

Time after Pentecost

Lectionary 14

July 8, 2018



Gathering Song *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* **Hymn # 836**
Hymn of the Day *O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True* **Hymn # 675**
Sending Song *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* **Hymn # 742**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1–5

In 597 B.C., the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

A: A reading from Ezekiel

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 123

Read Responsively by whole verse (bold type)

¹To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

A: A reading from 2 Corinthians

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — ⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



P:*The holy gospel according to St. Mark*

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Petition Response to Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**)

*Nicole Nicholson, Church Musician
 Elaine DiChiara, Administrative Assistant
 Roxanne Toomey, Deacon
 April Pace, Nursery School Director*

We Welcome all visitors to our services. Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary. On Sunday mornings we invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in Room 2000 immediately following the 9:00 am worship service.

Parents with Restless Children may wish to move to the Library where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.

The Altar Flowers are given by Eileen & Dennis Colton for special blessings and in honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary; by **Margaret Dahlberg** in loving memory of **Roy Dahlberg** on the anniversary of their wedding; by **Doris Gannon** in loving memory of **Thomas P. Gannon** on his birthday anniversary and by **Claudia and John Gross** for their uncle, **George Koch**, on his birthday anniversary.

The Communion Elements are a gift from Roxanne Toomey in loving memory of **Leona Wilcox Wisotzke**.

Serving Today

Deacon: 9:00-Roxanne Toomey
 Lector: 9:00-Roxanne Toomey
 Comm.Assists:9:00-Hans Vogel, June Fahey
 Acolyte: 9:00-Delaney Gercken
 Crucifer: 9:00-

Ushers: 9:00-Craig Sparke, Ann Reimer, Barbara Reimer,
Lynn Gentile
Altar Guild: Kay Riese, Emmy Grenzign, June Fahey, Ann Reimer
Counters: Roger Ohlander, Bob Rath, Barbara Rath,
Bill Henderson
Flower Delivery: Lilly Ann Munnich
Coffee Hour Hosts: The Ewing Family

Announcements for the Week of July 8, 2018

Many thanks to The Ewing Family for hosting our Coffee Hour today.

PLEASE NOTE: The Summer Communion Assistant Sign-up Sheet is on the desk in the back of the Sanctuary. If you can help out on any Sunday morning, please sign up on the sheet. **Your help will be much appreciated!**

The Eastern Nassau WELCA Bible Study will meet for their annual picnic on Wednesday, July 18th from 10 am - 2 pm. The picnic will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1692 Bellmore Ave., No. Bellmore (between Sunrise Hwy. & Southern State). The garden at this church raises vegetables for the INN at Freeport. A tour of the garden has been scheduled for 10:15 am. They also have a labyrinth. Joyce Anderson will lead the study in prayer. Because the host church is very environmentally concerned, please bring your own plate/mug/utensils "mess kit" for lunch which you can take home to wash. (No paper or "throw-aways") All facilities are totally handicapped accessible. Bring a lawn chair, your lunch, beverage and a food item to share for the picnic. All women are invited to join our annual picnic study.

Please note the Christian Nursery School insert - two positions are open - a teacher and a teacher aide position. Any questions please call the church office - 516-221-3286.

SAVE THE DATE – Christ Lutheran Church’s Annual Golf Outing has been moved to the Fall. It will be held at Lido Golf Course in Lido Beach on Friday, **September 14.**

Just a reminder – Eyeglass Collection Box – If you have any old eye glasses that you no longer need or use, the Wantagh Lion’s Club is collecting them. There is a box in the hallway outside the Library where you may donate your old glasses. Thank You!

Nursery School Registration for the 2018 - 2019 School Year is in progress. There are classes for 2, 2-1/2, 3 and 4 year olds, mornings only. If you have any questions about the program, please call the Nursery School at 516-679-8425

The Following People Are on Our Prayer List ~ We Remember Them in Our Prayers ~

Jose Alves, Ellen Bacotti, Nancy Balland, Ellen Bello, Carole Brodman, William Callanan, Jerry Cardone, James Cathcart, Donna Chillemi, Timothy Coffey, Dennis Colton, Frank DiBella, Gladys Dougherty, Lillian Eastlund, Carol Falco, Michael Florio, Lynn Franz, Barbara Grieser, Jessica Grimes, Helen Gscheidle, John Hopper, Carolyn Howard, Ed Kazcmarcyk, Florence Kirch, James Lodato, Carly Mantay, Mark Mantay, Maritza Mazza, Karen Hallgren McGuigan, Janet McShea, William McShea, Susan Mulder, Tara Nappo, Kerri Orlando, Gary Proce, Anna May Singer, George & Marylou Steele, Bruce Stevens, Natalie Stone, Austin Thomsen, Angela Ucci, Sigrid Vogel, Barbara Winkie, Glenn Wilcox, Justin

We ask that you please keep us updated and let us know of any changes. If you would like to add someone to the list who is in need of prayers, please let Pastor know or call Elaine at 221-3286.

Thrift Shop Hours:

Friday ~ 9am - 3pm

1st Saturday of month ~ 10am - 2pm

St. John's Food Pantry

instant oatmeal, chili, jelly, cookies, pork and beans,
Hamburger Helper, canned tomatoes, hash, stew, spam,
mayonnaise, dish soap

Weekly Calendar

Sun. 9:00am Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 14
Worship Service
10:00am Coffee Hour
Tues.-Thurs. - 9am-12noon Nursery School Summer Program
Fri. 9am-3pm Thrift Shop
Sun. 9:00am Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 15
Worship Service
10:00am Coffee Hour