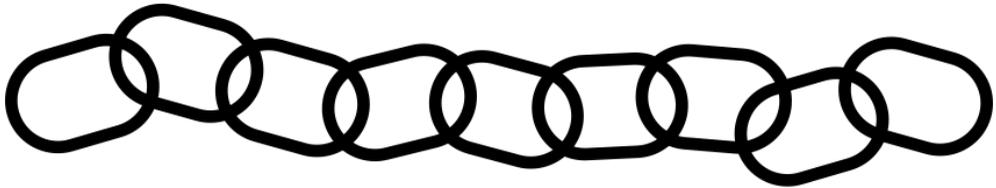




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REJOICE

Philippians 1:18

Pentecost 14

September 6, 2020

# ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)*

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## FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's eternal love for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing, or sitting will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

- Restrooms are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.
- If you have young children with you today, great! We encourage families to worship together. We do have a nursery area available just outside the chapel near the bathrooms, should you feel the need to step out of worship with your child for a moment.

## NEW WORSHIP SERIES: REJOICE

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" – *Philippians 4:4*. Really? Always rejoice? Always have joy? Don't you know what I'm going through?

Sometimes it's hard to imagine being able

to rejoice when the stresses, pains, and anxieties of life start to pile up. Yet Paul writes this beautiful, joy filled letter to the Philippians, and he writes it from a jail cell! He writes it to a church that is suffering, poor, and persecuted. God gives this letter to us, too. Rejoice!



**Today's Focus:** In today's selection from Philippians, we'll see that regardless of our current situation, Christ has blessed us. He gives us partners for encouragement as we work together.

## OUR HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE

Communing together signifies a oneness in faith, life, and worship. So we ask you to judge us; discover what we believe and determine if you wish to be one with us. If you are interested in taking communion in the future and are not a member of Eternal Love or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please speak to one of our pastors.

# OPENING HYMN

# Father We Praise You

*Christian Worship #581*



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver.  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,



Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be -  
Ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness  
Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal -



fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer prayer and  
send - ing. Bring us to heav - en, where your  
va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing



med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.  
saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.  
and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

*STAND*

## **INVOCATION**

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

### ***Kyrie***

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: *Let us pray.*

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE WORD

### GOSPEL

### Matthew 16:13-20

*Who do people say the Son of Man is? This question is as applicable today as it was in Matthew's Gospel. The question remains, "Who is Jesus?" Inspired by the Holy Spirit could Peter's answer be any better? Hear it now for yourselves.*

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup>They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?"

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children remain seated with their families as pastor shares a message.*

HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

*Christian Worship #566*



1 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in  
 2 We all are called to ser - vice, To wit - ness in God's  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, And let our song be



call, Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the  
 name. Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; Our pur - pose  
 heard; Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re -



Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion  
 is the same: To touch the lives of oth - ers  
 deem - ing Word. We all are one in mis - sion;



Com - pels us from a - bove To plan and work  
 With God's sur - pris - ing grace, So ev - 'ry folk  
 We all are one in call, Our var - ied gifts



to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.  
 and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.  
 u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

<sup>1:1</sup> Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,  
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> Every time I pray for all of you, I always pray with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am convinced of this very thing: that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> I am equally convinced that it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, for both in my chains and in my defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all share in this grace with me. <sup>8</sup> Yes, God is my witness of how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> And I pray that your love may still increase more and more in knowledge and every insight. <sup>10</sup> This will result in your approval of the things that really matter, so that you will be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. . .

<sup>18</sup> Christ is being proclaimed, and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice.



## THE FIFTH PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer, as explained in Luther's Small Catechism:

**C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

M: What does this mean?

**C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or because of them deny our prayers;**

M: for we are worthy of none of the things for which we ask, neither have we deserved them,

**C: but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace;**

M: for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment.

**C: So we, too, will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

## OFFERING

*Those who wish to give an offering today may place it in the offering plates near the door when exiting the chapel after worship.*

*The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. However, we do ask that everyone take part in completing the connection card. Whether you are worshiping in person or watching online, please fill it out now or later at [www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship](http://www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship).*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*STAND*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

*Eternal Love Lutheran Church practices close communion. We ask that only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member of Eternal Love or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and are interested in communing in the future, please speak to one of our pastors.*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

### DISTRIBUTION

### PRAYER

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your  
 2 We praise you for the means of grace As home - ward



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed  
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor -



take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit.  
 shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.



He who  
 began a  
*good work*  
 in you will  
 carry it on to  
 completion

Philippians 1:6

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