

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Christ’s Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others

July 2, 2023

AS WE GATHER: *“Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful”* (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, *“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay”* (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father-- being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).

INTROIT Ps. 27:3-4a, 5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1-2

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
My adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear,
Though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will
lift me high upon a rock.
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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service III

Announcements
Opening Hymn **LSB 500**
“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”
***Confession/Absolution:** LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit (printed pg. 1)
***Kyrie:** LSB 186
***Gloria in Excelsis:** LSB 187
***Salutation:** LSB 189
***Collect of the Day:** (printed pg. 2)

Catechism Recitation

Catechism Review Question #6

Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21
Pew Bible Page 85
Epistle: Romans 8:18-23
Pew Bible Page 1757

Psalm 138 (printed pg. 2ff)
***Alleluia and Verse** LSB 190
***Holy Gospel:** Luke 6:36-42
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***Apostles’ Creed:** LSB 192

Sermon Hymn: **LSB 696**
“O God, My Faithful God”

Sermon

Offertory LSB 192

***Prayer of the Church**

***Lord’s Prayer:** LSB 196
***Benediction:** LSB 202

Closing Hymn: **LSB 965**
“God Bless Our Native Land”



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***COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

Pastor: O Lord,

People: grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 138 (responsively)

antiphon: v. 8

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not
forsake the work of your hands.

**I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;**

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to
your

name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things your name and
your word.

**On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.**

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

**and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.**

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve
my
life;**

**you stretch out your hand against the wrath of
my
enemies, and your right hand delivers me.**

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