



# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Opening Song

*Behold Him*

Baloche, Wong

*Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus 1, Verse 3, Verse 4, Chorus 2, Bridge x4, Chorus 2*

*Verse 1*

He, who was before there was light,  
Waked across the pages of time,  
He who made every living thing, behold Him

*Verse 2*

He, who heard humanity's cry,  
Left His throne to wake as a child,  
He became like the least of us, behold Him.

*Chorus 1*

Jesus, son of God, Messiah,  
The Lamb, the roaring lion,  
Oh, be still and behold Him.

*Verse 3*

He, who dined with sinners and saints,  
Healed the blind, the lost and the lame,  
Even now He is in our midst, behold Him.

*Verse 4*

He, who chose a criminal's end,  
Paid with blood to settle our debt,  
Buried death as He rose to life, behold Him.

*Chorus 2*

Jesus, son of God, Messiah,  
The Lamb, the roaring lion,  
Oh, be still and behold Him.  
Jesus, Alpha and Omega; our God the risen Savior,  
Oh, be still and behold Him.

*Bridge x4*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty;  
Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise.

*Chorus 2*

Jesus, son of God, Messiah,  
The Lamb, the roaring lion,  
Oh, be still and behold Him.  
Jesus, Alpha and Omega; our God the risen Savior,  
Oh, be still and behold Him.

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

- 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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

*Psalm 32:1–7*

*Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**<sup>2</sup>Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**<sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**<sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.**

<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

**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.**

## Song of Praise *Jesus Messiah* Tomlin, Carlson, Cash, Reeves

*Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus*

1. He be - came sin, who knew no sin; that  
2. bo - dy the bread, His blood the wine

3 we might be - come His right - eous - ness; He  
Bro - ken and poured out all for love. The

5 hum - bled Him - self, and car - ried the cross.  
whole earth trem - bled, and the veil was torn.

7 Love so a - maz - ing, love so a - maz - ing.

11 **CHORUS**  
Je - sus, Mes - si - ah; Name a - bove all names;

15 Bless - ed Re - deem - er; Em - man - u - el.

19 The Res - cue for sin - ners, the Ran - som from heav -

*continued on next page*

22 *3rd time to Coda* ☩

en; Je-sus, Mes-si - ah, Lord of all.

29 *BRIDGE*

1 2

2.His All our hope is in You,

30 all our hope is in You; all the glo -

33 ry to You, God, the Light of the

36 *D.S. al Coda* ✂

world. Je - sus, Mes - si -

38 ☩ *CODA*

Je - sus, Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.

42 The Lord of all!

44 The Lord of all.

## Salutation and Collect 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.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 33:7–9*

<sup>7</sup>“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. <sup>8</sup>If 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. <sup>9</sup>But 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Romans 13:1–10*

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

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>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: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:1–20*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

<sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but 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.

<sup>7</sup>"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! <sup>8</sup>And 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. <sup>9</sup>And 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.

<sup>10</sup>"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. <sup>12</sup>What 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? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>"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. <sup>16</sup>But 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. <sup>17</sup>If 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. <sup>18</sup>Truly, 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. <sup>19</sup>Again 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. <sup>20</sup>For 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.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

*LSB 159*

**C** **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.**



Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Chorus

Verse



Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, re - newed,  
Lord, un-veil my eyes, let me see You, face to face,



— flow - ing from the grace that I've found in  
the know-ledge of Your love, as You live in



You; And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I  
me; And Lord, re - new my mind, — as Your will un-



see in me — will be stripped a - way  
folds in my life, in liv - ing ev - 'ry day



by the pow'r of Your love. \_\_\_\_\_  
by the pow'r of Your love. \_\_\_\_\_

Chorus



Hold me close, let Your love sur - round me,



bring me near, draw me to Your side;



And as I wait I'll rise up like the ea -

gle, and I will soar with You, Your Spir - it leads me  
on in the pow'r of Your love.

**Sermon**    Amazing Actions & Wonderful Words    *Week 6 of 6*

Jesus Answers

*Matthew 18:1–20*

### **Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer**

- P** Blessed Lord, You have promised that where two or three are gathered in Your name, You are in the midst of them. Hear the prayers of Your people, and grant our supplications.

*Response after each petition*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Hear us, O Lord, who cry to You in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray together,  
**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 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 grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

## Song *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* Tomlin, Newton, Giglio

*Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus, Chorus, Verse 4*

**Verse**

1. Amaz - ing - grace! how sweet  
 (2.) grace - that - taught my  
 (3.) has - promised - good

heart the sound, That saved a wretch like  
 to fear, And grace my fears re -  
 to me, His Word my hope se -

me! I once was lost, but  
 lied; How pre - cious did that  
 cures; He will my shield and

now I'm found, was blind, but now I  
 grace ap - pear The As  
 por - tion be -

see. 2. 'Twas hour I first be -  
 long as life en - dures.

**Chorus**

My chains are gone, I've been set  
 free. My God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed  
 me, and like a flood His mer - cy reigns; un - end - ing love,

18 1 - to Verse 3 (2)

a-maz - ing grace. 3. The Lord

22 2. Chorus

My chains are \_\_\_ gone, I've been set \_\_\_

24

free. My God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed

26

me, and like a \_\_\_ flood His mer - cy \_\_\_

28

reigns; un - end - ing - love, \_\_\_ a - maz - ing

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grace. 4. The earth \_\_\_ shall soon dis - solve

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\_\_\_ like the snow, the sun for - bear to shine; \_\_\_ but

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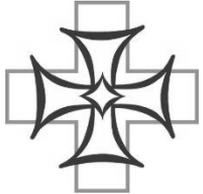
God, who called \_\_\_ me here be - low, will

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be for - ev - er mine; \_\_\_ will be \_\_\_ for - ev - er mine.

41

\_\_\_ You are for - ev - er mine.



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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

13 September 2020

### Readings

Genesis 50:15–21

Romans 14:1–12

Matthew 18:21–35

### *Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us*

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have *“mercy on your fellow servant”* and *“forgive your brother from your heart”* (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we *“are the Lord’s”* (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will *“stand before the judgment seat of God,”* we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also *“will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand”* (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends *“to bring it about that many people should be kept alive”* (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: *“I will provide for you and your little ones”* (Gen. 50:21).

