

## Prayers of the Church

### Offering

*(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



### Offertory Hymn

*Will You Come & Follow Me*

ELW #798 (vss. 1,4,5)

### Offertory Prayer

L: God of power, God of plenty,

C: **all things belong to you.**

**We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

### Holy Communion

+Words of Institution

+Lord's Prayer

+Distribution Hymn

+Blessing

*I Come with Joy*

ELW #482

### Benediction

### Three-fold Amen

### Closing Hymn

*Bind Us Together*

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### Sending:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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***Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!***

*"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office."*

Sunday, September 3, 2023; 9:30 am Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Prelude

### Welcome/Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  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.**

P: Let us confess our sins,

**C: 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 loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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. Amen.**

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 minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

*Amazing Grace*

ELW #779 (vss. 1, 2 & 4)

## Prayer of the Day (All)

**O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Wed. Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Baptismal Hymn**     *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*     ELW #817 (vss. 1 & 2)

## Service of Holy Baptism

ELW p. 227

*Rory Merrill Peterson is baptized today. His parents, Kara & Matthew Peterson with sponsors, along with the faith community called Beaver Valley, celebrate his new birth in Christ.*

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Baptismal Hymn**     *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*     ELW #817 (vss. 3 & 4)

## First Lesson

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Janet Andersen

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me,

and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,

and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back,

and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,

and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

## Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Alleluia Verse

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

ELW # 538

## Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

<sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

## Children's Sermon

Mary Lee

## Sermon

"Overcome Evil with Good"

Pastor Greg Johnson

## Hymn of the Day

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

ELW #551 (vss. 1,2 & 4)