

06/21/2020

Sunday: Proper 7, Year A

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP:

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you I cry all day long.

**For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.**

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

**Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

Let us worship God!

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION:

**You incline your ear to hear us, O Lord, when we cry to you. You are a God of compassion who gently cares for our needs in times of distress. In Christ you teach us your ways that we may walk in your truth. Your Spirit directs the way we shall go. As we discern your word we hear how you are a God who can be Trusted. Through the years you have never forsaken those who called on your name. Hear us now as we offer our praise and thanksgiving. May they be worthy of your gracious care. Amen.**

HYMN: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing (239)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Gracious God, in Christ Jesus, have mercy upon us. We are not quick to proclaim Christ as our savior. We have our own desires that demand our devotion. Other people have power over us that we dare not deny. We sometimes confuse Christ's will and our own. At times it is awkward to confess him the source of new life. With compassion he suffers, aware of our plight. O God, hear our confession, and through Christ keep us upright. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Paul reminds us how we also must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. “For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” In Christ we may live anew, with the assurance of Jesus Christ that in him we are forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

## GLORIA PATRI

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 10:24-39

## PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Hard Truths

## POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (718)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from our *Larger Catechism*)

What is the Ninth Commandment?

**The Ninth Commandment is “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”**

What are the duties required in the Ninth Commandment?

**The duties required in the Ninth Commandment are:**

- **the preserving and promoting of truth between man and man, and the good name of our neighbor, as well as our own;**
- **appearing and standing for the truth;**
- **and from the heart, sincerely, freely, clearly, and fully speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgment and justice, and in all other things whatsoever; . . .**
- **studying and practicing of whatsoever things are true, honest, lovely, and of good report.**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

**MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.**

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

HYMN: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (738)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE