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# **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **June 28th, 2020**



## **HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9:00AM SERVICE**

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

### **AS WE GATHER**

Without the truly good news of the Gospel we cannot see the hard truth that we and all people are poor sinners who deserve nothing but punishment from almighty God. It takes the Gospel to open our eyes wide to the severity of God's Law, which our Savior took on Himself in our stead. In Jeremiah's day, and our own, false prophets proclaim an easy peace that requires little change in our daily living. Now, as when Paul was writing, some people in the Church think the freedom Christ won for us can mean a disregard for God's Law. And when Jesus was calling disciples, He had to warn them (and us) that some of their own family members would actively oppose their following the Lord. But the Gospel announces what is real and good: God has kept all His promises in our Savior Jesus Christ. His death shows the enormity of the punishment we deserve, and His resurrection assures us of eternal life. Because our Lord gave His life for us, with eyes wide open we can lose ourselves in service to Him and with the psalmist "sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever" (Psalm 89:1).

### **DIVINE SERVICE FOUR**

#### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

Elder of the Day

#### **OPENING HYMN**

*"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"*

LSB 915

#### **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*"Glory to God in the Highest"*

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#### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 28:5–9*

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

*Psalm 119:153–154*

Leader: Look on my affliction and deliver me,

**People: for I do not forget Your law.**

Leader: Plead my cause and redeem me;

**People: give me life according to Your promise!**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the ☩ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### EPISTLE READING

*Romans 7:1–13*

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so

that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **ALLELUIA & VERSE**

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL READING**

*Matthew 10:34–42*

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

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HYMN OF THE DAY      *“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”*

LSB 594

SERMON      *“Jesus First and Jesus Only”*

*Matthew 10:34-42*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church around the world and for all people in their various circumstances. In Jeremiah’s day, most of the Israelites were in exile in Babylon. Let us pray for people who are displaced from their homes, communities, and countries. Heavenly Father, use humanitarian efforts on every level to supply what they lack,

**People: until the eyes of world’s power brokers are open to see their plight and put people’s needs above their own political aspirations.**

Pastor: Prophets regularly “prophesied war, famine, and pestilence.”

**People: We pray for refugees from warfare, those who lack the basic necessities of life, and all who are dealing with long-term ills or sudden emergencies.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, use compassionate people and agencies to provide food, clothing, and shelter where they are needed; guide emergency and medical professionals as they tend those under their care.

**People: Open our eyes to see opportunities in which we may serve**

Pastor: *(Special petitions that end in, “Lord, in Your mercy”).*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Paul wrote that because we belong to one another in the Body of Christ and have died to the law, “we may bear fruit for God.”

**People: We pray for ourselves and the Church wherever it gathers in Christ’s name.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, strengthen us and our brothers and sisters around the world.

**People: May we seek to give our lives in loving service to You, reaching out to the lost, strengthening the weak in faith, and rejoicing together as we receive the real good that comes to us through Word and Sacrament.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for we dearly desire to sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## OFFERING

**\*\* 5:30PM SATURDAY \*\***

**HYMN**

***“There is a Redeemer”***

CCS 51

*Melody Green — Classic Praise & Worship*

1. There is a redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son.  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus: Thank You, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

2. Jesus, my redeemer, Name above all names.  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Oh, for sinners slain. (Chorus)
3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face,  
And there I’ll serve my King forever, In that holy place. (Chorus)
4. There is a redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. (Chorus)

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**EVENING VERSICLES**

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**EVENING PRAYER**

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**LORD’S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

***“How Great Thou Art”***

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**† 9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †**

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

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**HYMN**

***“O How He Loves You and Me”***

CCS 38

Oh how He loves you and me. Oh how He loves you and me.  
He gave His life, what more could He give? Oh how He loves you;  
Oh how He loves me; Oh how He loves you and me!  
{ sing 2 times }

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**HYMN**

***“What God Ordains Is Always Good”***

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**BENEDICTION**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

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## OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### 5:30PM WORSHIP

**Jeff Derksen**

Elder

**Denise Edwards**

Organist

**Pastor Gary Klatt**

Officiant

### 9:00AM WORSHIP

**Bill Erck**

Elder

**Sarah Peterson**

Organist

**Pastor Gary Klatt**

Officiant

**Mike Beyer**

Congregational Chairman

**Rick Melius**

Head Elder