

**June 28, 2020**

*Fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost*



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Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Adult Bible Study &  
Sunday School:

9:30 am  
(Grace Hall)

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Deaconess:  
Karen Suter

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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### † PREPARATION †

#### PRELUDE

(Fri. service)

"Trumpet Voluntary in Bb"

Susan Messersmith, trumpet

D. Lasky

(Sun. service) "I Will Sing of the Mercies" and "Ancient of Days" arr. C. Tournquist

#### WELCOME

*Stand*

#### HYMN

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

**LSB 915**



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

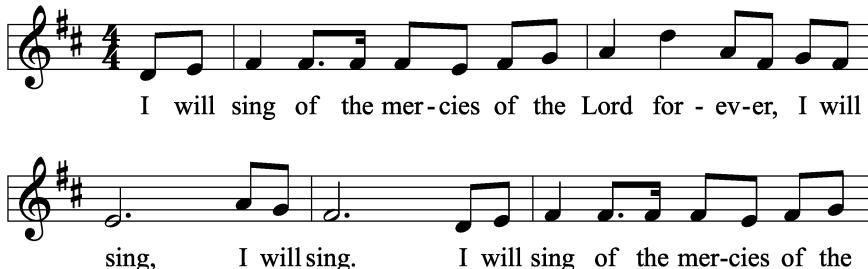
## CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

- 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.
- 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 **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## ☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

### HYMN

"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord Forever"



The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (indicated by a treble clef) and common time (indicated by a '4'). The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The second staff begins with a half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord for - ev-er, I will  
sing, I will sing, I will sing of the mer-cies of the

Lord for-ev-er, I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord. With my  
 mouth will I make known Thy faith-ful-ness, Thy  
 faith-ful-ness; With my mouth will I make known thy  
 faith-ful-ness to all gen - er - a - tions. I will  
 sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will  
 sing of the mer - cies of the Lord.

## KYRIE

- P** O Lord,
- C** have mercy on us.
  
- P** O Christ,
- C** have mercy on us.
  
- P** O Lord,
- C** have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**LSB 528, sts. 1-2,7**

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
2 My gracious Master and my God,  
3 To Thee I would sing my love,  
great Re-deemer's praise,  
sist me to proclaim, now and ev-er giv'n  
The glo-ries of my the  
To spread through all the  
By saints be-low and  
God and King, The tri-umphs of His grace!  
earth a-broad, The hon-ors of Thy name.  
saints a-bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

## SALUTATION

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit,  
**C** grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing;  
**P** 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*

The Word is read...

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## CONFSSION

**A** The Jewish people were in exile far from the Promised Land, a punishment for disobeying God, when Jeremiah confronted Hananiah.

**C** And we are in exile between Eden and paradise, disobedient children of Adam, one and all.

**A** People listened to the false promises of Hananiah.

**C** We, too, are guilty of listening to the false promises of the devil. The truth is hard, and we are sorry. Forgive us.

## PSALM

*Psalm 119:153–154*

**A** Look on my affliction and deliver me,

**C** for I do not forget Your law.

**A** Plead my cause and redeem me;

**C** give me life according to Your promise!

## FORGIVENESS

**A** Political peace came for Israel when God allowed Cyrus to let the people return, and eternal peace was made possible for us and all people when our Lord Jesus paid for all sin, offering Himself on the cross in our stead. For His sake we are forgiven. What is real by the grace of God is always good.

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

## HYMN

"What God Ordains Is Always Good"

*LSB 760 sts. 1–2*

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G clef, common time. It features quarter notes and rests. Below the staff, two stanzas of lyrics are provided:

1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is  
2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er

just will and ho - ly. As He di - rect my life for me,  
 will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,  
 I And fol - low nev - er meek will He leave - ly. My God in - deed  
 take con - tent  
 In What ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;  
 He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness  
 To Will turn then, my I tears will to yield glad - ness.

## EPISTLE

*Romans 7:1–13*

- L** 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.

**C** **What then shall we say? That the law is sin?**

- L** 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.

**C Did that which is good, then, bring death to me?**

- L** 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**

## CONFSSION

- A** Paul here announces that our incorporation into the Body of Christ frees us from our captivity to the Law. That is why Paul points out that we cannot recognize sin without its being condemned in the Law.
- C** **Looking into the mirror of the Law, we recognize that we have become “sinful beyond measure.” The truth is hard, and we are sorry. Forgive us.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 119:155–156*

- A** Salvation is far from the wicked,
- C** **for they do not seek Your statutes.**
- A** Great is your mercy, O Lord;
- C** **give me life according to Your just decrees.**

## FORGIVENESS

- A** The severity of the Law, which ought to have been meted out against us, was poured out on our Lord on the cross. The freedom we have is to “bear fruit for God,” who raised Him from the dead. Because of Christ’s victory we are forgiven. What is real by the grace of God is always good.
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN****"What God Ordains Is Always Good"****LSB 760 sts. 3–4**

3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing  
4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my

thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup  
friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm

That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;  
Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know

Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,  
Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly,

My life to Him com - mend - ing.  
That He has loved me dear - ly.

*Stand***HOLY GOSPEL***Matthew 10:34–42*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read...

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CONFESION**

- P** Here our Lord makes clear the turmoil that following Him might entail. He calls us take up our crosses and even lose ourselves for His sake in order to find true life.

**C** But we are sinful in every way, not always putting You first. The truth is hard, and we are sorry. Forgive us.

## VERSE

Matthew 10:39

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**P** Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## FORGIVENESS

**P** Our Lord grants us life according to His steadfast love and even rewards those who receive His imperfect followers. By the overflowing mercy of God you are forgiven. What is real by the grace of God is always good.

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

*Sit*

## HYMN

"What God Ordains Is Always Good"

**LSB 760 sts. 5-6**

5 What God or - dains is al - ways good: Though I the  
6 What God or - dains is al - ways good: This truth re -

cup am drink - ing Which sa - vors now of bit - ter - ness,  
mains un - shak - en. Though sor - row, need, or death be mine,

I take it with - out shrink - ing. For af - ter grief  
I shall not be for - sak - en. I fear no harm,

God gives re - lief, My heart with com - fort fill - ing  
For with His arm He shall em - brace and shield me;

And all to my sor - - row still - ing.  
So to my God - I yield - me.

## SERMON

*Stand*

### APOSTLES' CREED

**C** 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the Church around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.
- A** 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.
- A** 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 people's needs above their own political aspirations. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

- A** 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 ills or sudden emergencies.
- A** Lord Jesus, use 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 see opportunities in which we may serve.

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

- A** 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 gathers in Christ’s name.
- A** 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, reaching out to the lost, strengthening the weak in faith, and rejoicing together as we receive the real good that comes to us through Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** This day we pray especially for [names...] Hear their prayers for health, comfort, peace and joy, and use us as part of Your answer to their petitions. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

## 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.**

## 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  $\ddagger$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN

### "Lord of All Hopefulness"

**LSB 738**



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness,      Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness,      Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness,      Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness,      Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

*Deaconess Karen Suter*

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*(Fri. service)*

"Thy Strong Word"

arr. K. Campbell

*Violin: Andy Messersmith*

*(Sun. service)*

"Exultate"

R. Wilson

## **PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE**

*Pastor: Rev. James Pierce*

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