

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2020

IF the two of you
agree on earth about
anything you ask,



it will be done for you
by my Father
in heaven.

Matthew 18:19

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Piano Prelude "Two Etudes"

Stephen Heller

Greeting and Announcement

Opening Hymn: #720 (vs1,2,3), "We Are Called"

JUSTICE, PEACE

720

We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be

Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God,
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more,
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to
love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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The Apostolic Greeting

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷So 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. ⁸If 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. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰Now 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?" ¹¹Say 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?

Special Music:

"Fill the Well within"

Sally DeFord

Duet By Marlys Jungroth and Vicki Hanson

1. In each passing mortal hour, All around me there is need,
There are hearts that yearn and tears that fall, and hungry souls to feed.
I must seek the spirit's wisdom, Learn compassion's gentle art,
For I cannot give with empty hands, nor love with barren heart.

CHORUS

If I would bear my brother's burden, If I would share my sister's grief,
Extend the hand of sweet compassion, Offer the weary ones relief,
If I would ease the thirst of strangers, and serve His children heart and hand,
I must drink of heaven's wells o'er-flowing, I must learn to fill the well within.

2. I will serve my savior gladly, Seek his little lambs who stray,
But if I would lead them safely home, I must know the way.
I must seek for understanding, That I may teach His children well,
If I seek to fill the soul a-thirst, I must first be filled.

CHORUS.

Children's Message

Anthem:

The Sermon **"God's Justice in the Form of God's Mercy"**

Pastor Dan Severson

712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORK

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction


Hymn "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

ELW 588(vs 1,3,4)


GRACE, FAITH

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy


588




1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Dismissal:

Organ Postlude: "Two Old English Hornpipes"

arr. Gordon Young

*Please join us Sunday at 11am for our virtual Café Hope over ZOOM.
Check your email for the message from Hope with the link to the online meeting.*

Serving in Today's Worship

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