

# **Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

## **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:00 a.m. Worship**

Scott Musselman, Pastor

**September 6, 2020**

Jan Houser, Music Director

*P=Pastor; C=Congregation*

**Prelude: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" – arr. Mark Hayes**  
Jan Houser, piano

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### ***Gathering to Worship the Risen Christ***

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#### **Greeting**

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

C **And also with you.**

#### **Sharing the Peace of God**

*Make a loving gesture and proclaim the power of God's peace to those near you.*

#### **Our Identity**

P Christ is risen!

C ***He is risen, indeed!***

P Therefore, we come to be "*Growing Together in Christ;*

C ***Reaching Out in Love.***"

**Opening Hymn: "Chief of Sinners Though I Be "**

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#### **Confession/Forgiveness**

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

P We confess our sins before God and one another(*Pause for silence and reflection*).

P Guiding God,

C **You have shown us how to live a good life, yet we think we can do better on our own. We do not honor you or our neighbors, instead choosing to follow our selfish desires. We long to be free and yet hold others' wrongs against them. Release us from this endless cycle of guilt and poor choices. Restore us to yourself again, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

P We are God's beloved children and we have been forgiven! Now live in the joy which this grace provides, and share the good news with others. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

**P Merciful God,**

C You know the frailty of our souls even when we will not admit it. Give us courage to be honest about our faults, so that we can truly receive the forgiveness you have freely offered, for Jesus' sake, Amen.

**Special Music: "Sweet Hour of Prayer/What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**  
Medley Jennifer Plochberger, solo; Jan Houser, piano

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## *Hearing the Good News of Christ*

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P The holy scripture according to Luke 11:2-4

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message: Help! – And Other Prayers - How Do We Get There?**

**Sermon Hymn: "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"**

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## *Growing Together in Christ*

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### Litany

L: For sins we've committed,

**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For all we've forgotten,

**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For those we have wronged,

**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For those we've ignored,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For favoring ourselves,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For blindness to need,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For nurturing greed,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For cheating in small ways,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For covering our tracks,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For being exclusive,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For not speaking up,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For easy escapes,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For acting the martyr,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For promises broken,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For kindness ignored,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For lies big and small,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For lack of awareness,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For endless excuses,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For dodging our duty,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For not seeking pardon,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: For closing ourselves,  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: We're grateful you always  
**C: Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: And holding back nothing,  
**C: You love us, O Lord.**

L: Restore us with mercy  
**C: And with your forgiveness.**

L: We open our hearts  
**C: And receive you with thanks.**

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## *Reaching Out in the Love of Christ*

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### **Offering**

*Please sign the connection cards and place them in the offering plate as you depart after worship.*

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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 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.

### **Communion**

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **Prayers of the Church**

#### **Benediction**

**P** Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

#### **Our Mission**

**P** We are people who are *"Growing Together in Christ."*

**C** Therefore, we are *"Reaching Out in Love."*

**P** So go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude: "Dialogue" – Gilbert M. Martin**  
**Jan Houser, piano**