

# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Jesus said: whoever finds  
their life **will lose it,**  
and whoever loses their life  
for my sake **will find it.**

-Matthew 10:39



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9:30 am - Holy Communion Service

7:00 pm - Evening Communion Service

**Welcome to Worship today!** As we gather on this Canada Day weekend and celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation, we will sing hymns written by Canadian Lutherans, members of our Lutheran Church – Canada family. Our opening hymn was written by **Martha Feculak**, the recently retired Music Director at Grace Lutheran in Edmonton for an International LWML Convention in that city in the 1990's. Our sermon hymn was written by **Pastor Kurt Rienhardt** of Trinity Lutheran Church in Gowanstown, ON and is the only Canadian hymn in the Lutheran Service Book. Our Communion hymns are by **Rev. Dr. Howard Kramer** the first full-time President of Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines and by **Pastor Carl Baron** a pioneer pastor in the ABC District who regularly preached in congregations until he was in his mid-nineties. Our final hymn was written for the founding convention of Lutheran Church – Canada in 1988. It was composed by **Rev. Dr. Edwin Lehman** the first President of LCC.

## Opening Hymn

*(GPS 40) Tune: Holy Manna*

## One in Spirit, One in Purpose

*by Martha Feculak*

**One in spirit, one in purpose, Come we now before You, Lord.  
Raise our voices, joyful noises To You, Lord, with one accord.  
Here your faithful servants gather, Celebrating Your great love.  
Come to us with might and power Through Your Spirit from above.**

**One in spirit, one in purpose, Are we blessed through Christ, Your Son.  
By His willing suff'ring, dying, Crowns of life for us He won.  
Claimed, redeemed, restored, forgiven, No more burdens need we bear.  
Held in loving arms of Jesus Is great news we have to share.**

**Praise to You, O God, our Father; Praise to You, O Christ the Son;  
Praise to You, O Holy Spirit; Glory to the Three in One.  
Hallelujah, raise our voices; Hallelujah is our song.  
One in spirit, one in purpose, Join we with Your heav'nly throng.**

## Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

*Pastor* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

*Pastor* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

*People* **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

*Pastor* Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*Pastor* 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

## This Is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



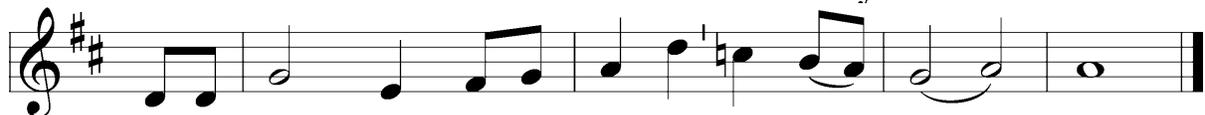
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

<sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> 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.”

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading: Romans 7:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> 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? <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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.”<sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup> I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup> The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

<sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. <sup>13</sup> 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.

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

(Claude Massicotte ~ soloist)

*“Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)”*

by Joel Houston, Jonas Myrin

## Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 10:34-42

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the Tenth chapter.

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

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup> “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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.”

*Pastor* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Hymn of the Day

**Baptismal Waters Cover Me** LSB #616

## Sermon

St. Matthew 10:39

**“WHERE HAVE YOU SET YOUR SAILS?”**

## Nicene Creed

*All* I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

## Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

## Service of the Holy Communion

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And Also with you.**

*Pastor* Lift up your hearts.

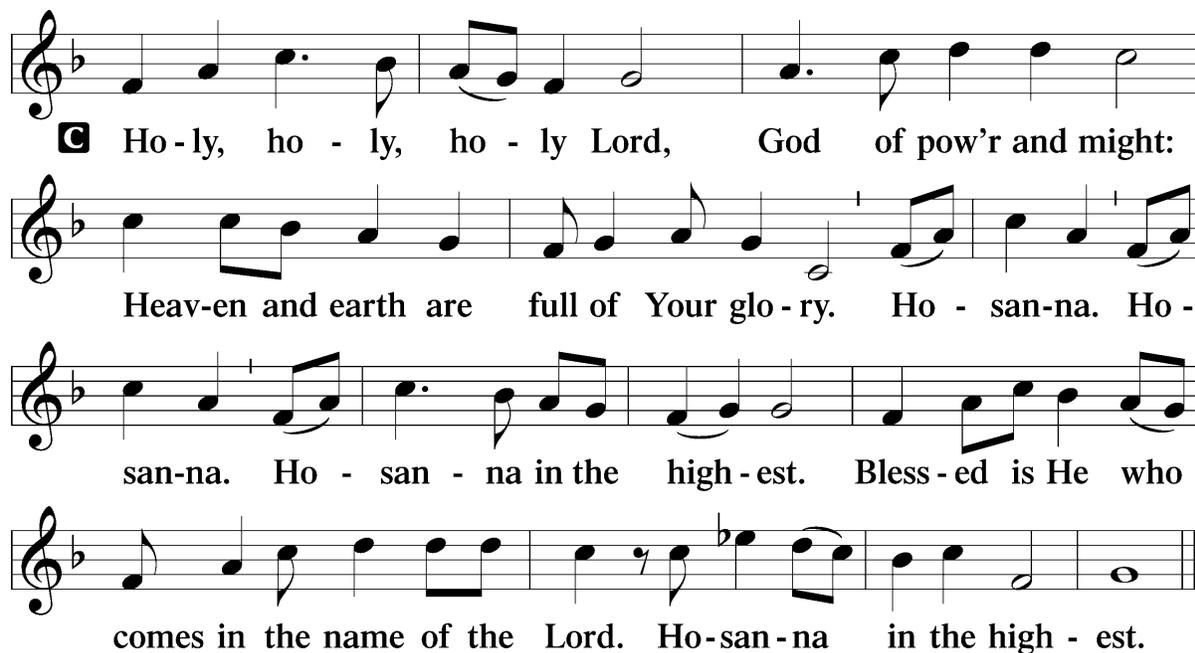
*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Pastor* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Pastor* It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*Pastor* Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

