

Pentecost 14

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Celebrate (Introduction)

“The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God’s words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn’t grasp Jesus’ words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.”

Opening Hymn: [ELW 414 - Holy God, We Praise Your Name](#)

Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 430 – Rejoice, the Lord is King](#)

1st Reading: [Jeremiah 15:15-21](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 26:1-8

[Plea for Justice and Declaration of Righteousness](#)

Of David.

¹ Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

² Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.^[a]

⁴ I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;

⁵ I hate the company of evildoers
and will not sit with the wicked.

⁶ I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

⁸ O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

2nd Reading: [Romans 12:9-21](#)

The Gospel: [Matthew 16:21-28](#)

Hymn: [ELW 800 – Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart](#)

The Message: ([Sermon Audio Link](#)) - Pastor Jack

Offering*: ([On-Line giving Link](#))

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially: Pam Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Bob Hardy, Angela Hays, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Jerry Shea, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you;

The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters

Live on knowing God's love,

The joy of living this life of love,

And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.

So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 534 – Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise](#)

Announcements

- **Today** – Pastor Greg is enjoying a long weekend away with Monica
- **Sunday, 9/10/2023** – Start of the Narrative Lectionary
- **Sunday, Note change: 9/10/2023** – Epiphany Picnic ~ 11:00 am (after EpiphanyWorship)

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