



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER ❖ June 28, 2020

Prelude

"Is He Worthy?"

by Andrew Peterson & Ben Shive

Welcome

P: The Lord be with you;

C: And also with you!

Gathering Prayer

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to 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; Amen.

Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB #809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Invocation and Opening Versicles

drawn from Psalm 67

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit;

C: Amen!

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth shall declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord!

**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.**

Antiphon

P: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: O come, let us worship Him!

Venite

drawn from Psalm 95

P: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

*W: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.*

M: For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

W: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

M: The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry land.

P: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

**C: 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.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4

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: 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.

We keep a time of silence for reflection on God's Word and for personal confession.

P: Almighty God,

C: Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ bore 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.

The Peace

P: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: O come, let us worship Him!

P: The peace of the Lord be with you;

C: And also with you.

Please share the Lord's peace with those at home with you, or with a comment to everyone on the livestream.

Hymn of Praise

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

LSB #528: 1, 3, 4, 7



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9, 15-17

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."

¹⁵And Jeremiah the prophet said to the prophet Hananiah, "Listen, Hananiah, the Lord has not sent you, and you have made this people trust in a lie. ¹⁶Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Behold, I will remove you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have uttered rebellion against the Lord.'"

¹⁷In that same year, in the seventh month, the prophet Hananiah died.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: 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: In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Hymn

"The Lamb"

LSB #547

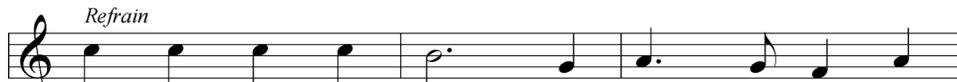


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
 own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!



Sermon

"Is Anyone Worthy?"

Pastor Adam Wiegand

Hymn

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB #685



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

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Prayers of the Church

P: Let us pray for the Church around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.

P: In Jeremiah's day, most of the Israelites were in exile in Babylon. Let us pray for people who are displaced from their homes, communities, and countries:

I: Heavenly Father, use humanitarian efforts on every level to supply what they lack, until the eyes of world's power brokers are open to see their plight and put the people's needs above their own political aspirations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Prophets regularly “prophesied war, famine, and pestilence.” Let us pray for refugees from warfare, those who lack the basic necessities of life, and all who are dealing with long-term illnesses or sudden emergencies:

I: Lord Jesus, especially in these days of pandemic, uncertainty and unrest, raise up compassionate people and agencies to provide food, clothing, and shelter where they are needed; guide emergency and medical professionals as they tend those under their care; and open our eyes to opportunities in which we may serve. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: St. Paul wrote that because we belong to one another in the Body of Christ and have died to the law, “we may bear fruit for God.” Let us pray for ourselves and the Church wherever it is Gathered by God to Share the Love of Jesus:

I: O Holy Spirit, strengthen us and our brothers and sisters around the world as we seek to give our lives in loving service to You, by reaching out to the lost, strengthening the weak in faith, and rejoicing together as we receive Your gifts through Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Jesus said, “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.” Let us pray that the Lord would give His relief to those in bodily and spiritual need:

I: Lord God, the strength and consolation of the weak and downtrodden, mercifully hear our prayers for all who are suffering under the weight of illness . . . Turn their sickness to health and their sorrows into joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: In the Psalms, King David sang: “I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.” Let us also praise His faithfulness for His love and mercy shown to us:

I: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and though we are not worthy of Your goodness, You still abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Hear our prayers of thanks for all Your benefits, especially . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: King Solomon wrote: “Train up a child in the way in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Let us pray for those who have recently graduated college and high school:

I: Lord of truth and wisdom, we praise You for leading and instructing the young to discover and hone the gifts You gave them. Help them to put them to good use in the service of others and to their fulfillment and joy. Bless the college and high school graduates of our congregation that they may grow ever closer to You in faith and with their lives honor the name of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: All these things, Father, and everything else You know that we need, grant to us for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

**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 almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

LSB #918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Thanks, Farewell & Sending

P: Go in Peace; Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Your Grace is Enough”

by Matt Maher

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Prayer Requests

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Prayer Requests Received the Week of June 21

- Marie (Cancer diagnosis, anticipating surgery)
- April (hip and foot issues)
- Bob (Heart transplant)
- Karin (Hip replacement)
- Mark (Awaiting results from biopsy)
- Mary (lung cancer)
- Millie (Recovering from fall at home)
- Barb (Colon cancer)
- Geoff (Transitioned to GA for rehabilitation)
- Heidi
- Rachel (Paralyzed after unsuccessful surgery)
- Linda (God blessed her with a place to live, now needs furnishings)
- Alisabeth
- Angelina (Baby with breathing issues, safe release from hospital)
- Arianna
- Betty (Pancreatic problems)
- Brandon
- Carol
- Carol (Breathing/Heart issues)
- Charlie (Fever, trouble hearing, confused, partial foot amputation)
- Cheryl
- Jerry
- Kenny (Hospitalized, COVID+)
- Lynn (Exposed to COVID-19)
- Melanie
- Morgan
- Phil (Inoperable pancreatic cancer)
- Ronald
- Sherry

For Those Who Mourn the Loss of

- James, who passed away suddenly
- Katri, who was buried on Saturday 6/27
- Brandon, who was buried on Friday 6/26

Prayer Requests Received the Week of June 14

- Kevin (Recurrence of cancer)
- Becky (Shoulder issues)
- Bob (Rushed to Albany Medical Center)
- Rita (Many health concerns)
- Carrie (Ankle injury, possible cartilage tear, rib pain, recovering from ringworm)
- Derek (Pinched nerve)
- Aydin
- Caren (Recent loss of both parents)
- Cathy
- Chris (Recent diagnosis of kidney cancer)
- Diana (In 14-day quarantine)
- Eileen (Suffering with Parkinson's Disease)
- Florence (Broken shoulder and injured knee)
- Irene (Suffering with dementia)
- Jen
- Kathy (Dental work)
- For all those returning to work after extended shutdown due to COVID-19

Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

- Angelina (infant released after 4.5 months in hospital; good prognosis)
- Rudi (Recovered from COVID-19 and back in his own room)
- For Theodore (born 6 weeks premature)
- Ruth (Remission from cancer)

Prayers the Nation, That God Would

- **UNITE A DIVIDED NATION**—turning citizens toward one another, not against
- **PRESERVE REAL and EQUAL JUSTICE** under the law for all
- **RESTRAIN CHAOS** and help law enforcement officers to properly keep peace in our neighborhoods
- **GUIDE the WORDS and ACTIONS** of protestors that they may help achieve equality in society
- **OPEN the EARS and INSPIRE the RESPONSE** of leaders that they may help achieve equality

For the Wider Church

- For St Luke in Putnam Valley, NY, may they be an online blessing to their community as they continue to worship and reach out.
- For St. John Lutheran Church in Sayville, NY, we ask that their people along with all our congregational members overcome fear in the face of reopening and we also pray that they be given wisdom in how to assist their community in recovery efforts.

St. Paul's Congregational Concerns

- For our Governing and CCC Boards, and wisdom in planning our re-openings.
- For our Stephen Ministers keeping our homebound & isolated members connected
- For our Technology Team working to enhance communication in and beyond St. Paul's.
- For our Small Groups and Bible Studies, that they foster faith and fellowship.
- For our entire church family, that God keeps us gathered while we are scattered.