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The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost July 22, 2018



For He himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility. Ephesians 2:14

PRELUDE

AS WE GATHER

We live in a divisive world. There are so many things out there that can divide us, including political viewpoints, race, gender, age, fashion, and many more. There are wars, conflicts, and rumors of war floating around every day in the news. In the Epistle, Paul speaks of a dividing wall of hostility. We have many such walls. Yet in Christ, we are reconciled to God and to one another. The walls that divide us are toppled over, and Christ makes peace between nations and peoples by His own blood. We are now one Body, one Church, serving under one Lord. May God's peace reign in your life and break down any walls that divide you from God or from others.

PRELUDE

*"Song of Hope" by Robert Schumann from Opus 28, No. 2,
Arr. by Lani Smith*

WELCOME

BIRTHDAY BLESSING July 23rd: Christina Kuebler & Nichole Snow

♪ **Thanks for our friends who celebrate
And God's rich blessings contemplate.
Praise for another year on earth.
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth. Amen.**

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" #904

Please Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The Lord is our righteous Shepherd.

People: He does not scatter us but gathers us together.

Pastor: He makes us lie down in green pastures

People: and feeds us with the bread of life.

Pastor: He leads us in paths of righteousness

People: by breaking down our dividing walls of hostility.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, we have not lived a life worthy of our righteous Shepherd. We have all built dividing walls of hostility. Let us then confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we have been divisive and have failed to live at peace with one another. At times, we have treated others as inferior because of differences of language and race, intelligence and appearance, gender and age. Forgive us for our prejudice, and break down the walls that divide us from one another and from You.

Pastor: You were once foreigners and strangers to God, but now you have been brought near by the blood of Christ. He Himself is our peace. Jesus Christ died and was raised for you so that you might be reconciled with God and with one another. As a called and commissioned 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.

People: Amen. Through Christ we are no longer strangers, but we are members of the household of God

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *music found in pew hymnal page 204*

♪ **To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus'
birth; We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy
name, we sing; Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord
God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on
high.**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord;
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High;
In God the Father's glory. "A-men!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You sent Your Son into our hostile world to make peace by His own blood. Lead us in paths of righteousness, that we seek justice, speak truth, and be peacemakers in this divisive world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be Seated

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 23:1–6

(God warns lazy, divisive shepherds of their future and promises a righteous branch to reign as King over His flock.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Ephesians 2:11–22

(Christ makes peace and breaks down all dividing walls by His cross.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *We speak together.*

**Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;
He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:30-44

(Jesus feeds the five thousand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 6th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel lesson is read)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED *found on the last page of your pew hymnal*

Please be Seated

HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation”

#644

SERMON “Leftovers” *Pastor Gary Moore*

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

“Arioso” by J.S. Bach, arr. By John Troutman

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For all families and family relationships, especially those that are strained by division, that God would break down the dividing walls of hostility and reconcile people to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the nations of the world, that there be peace among all people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all immigrants and refugees, that they be welcomed to their new homes and not treated with hatred and hostility, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all pastors who shepherd their congregations, that they not scatter their flock, but serve faithfully under our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who mourn the death of loved ones, that they find hope in the resurrection and return of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who celebrate special occasions and answered prayers, that their joy be a witness to the goodness of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who are sick and recovering, Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl, and Marjorie Cation, that they rely on the peace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your promises.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" #575

POSTLUDE *"Postlude on Ellers", based on the tune by Edward J. Hopkins, arr. By David Hegarty*

THE MESSENGER

July 22, 2018

WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and “Like” us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl, and Marjorie Cation

JULY PASTORS: July 29: Pastor Ed Trost

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY: \$

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, July 29th is **"It's Not a Cruise Ship"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Timothy Teuscher The church is not some cruise ship sailing aimlessly about in this life and merely entertaining those on board; but, rather, it is the ark, the only boat whereby, as we traverse this stormy sea of life, we are being brought safely to the other side, to eternity. (Mark 6:45-56) Hear *The Lutheran Hour* on stations KCMO (AM 710) at 8:00am, KCCV (FM 92.3) at 8:00am, KCCV (AM 760) at 8:30am, and KCCV (FM 101.5) at 8:30am.