

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Divine Service 4**  
**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 28, 2020**

**“I have not come to  
bring peace but a  
sword”**

**Matthew 10:34**





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### **Prayer for Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy God, we have earned Your anger by giving to other things the first place in our hearts that You demand and deserve. But for that very reason, Your Son Jesus went to war for us against Satan. Jesus' answer from the Scriptures to the devil's enticement revealed His resolve to give the first place in His heart to You alone. Instead of surrendering to Satan to gain the glory and power set before Him, Jesus obeyed You, endured the cross, and earned our salvation. May we not fall prey to the arsenal of worldly power and glory which Satan used in his attempt to rob the world of its Savior and thus be robbed of our salvation. The devil still lines the path to heaven with the world's treasures and its pleasures. When Satan tempts us to forsake You for fleeting earthly treasures, may we seek Jesus, the living Word in Your written Word, and find in there life's priceless treasure. In Your Son's name. Amen.



## Confession and Absolution

### 579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His  
2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge  
3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in  
4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall

will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -  
of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -  
works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -  
then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -

ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.  
light And should be done as good and right.  
sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5. The Law is good; but since the fall  
Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sin to die  
And has no pow'r to justify.
6. To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at His throne,  
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**



## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 89:15–18; antiphon: Ps. 89:1*



I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\*  
with my mouth I will make known  
your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

**Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,\***  
**who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,**

who exult in your name | all the day\*  
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

**For you are the glory | of their strength;\***  
**by your favor our horn is ex- | alted.**

For our shield belongs | to the LORD,\*  
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## 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."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Rom. 11:33, 36*



**Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom  
and knowl- | edge of God!\***

**How unsearchable are his judgments  
and how inscrutable | his ways!**

**For from him and through him and to him are | all things.\*  
To him be glory forever. | Amen.**

## Epistle: 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? Thus 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 not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

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. 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. 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*



## Alleluia and Verse



## Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34–42

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "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."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**





## **Apostles' Creed**

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*



## 730 What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,

When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,

You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.

You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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## Sermon

### "Not Peace, But a Sword"

Text: See the Holy Gospel Reading

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*After each portion of the prayer:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.



## Offering

*There is an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary where you can deposit your offerings.*

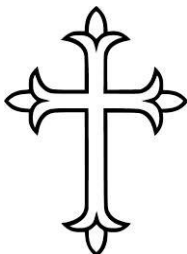


## Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Benedicamus and Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.  
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.



***Soli Deo Gloria!***  
*(To God alone be the glory.)*

## 662 Onward, Christian Soldiers



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,  
 2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;  
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,  
 4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.  
 Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.  
 But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.  
 Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;  
 We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,  
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;  
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!  
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.  
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.  
 This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



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**The gospel cannot be truly  
preached without offense and tumult.**

**-Martin Luther, *The Table Talk of Martin Luther***

**“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life  
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“[T]he family is universal. Individuals meeting from different cultures do not have to explain to each other what a family is. The family lies at the quantum level of human society. Family life is deeply rooted in an area of mystery we do not fully understand. Like a tree, it is living, rooted, and nourished by the soil of the past and reaching up into the future. It is not manufactured. Although socially reinforced, it is not ‘socially constructed.’ It is a precious Gift.”

*James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James  
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**Petitions and Prayers:** *With one heart, mind, and purpose, the early church continually prayed, making their petitions known to God.*



### **Health concerns:**

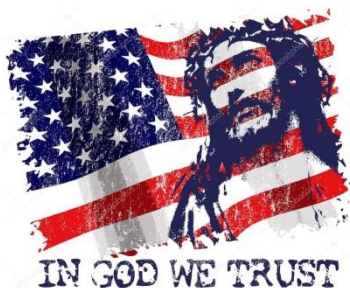
*Precious Lord and Savior, You alone are able to help us. Be with those people who are physically sick and in need of Your healing touch. We ask You to guide their doctors so that they receive the best possible care. Heal and restore them to health as suits Your wisdom. Amen.*

### **Prayer of intercession:**

*\*Father in heaven, forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. We pray You not to behold our sins or deny our prayer because of them. We are not worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them. But we ask that You would give them all to us by grace, for daily we sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. Grant us also to forgive others and readily do good to those who sin against us, for You have so richly forgiven us and showered blessings on us out of sheer grace and mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. In His name we pray. Amen.*

### **For Our Nation's Leaders**

*\*Lord, bless the president of the United States and our nation's leaders. Give our president and leaders wisdom and strength as they carry out their responsibilities. Humble our leaders to receive counsel from Your Word that they may defend our people in wisdom, especially the weakest among us--the aged and unborn—through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

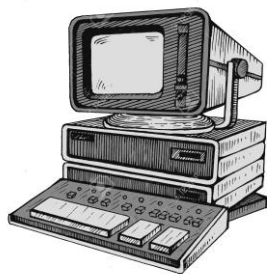


**Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.**

**2 Corinthians 3:17**

*Heavenly Father, we lift up our hearts in thanksgiving for all of the blessings You continue to pour out on our nation and people, despite our many transgressions against Your will. Grant Your wisdom and guidance to the leaders of our nation, regions, and communities, that they will make just and honorable decisions and will work for the good of all the people they serve. Grant us Your mercy and peace for the sake of Jesus. Amen.*

## **Biblical History**



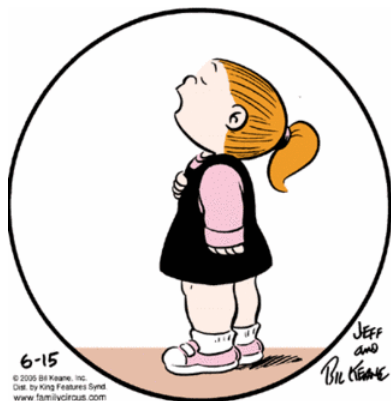
The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve.

It was an Apple, but, with extremely limited memory, just 1 byte.

Then everything crashed!!!



"This is my favorite shirt 'cause it has our country's logo on it."



"... and to the Republic for witches dance ..."



Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

*Psalms 33:12*

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