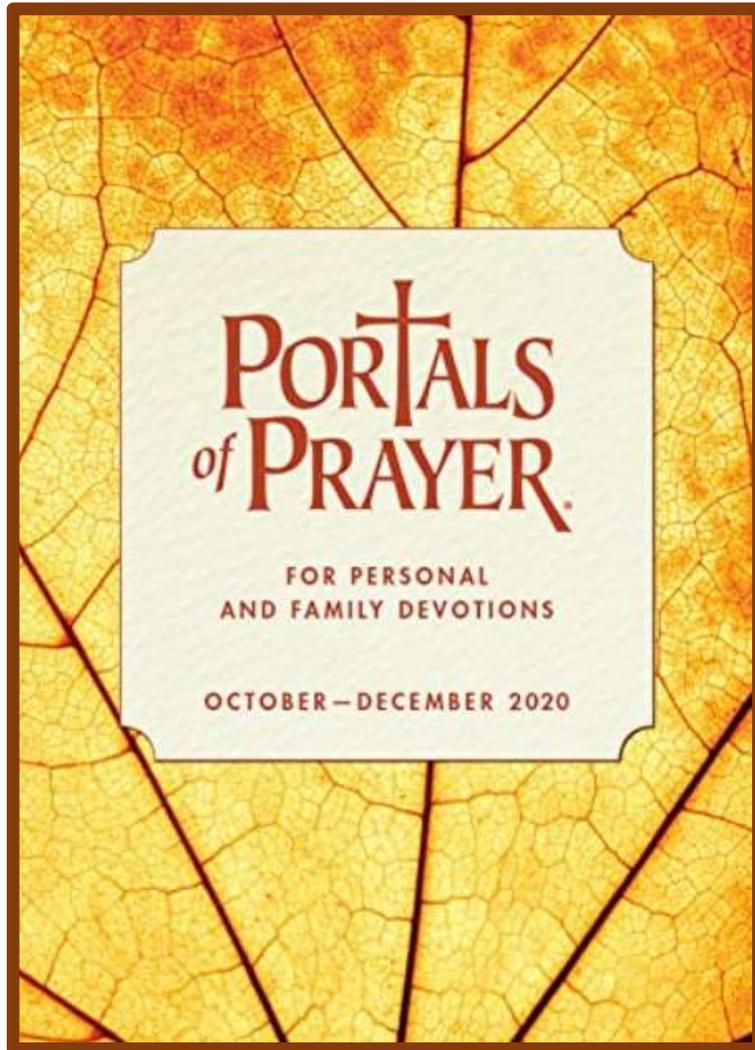
MANDI DIVER – CHOIR/NEW MUSIC ACCOMPANIST

DAVID ZIEGLER - HANDBELL DIRECTOR

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Portals of Prayer July-September 2020



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