*All* **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.**

## Words of Our Lord

*Pastor* Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

*Pastor* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution Hymns

(GPS 51) Tune: Tryggare kan ingen vara

## Mighty Father, You Once Formed Me

by Howard W. Kramer

**Mighty Father, You once formed me,  
Fed me, healed me, clothed me, warmed me.  
You watch o'er my steps – wherever;  
Father, I am Yours forever.**

**Conq'ring Saviour, You once bought me,  
Shed Your blood, so keenly sought me.  
Safe from sin, death, hell – whatever;  
Saviour, I am Yours forever.**

**Vibrant Spirit, You once claimed me,  
Made me new within and tamed me.  
I'll trade earth for heav'n – whenever;  
Spirit, I am Yours forever.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
I'll sing this to all who'll hear it:  
There's no one like You – whoever;  
Triune God, I'm Yours forever.**

**Grant, Lord, Your Holy Spirit***by Carl R. Baron**(GPS 32) Tune: Angel's Story*

**Grant, Lord, Your Holy Spirit In measure to the need  
 To do the work among us As we Your bidding heed:  
 The message of salvation, Proclaim it loud and clear;  
 Christ died to save the sinner. Believe, all you who hear!**

**Grant, Lord, Your Holy Spirit That those who hear this Word  
 May heed it and receive it, Believe in You, O Lord;  
 That many souls be gathered Before your throne of grace  
 To worship and adore You And meet You face to face.**

**Grant, Lord, Your Holy Spirit To all who now believe,  
 That of Your love and power They all may much receive,  
 As they go forth to witness That Jesus died for all,  
 That many may believe it And heed Your gracious call.**

**Grant, Lord, Your Holy Spirit That we our praise may bring,  
 A mighty chorus raising To Christ, our gracious King.  
 To Father and the Spirit Our alleluias raise,  
 For our salvation bringing Our songs of thankful praise.**

**Post-Communion Collect***Pastor* Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*People* **Amen****Benediction**

*Pastor* The Lord bless you and keep you  
 The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you  
 The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace

*People* **Amen****Closing Hymn***(GPS 36) Tune: Lancashire***Forth in the Name of Jesus***by Edwin Lehman*

**Forth in the name of Jesus, Forth to a world that waits;  
 With lifted cross before us We leave Thy temple's gates.  
 Thy Spirit calls us forward; Thy promise will not fail.  
 No foe however fearsome Against Thee can prevail.**

**The harvest fields have ripened; The Bridegroom soon returns.  
Earth's destined day is dawning; The waiting Father yearns.  
From frozen northern wastelands To pleasant coastal sands,  
We herald to the nations Our Lord for ev'ry land.**

**Grant us Thy strength, O Father, Fill us with love, O Son,  
Bestir us, Holy Spirit As Thee, may we be one.  
Till kindreds, tongues and nations Around Thy throne shall stand  
And without ceasing bless Thee Our Lord for ev'ry land.**

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**Special Music**..... Claude Massicotte (*saxophone*)  
**Sound Operator** .....Jerry Golschesky

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers we give thanks for our home and native land as we remember the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation; for a safe return for **Pastor Syens & Anita** and for the many ways God has blessed the ministry at the Days of Faith conference in Ukraine; also for **Ron & Doris Johnston** as they celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this past week. We ask God to be with **June Hett** and **Murray Schmidt**, shut-in members of the congregation who have been struggling with health issues in recent days. We also ask God's blessings on our **Vacation Bible School**, which begins on July 10 and on our many other summer ministries!

**Pastor Astley** will be out of the office from Tuesday to Thursday this week attending an LCC Board of Directors meeting in Winnipeg.

## Coming Events...

**VBS Set-up Night** is **Wednesday, July 5**. We need strong helpers at 6:30 p.m. to move tables and chairs. Others can arrive at 7:30 p.m. to "paper" tables and decorate rooms.

**Youth Pool Party** takes place **Sunday, July 16 from 2-5 pm** at Arnold & Cheri Drung's. Please sign up on the Youth bulletin board.



# Weekly Calendar

## Monday July 3 to Sunday July 9, 2017

<b>Monday</b>	Church office closed for Canada Day <b>Evening Communion Service, Church</b> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	VBS Set-up Night, <i>Everywhere</i> ..... 6:30 p.m. AP Training, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i> ..... 12:00 p.m. Women's Renewal Committee, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Divine Service, Church</b> ..... <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Slovak Congregation Service, Church</b> ..... <b>3:30 p.m.</b>