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Peace and Joy in Every Day.
—Isaiah 55:12

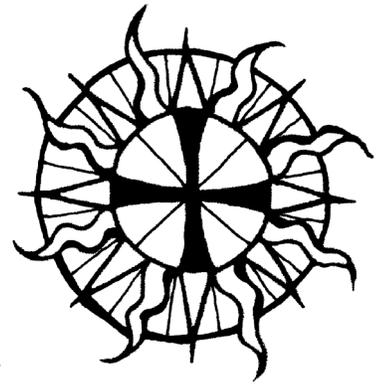
The Weekly Word

Scripture Readings for Sunday, September 6, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
All Readings Have Been Included in this week's Weekly Word

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we
have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy
on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and
walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God
forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by
his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name
of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*“You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace. The mountains and the hills before
you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.”*

—Isaiah 55:12

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

■ FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

■ PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. ³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart. ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire. ³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain. ³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way. ³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you. ³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good. ⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

■ SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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¹¹Besides 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; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

■ THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW: Matthew 18: 15-20

Jesus said to the disciples:¹⁵“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. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷If 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. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, 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. ²⁰For where two or

Praise to you, O Christ!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P: Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community, especially (*names*). Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution, especially (*names*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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P: Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit, especially (*names*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



SUNDAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS		
September 6th	8:30	11:00
Ushers	Judith Amdal	VOLUNTEER
Assisting Minister	John Race	VOLUNTEER
Lector	John Race	Tom Kellen

Our Reformation Family member, Bill Oshel, is now residing at Hospice House of Williamsburg.

Visitors are welcome, but please call first. Masks are required. Contact information is:

Hospice House of Williamsburg
4445 Powhatan Parkway
Williamsburg, VA 23188
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and decided to wait a bit longer, so

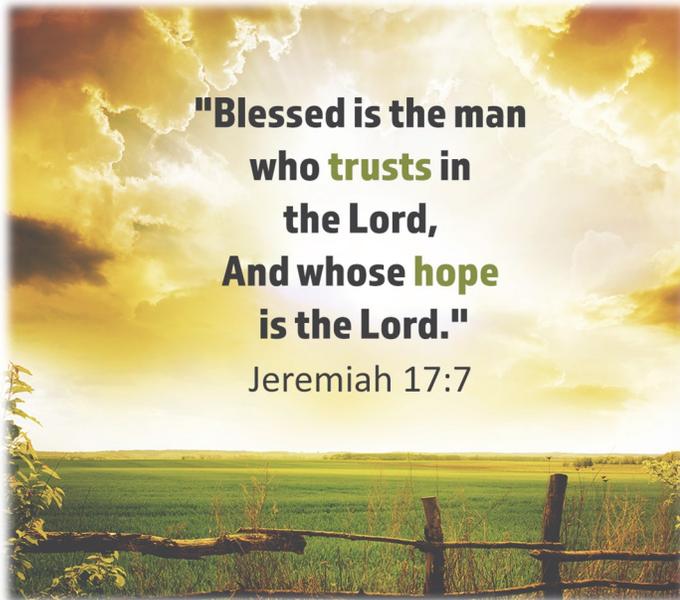
**Reformation
Coffee Group**



Stay tuned, of course!

zoom **SUNDAY,
September
6th at 10am!**

TO CALL INTO THE ZOOM MEETING,
the participant will need to call:
(415) 762-9988 or (646) 568-7788 AND
follow the verbal instructions. Enter
the meeting ID you wish to join, followed
by the # key. You will be asked to enter
your participant ID. If you do not know
your participant ID, simply press the #
key. Please join us!



**"Blessed is the man
who trusts in
the Lord,
And whose hope
is the Lord."**

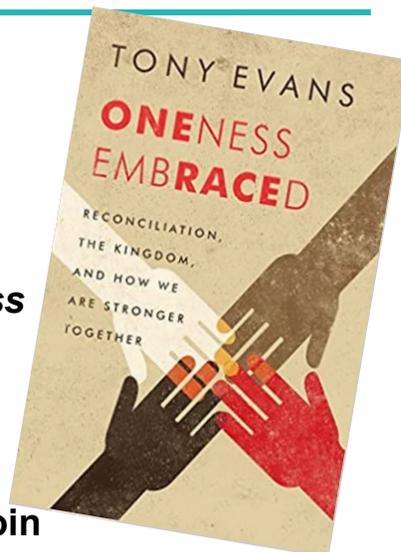
Jeremiah 17:7



**JOIN US FOR
TABLE TALK
TONIGHT AT
6:30 P.M. ON
ZOOM!** We are
discussing the
book, **"Oneness**

Embraced," by Dr. Tony Evans.
Copies are available on Amazon
and Barnes & Noble websites.

**Since we are just beginning
this book, now is the time to join
us for fellowship and interesting
discussion. We look forward to
seeing you!!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Barbara Kindler

Tuesday, September 8th

Joy Irick

Wednesday, September 9th

Tedde Eckstrom

Thursday, September 10th