

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost—August 29, 2010

9:00 A.M. Holy Communion

The Rev. Grant Kilps preaching and presiding  
Cindy Pavano, guest musician



We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at 9 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

### IN NEED OF PRAYER

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*Note: Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.*

Dr. Donald Rotenberg, (Ina & Donald Knapp), Wayne & Dean Lord (Pat Brown), Penny Kinney (Pat Brown), Joe Pavano (Cindy Pavano), Rose Huie (Pat Brown), Rita & Keenen Black (Pat Brown), Lois Arena (Ralph Holmstrom), Lisa Viele, (Nancy Michalski), Tom (Pat Brown), Kathy G. (Pat Brown), Lori (Pat Brown), Gale Anderson (Pat Brown), Julia, Craig (Pat Brown), Laurie Trager & family mourning the death of her mother Maria, Karen, Donald, Maria (Pat Brown), Cari Walentukonis, Debborah, Russell, Kara, Austin (Pat Brown), Pat Brown (Jen & Jess), Ray Turner (Jill Pfistner), Grieving family & friends of Ruth Robinson, Everett Caswell, Sandy Abucewicz, David Walentukonis, Sue Alessi.

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### OUR VISION

**First for what is first: Christ, our Lord**  
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### Welcome!

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**Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.**

We are glad you are worshipping with us. All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Those not yet baptized are also welcomed for a blessing (cross arms when approaching).

This morning we commune at the rail in continuous fashion. Take an empty cup from the tray at the head of the aisle or if you prefer grape juice, take a pre-filled cup from the center of the same tray. Ushers will guide you to an empty space beginning at the back of the rail. You are free to return by the side aisles as soon as you are ready.

After worship, please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee.

### Gathering

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THE PRELUDE

Piano Solo

Cindy Pavano

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- ☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity... whose mercy endures forever. ☑ **Amen.**
- ☐ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*
- ☐ Gracious God,
- ☑ **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**
- ☐ God, ... that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. ☑ **Amen.**

THE OPENING HYMN All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

#634

*Verses 1, 2, 5, 6*

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

**O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Word**

## THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6–7

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

Ⓐ A reading from Proverbs:

☞ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
☞ for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Ⓐ The word of the Lord. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM 82

Read responsively

Ⓐ <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
and have great delight in God's commandments!

☞ <sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

☞ <sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

☞ <sup>6</sup>**For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

☞ <sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

☞ <sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

**Sending**

*Stand*

## THE BLESSING

☞ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ☞ **Amen**

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Ⓐ Let us pray. God our creator, at this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen**

## THE BENEDICTION

☞ The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

☞ **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

Ⓐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

Piano Solo

Cindy Pavano

**COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Thursday, September 2, 2010



**Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872**

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.

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## THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- Ⓟ Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.
- ☩ **We praise you, O God.**
- Ⓟ Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.
- ☩ **We bless you, O God.**
- Ⓟ We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
- ☩ **We thank you, O God.**
- Ⓟ 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- ☩ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- Ⓟ We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
- ☩ **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER      Right Column      Page 173, front of hymnal

*Sit*

## THE DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD      Page 174, front of hymnal

## THE COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body      #496

We gather participants for CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

## THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

Ⓐ A reading from Hebrews:

Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Ⓐ The word of the Lord. ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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- Ⓟ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.
- ☩ **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.*

¶ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

¶ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

THE SERMON

Rev. Grant Kilps

*Stand*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Gather Us In

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

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THE PRAYERS

☩ Lord, in your mercy,

☩ **hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

¶ The peace of the Lord be with you always. ☩ **And also with you.**

*The ministers and people exchange a sign of God's peace.*

Peace be with you. ☩ Peace be with you.

*Sit*

TEMPLE TALK BY DIANE WOLF on "HOMELESSNESS IS FOR THE BIRDS"

TEMPLE TALK BY ALAN ROBERTSON PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

THE PARISH CONCERNS and WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

THE MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING

Cindy Pavano

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Grant Kilps

*Stand*

THE OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards

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## Meal

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THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

☩ God of mercy and grace,

☩ **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

- ¶ The Lord be with you. ☩ **And also with you.**  
 ¶ Lift up your hearts. ☩ **We lift them to the Lord.**  
 ¶ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 ☩ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

- ¶ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE HOLY

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