

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 24 & 25, 2023**



**Peace**  
**Lutheran Church**  
**NEENAH, WISCONSIN—LCMS**

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**“THE TABLE OF DUTIES: LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION: WHAT  
HEARERS OWE THEIR PASTORS”**

### PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### GREETING

P: Peace be with you,

**C: And also with you.**

### OPENING HYMN “Holy, Holy”

SGBK 33

stand

### INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION

P: In the presence of Almighty God, Whose Word shines the light of grace into our sin-darkened lives, let us confess our sins.

**C: 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.**

### ABSOLUTION

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 the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE “Father, I Adore You”

SGBK 17

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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**DUET** (Sunday) "Shout to the North"

David Koch & Brian Hallman

## **FIRST READING**

Galatians 6:6-7

ESV p.1158

<sup>6</sup>One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **SECOND READING**

I Thessalonians 5:12-13

ESV p.1174

<sup>12</sup>We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, <sup>13</sup>and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**HYMN** "To God Be the Glory"

SGBK 87

## **SERMON**

"The Table of Duties: Life of the Congregation: What Hearers Owe Their Pastors"

Galatians 6:6-7, I Thessalonians 5:12-13

stand

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH** The 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 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.

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## GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

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### OFFERTORY "Praise and Thanksgiving"

LSB 789



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the  
 neigh - bor We may be fed: Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work  
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -

or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.  
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P:** We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord our God, You are our refuge and fortress, in whom we make our dwelling place. Strengthen our faith in Your Word. Help us to dispel our doubts and unbelief that we be Your witnesses of truth, life, and light. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: When we face the many trials and temptations living as Your people, give us strength to show Your mercy and forgiveness. With so many things fleeting and temporary, help us hold to what lasts, which is Your Word, Your promises, and life with You. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: As we remain in this world, You have given us authorities for our good. Enable us to keep Your commands to honor our fathers and mothers and to be faithful citizens to authorities placed over us in our nation, state, and communities. Grant Your wisdom, truth, compassion, and care upon all those who lead that in this world we and others may in confidence and joy await Your kingdom to come when the Son of Man comes. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: For all who are weighed down by sin and shame, point them to the life-giving and forgiving cross of Christ. For those who are weighed down by ailments in this life spiritually, emotionally, or physically, [especially . . .], grant Your presence of comfort and peace in times of need. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

### Special Prayers

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, so that we be renewed as Your sons and daughters. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** (spoken by the pastor)

### **THE PAX DOMINI**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"In Christ Alone"

SGBK 41

"The Old Rugged Cross"

SGBK 81

"Love Lifted Me"

SGBK 51

stand

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P:** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the Day of His coming, we may, together, with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### **BENEDICTION**

**P:** May God go before you to lead you, behind you to protect you, beneath you to uphold you. May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; go with you to bless you now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN OF DEPARTURE** "The Lord Hath Helped Me Hitherto"

SGBK 80

## **THE SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE(S)**

**Welcome to Peace** in the name of the Risen Savior!

**We request that visitors register** by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. We ask that you share your name and address so that we can recognize your visit with us. All members are requested to register by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. Members, please indicate all family members present and those who took communion, so that the Pastor and Elders can be spiritually accountable for you and your family.

**Are your cell phones turned off?** Cell phones are indeed a great convenience in life these days. However, please, out of courtesy, silence cell phones during the worship service.

Thank you!

**Hearing assist devices and large print bulletins** are available for those who may need them. Please see an Usher or the Elder who will be happy to assist you.

**A Mother's Room is available** for parents of young children if the need arises. The Mother's Room in the west hallway. The worship service is able to be heard in the Mother's Room.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion

Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is a sacred act, established by Christ Himself and is given to His Church. As members of **The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**, we hold the doctrine of the Real Presence, in with and under; meaning that Jesus gives His Body and Blood with the bread and wine, as He Himself says, *"This is my body... This is my blood... for the forgiveness of sins."* (Matthew 26:26ff)

The Holy Scriptures also teach us to receive this meal in a way that is responsible and healthy. As overseer, St. Paul wrote- *"let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself"* (1 Cor. 11:28-29). Out of genuine care for God's people we ask that those (1) who have not been baptized and instructed in the faith or (2) who come from another church body, not in altar or pulpit fellowship with us, refrain from receiving Holy Communion.

For those preparing to receive Holy Communion, Luther encourages us to ask ourselves these questions:

Do **I repent** of my sins, desiring to turn away from them, back to the Lord?

Do **I believe** Jesus died and rose for me and gives me His Body and Blood this day "for the forgiveness of sins"?

Do **I intend** to use this means of grace to change my life, following His will and way?

We ask that all who receive the Lord's Supper fill out a "Care Card" and place it in the offering plate. Please note that reduced-alcoholic white wine is available in the center cups of the communion tray.

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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Holy Communion Celebrated at all Services  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00a.m.

Sunday Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School (Sept. –May) 10:30 a.m.

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