

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11 ⁷ So 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. ⁸ If 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. ⁹ But 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. ¹⁰ Now 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?” ¹¹ Say 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?

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14 ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The 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, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep.

For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20 [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ If that person 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”



We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

We live and serve on land that for thousands of years, Indigenous peoples have walked. We live on the traditional territory of several Indigenous peoples, including the Neutrals, the Mississauga, the Anishnaabe and the Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their continuing stewardship of this land and we also honour the heritage and gifts of the Métis people.

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Weekly Calendar:

Monday: Pastor’s day off

Tuesday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne

Wednesday: Pickleball 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Rose City Quilters 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Pastor in Welland

Thursday: Pastor in Welland

Friday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne

Saturday: Pickleball 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

You are invited to come forward via the centre aisle and form a single line across from the steps leading to the altar area. Once you have communed and the pastor has spoken the communion blessing, you may place your used wine glass into the bowl on the stand near the side aisle. Then you may return to your seat via the side aisle.

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for this week’s service:

Scripture Reader Marilyn Schultz
Prayers Bobbye Goldenberg
Usher/Greeter Norm & Carole McLeod
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for next week’s service:

Scripture Reader Linda Borland
Prayers Marilyn Schultz
Usher/Greeter Bob Hansen
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Attendance Sunday August 30 - 12, one year ago 14.
If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

Upcoming Events:

September’s Church Council Meeting will take place on Thursday the 10th at 11:00 am.

Please join us for our 150th celebration on Sunday September 27th at 11:00 am with a catered dinner to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Psalm 119:33-40 – Tune: 879 For the Beauty of the Earth (Dix)

Reader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will keep it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.

Blest are those--most happy they--
Who the law of God obey.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Lord, you gave your laws that we
Might obey them faithfully.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.

Walk beside me, that I may
All your goodly laws obey.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, the promise you make to those who obey you.

Blest are those--most happy they--
Who the law of God obey.

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

Lord, you gave your laws that we
Might obey them faithfully.

Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

Walk beside me, that I may
All your goodly laws obey.

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn.....ELW # 835
“All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”

Prayer of the Day
WORD

First Reading.....Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm (printed in Bulletin)...119:33-40
Second Reading.....Romans 13:8-14
Gospel Acclamation.....page 151
“Glory to you, O Lord”
Gospel..... Matthew 18:15-20
“Praise to you, O Christ”

Sermon
Hymn of the Day.....ELW # 603
“God, When Human Bonds Are Broken”

Prayers of Intercession
Sharing the Peace
MEAL
Great Thanksgiving....ELW page 152
Sanctus ”Holy, Holy”...ELW page 153
Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer.....ELW page154
Lamb of God.....ELW page 154
Communion
Communion Hymns.....648 & 639
Prayer after Communion
SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Hymn.....ELW # 864
“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”
Dismissal: Go in peace, Live in hope.

“Thanks be to God”