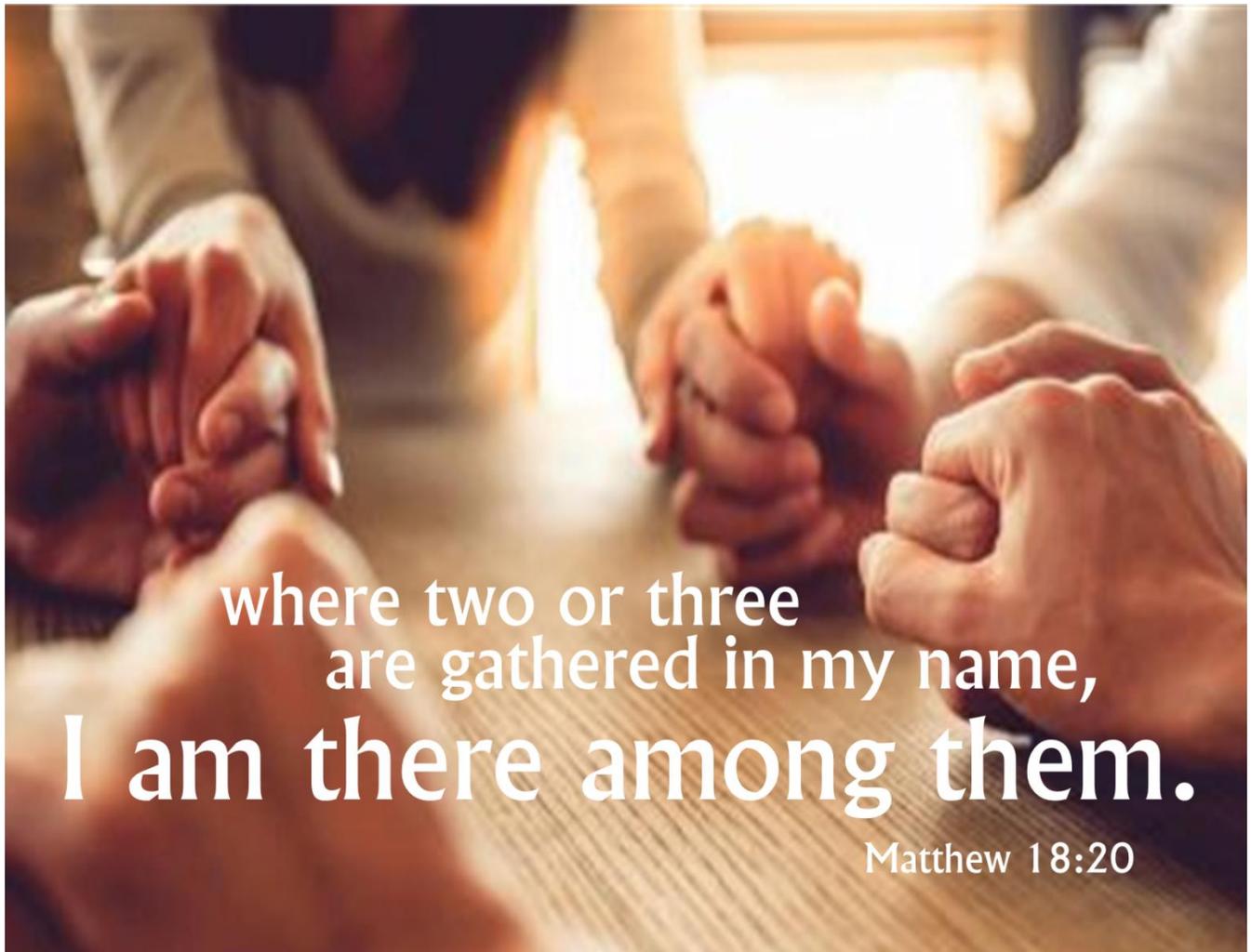


# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2020 ♦ 10:00 am



where two or three  
are gathered in my name,  
**I am there among them.**

Matthew 18:20

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## GATHERING

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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C** Amen.

☐ Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

☐ Reconciling God,

☑ **we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;**

**through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

☐ Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen.**



HYMN "Earth and All Stars" (stanzas 1,2, 3 and 5)

- 1 all
- 2 women
- 3 men
- 5 all



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
 4 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
 5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



*Refrain*  
 God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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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.  
Amen

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**A** **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**

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING Romans 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; 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, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>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; <sup>12</sup>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; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

## HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"



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.

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen**

## OFFERING

If you brought an offering with you today, you may place it in the basket.  
You may also donate your gifts by mailing them to the church or donating online at the church  
website (click on the GIVING tab)

## PRAYERS

*(Response to each petition)*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**AI 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**

## BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. Amen.

HYMN "Christ Be My Leader"

1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,  
 2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,  
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;

Safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way.  
 Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth.  
 Death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor

Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care;  
 Grant me to trust him, though shift - ing as sand.  
 dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain Can

Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
 Doubt can - not daunt me — in Je - sus I stand!  
 touch my sal - va - tion — with Je - sus I reign!



**Tangled  
Blue**



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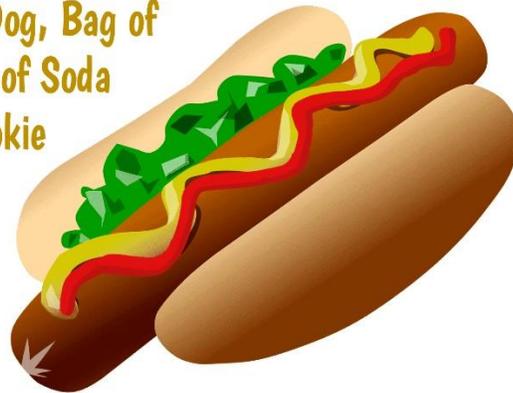
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