

# *14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 6, 2020*



*Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)*

*10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134*

*“Celebrating and sharing God’s Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others”*

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,



2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,



3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



*Refrain*  
wom-an or man, no more.



one in the Lord of all.



gath-ered to one for all.

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 Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ  
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**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**

Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts:

**God of love, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, let us pray to our God:

**God of love, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, and for the unity of all people, let us pray to our God:

**God of love, have mercy.**

For the people of God and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to our God:

**God of love, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious God.

**Amen.**

## Glory to God

Refrain

(Women) Glo - ry to God! (Men) Glo - ry to God!

(All) Glo - ry to God in the high - est. Glo - ry, glo - ry,

Glo - ry to God a - bove. Glo - ry to God in the

Fine

high - est. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the God of Love.

Verse

1. Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain whose  
 2. Pow - er rich - es wis - dom and strength and  
 3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and  
 4. Bless - ing and hon - or glo - ry and praise be to

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blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 ho - nor and bless - ing and glo - ry are God's.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**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.**

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

So 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. If 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. But 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.

Now 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?” Say 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?

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The 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.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides 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; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

\* May be sung in canon

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “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. But 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. If 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. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, 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. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Hymn of the Day: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"..... ELW 656

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.  
 Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

**Baptism of Alaina Rose Rowen**

**PRESENTATION**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors present the candidates:*

Who presents *this child* for the sacrament of baptism?

**Sponsors: We present Alaina Rose for baptism.**

Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

**Parents: We do.**

As you bring Alaina Rose to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- to live with her among God's faithful people,
- bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that she may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Parents, Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents:* **We do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit,  
and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors:* **We do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Alaina and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

*All:* **We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Parents/Sponsors:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Parents/Sponsors:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Parents/Sponsors:* **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

Alaina Rose, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Alaina Rose with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Alaina Rose, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven."

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: 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.**

## ***Prayers of Intercession***

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. 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, pollution, and the spread of deadly viruses 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 with equity. 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 we lift up before you the names of the people on our prayer list and the names of folks we lift up before you now. 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.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith, especially those whose names we lift before you now. 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.**

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

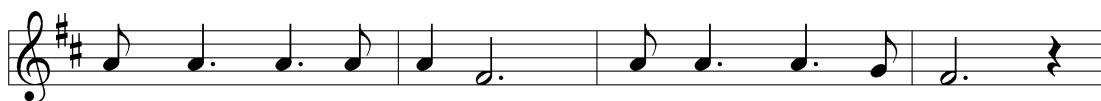
**Amen.**

## ***Offering***

We are called to reflect on how we are giving back to God for all the blessings God has given us. This includes continuing to financially support the church and its mission, along with considering how we might be called to also give and use our time and talents to further God's kingdom here on earth.



## Offertory



1 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to share?  
2 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to bring?  
3 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to give?



Coins      from the cof - fer,      hearts      filled with care.  
Love,      ripe with laugh - ter;      hope that we can sing;  
Eyes      that are wide o - pen;      lies      that we won't live;



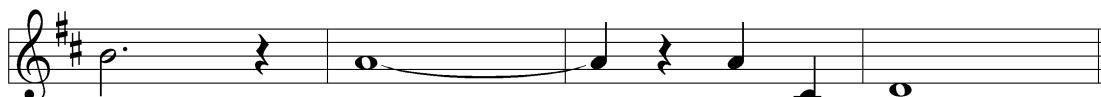
God      will not fal - ter;      so      let us dare  
dreams of what we're af - ter;      prom - is - es of when.  
truth that must be spo - ken;      jus - tice      some - how.



lay it at the al - tar      there.  
Lay it at the al - tar      then.  
Lay it at the al - tar      now.



4 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to



give?      Lives      we will live.

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Music: LET US ENTER IN: OFFERTORY, Ray Makeever

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## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

**Merciful God: We return to you the gifts that you have given: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your graciousness and love. Receive them and use them for the sake of the one who died for us. Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### ***Benediction***

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,  
and abound in thanksgiving;

and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God,  
be upon you and remain with you forever.

**Amen.**

### ***Dismissal***

Go forth in joy and in peace, and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

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