

**HOLY COMMUNION: *Setting Four, September 06, 2020***  
**14th Sunday after Pentecost - *modified***  
**Labor Day Sunday**

**GATHERING**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP – Labor Day Prayer Litany**

P Let us pray to the Lord of our creation from whom comes life, work and purpose for us all. Lord, you have formed us out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life, you gave us work and purpose for living – service to our neighbor.

**C By our labor, we enrich the world.**

P Lord, through our work, you make us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

**C By our labor, we enrich the world.**

P Lord, you have given us all varieties of gifts to share with the world through our labor.

**C By our labor, we enrich the world.**

P For those who face dangerous conditions or hazards in their work, at times without warning or protection.

**C Lord, provide them with an extra measure of your Grace.**

P For those whose work is taken for granted and/or unappreciated.

**C Lord, provide them with an extra measure of your Grace.**

P Gracious God, you are the source of blessing, wisdom and purpose for all of us who labor. Be with us in our labor.

**C Lord, hear our prayer. Amen!**

**SPECIAL MUSIC SOLO:** sung by Roger Bokano

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Song: **He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**

1. He's got the whole world in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

2. He's got the little bitty baby in his hands.  
He's got the little bitty baby in his hands.  
He's got the little bitty baby in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.
  
3. He's got you and me, brother, in his hands.  
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands.  
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.
  
4. He's got everybody here, in his hands.  
He's got everybody here, in his hands.  
He's got everybody here, in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.
  
5. He's got the whole world in his hands.  
*(Repeat vs. 1)*



## **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** - *responsive*

A As we journey by faith in our world, let us acknowledge our sins and failures before God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

A For our indifference toward His presence in our midst,

**C We confess to you, Lord.**

A For our desire to control the time and seasons of our own destinies,

**C We confess to you, Lord.**

A For our injustices toward others – those we know and those we don't know,

**C We confess to you, Lord.**

A For lack of concern for those who will come after us,

**C We confess to you, Lord.**

A In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those of us who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

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### **Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
Everlasting is your reign.

**KYRIE** (*following*)

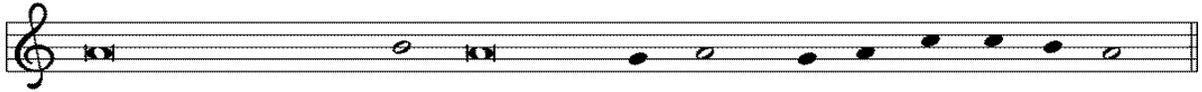
# Kyrie



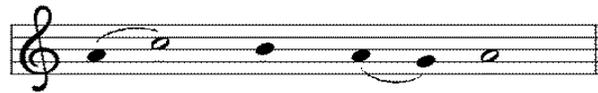
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



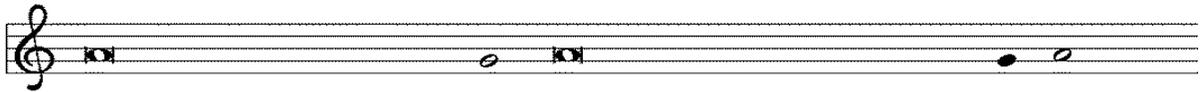
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



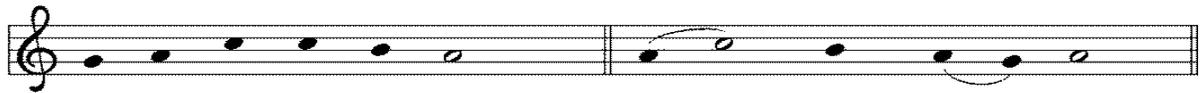
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



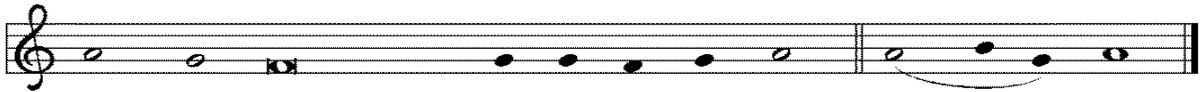
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

***(Assisting Minister)***

**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.

**Amen.**

**GOD'S WORD**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20**

**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <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.”

*The reading is concluded: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

*(Assisting Minister)*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION for September 06, 2020**

Gracious God, as we celebrate Labor Day, we thank you for having given us life, work and a sense of purpose in our lives. Lead us to use the various gifts You have given us to make a difference for good in the world. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, you are the Great Physician in all of our lives. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, healing all who are sick with this virus. Give courage and strength to all of us through this time. Lord in Your Mercy...**Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God: comfort, heal and restore the thousands of residents and businesses in Midland and Gladwin counties affected by the two failed damns that caused wide spread flooding throughout these mid-Michigan communities. Lord in your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, lead our President and Congress towards reconciliation and mutual collaboration for the good of our country's future as 'one nation under God'. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, continue to equip our church council, our church committees and the whole congregation in carrying out the ministries of Your Church. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the sick, the homebound, those grieving loved ones who have died, those listed in our church bulletin prayer list and those we lift up this morning, either silently or out loud... Lord in Your Mercy...  
**Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, hear the prayers of your people today and always. **Amen!**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

***(Assisting Minister)***

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.  
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,  
nourish us with this rich food and drink,  
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,  
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(responsive)*

A God of our ancestors, friend in our midst,  
your children come before you.  
Here is food! Here is drink!  
These things are yours before they are ours.  
Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving:  
God, we are thanking you.  
With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts in heaven,  
O God, we thank you and rejoice.  
This food - we shall eat it in your honor!  
This drink - we shall drink it in your honor!

A We thank you for giving us life.

**C We thank you!**

A We thank you for giving us freedom.

**C We thank you!**

A We thank you for bringing us peace.

**C We thank you!**

A We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.

**C We thank you!**

A We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.

**C We thank you!**

A Father, send the Spirit of life, The Spirit of power and fruitfulness.

With the Spirit's breath, speak your word into these things.

Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus,  
life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.

Give us true communion with your Son.

P On the night of his suffering,

he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.

This bread he shared among his followers, saying:

'All of you, take this, eat this;

it is my body, handed over for you.

Do this and remember me.'

**C The body of Christ! Amen.**

P Then he shared drink with them, saying:

'All of you, take this, drink this; it is my blood, the blood of the  
new covenant that begins now and lasts forever.

This blood is poured out for you and for all people so that sins  
may be taken away. Do this and remember me.'

**C The blood of Christ! Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come, for all is prepared. **Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

### **TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen us and keep us in His grace.  
**Amen.**

*(Assisting Minister)*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine on us and  
be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with great favor and give... us  
peace.  
**Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN *This Is My Father's World***

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This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**