Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 27 & 28, 2020



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).

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Saturday "Shine on Us" & "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (arr. Larson) Piano Marlene Rieck Sunday "Praise & Thanksgiving" Piano Naomi Kadlec

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:6-7*

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Because we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition and have sinned in thought, word, and deed, let us employ the faith the Holy Spirit has given us and go to our gracious heavenly Father, asking His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God has given His only Son to bear the punishment of our sins on the cross so that we might know the peace of His presence now and the joys of heaven hereafter. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 89:15-18; antiphon: v. 1

- I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
- who walk, O Lord, in the light of Your face,
- P who exult in Your name all the day
- and in Your righteousness are exalted.
- For You are the glory of their strength;

G by Your favor our horn is exalted.

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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

528 OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
 - The glories of my God and King,
 - The triumphs of His grace!

 My gracious Master and my God,
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.
- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
 - That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
- 'Tis life and health and peace.
 - He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.
 - His blood can make the foulest clean;
 - His blood avails for me.

 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
 - Your God, ye fallen race.
 - Look and be saved through faith alone,
 - Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 - The Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an off'ring made
 - For ev'ry soul of man.
 - To God all glory, praise, and love
 - Be now and ever giv'n
 - By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

SALUTATION

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- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 28:5–9

⁵Then 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, ⁶and 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. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As 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.
- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLERomans 7:1–13

¹Or 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? ²Thus 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. ³Accordingly, 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. 4Likewise, 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. ⁵For 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. ⁶But 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. 7What 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. 9I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. 10 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. 11 For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. 12So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³Did 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.
- Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:34–42

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴[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. ³⁵For 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. ³⁶And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever 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. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The 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. ⁴²And 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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

685 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,

Follow His example pure,

Through a world that would deceive us

And to sin our spirits lure.

Onward in His footsteps treading,

Pilgrims here, our home above,

Full of faith and hope and love,

Let us do the Father's bidding.

Faithful Lord, with me abide;

I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus

And with patience bear our cross.

Joy will follow all our sadness;

Where He is, there is no loss.

Though today we sow no laughter,

We shall reap celestial joy;

All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.

Jesus, here I share Your woe:

Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.

Since by death He conquered death,

He will free us from destruction,

Give to us immortal breath.

Let us mortify all passion

That would lead us into sin;

And the grave that shuts us in

Shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with You I die,

There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.

He has risen from the dead

That to life we may awaken.

Jesus, You are now our head.

We are Your own living members;

Where You live, there we shall be

In Your presence constantly,

Living there with You forever.

Jesus, let me faithful be,

Life eternal grant to me.

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SERMON "It's Gonna be a Battle" Matthew 10:34-42

CREED Saturday – Apostles' Creed Sunday - Nicene Creed (Creeds can be found on the screens.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SATURDAY - THE LORD'S PRAYER THEN GO TO BENEDICTION

+ SACRAMENT +

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

809 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
 Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
 As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

Refrain Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,
- and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;
- 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 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.

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738 LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,

Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,

Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:

Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,

Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,

Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:

Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,

Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,

Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,

Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE "Prelude in C" (Bach)

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Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: Joshua 3:1-17; Acts 9:1-22 Monday: Joshua 4:1-24; Acts 9:23-43 Tuesday: Joshua 5:1-6:5; Acts 10:1-17 Wednesday: Joshua 6:6-27; Acts 10:18-33 Thursday: Joshua 7:1-26; Acts 10:34-48 Friday: Joshua 8:1-28; Acts 11:1-18 Saturday: Joshua 10:1-25; Acts 11:19-30

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Doug, health issues
David, cancer
Larry, heart issues
Becky, back pain

Al, health issues
Terri, Cancer
Marilyn, recovering
Jean, health issues

Camilla, 6-year-old with brain cancer Chris, sick

Jack, ongoing health issuesDenise, addictionsJudy, cancerTim, recoveringEunice, Health IssuesJackie's motherKathy's motherJim, Alzheimer'sRoger, recoveringVonna's mother

Lois, recovering Bill

Brian, recovering from an accident Jeanette

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinkes with medical issues

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

Our Savior Families: Jim, Donn & Cindy, Stewart & Pamela, John & Mary, Ashlin, Perry & Rebekah, Andy & Family, Max & Ardith

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Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction