

**July 6, 2025**

*The Fourth Sunday  
After Pentecost*



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# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**Today we will observe The Lord's Supper...** *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

### PRELUDE

"Freedom March and Fanfare"  
"America the Beautiful"

P. Davis  
arr. A.L. Page

### WELCOME

*Stand*

### HYMN

"Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

**LSB 533**



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,  
2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!  
3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.  
4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;  
Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.  
See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!  
Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God-head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,  
See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!  
Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,  
Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!  
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.  
Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:  
Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.  
Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!  
Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!  
Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!  
Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!  
Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
- C** rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her.
- P** Bear one another's burdens,
- C** and so fulfill the law of Christ.

- P** Do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you,
- G** but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

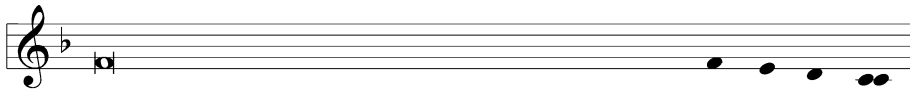
## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Luke 10:3–5; Psalm 66:8*

- P** When our Lord sent out His followers, He said, “Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.”
- G** We confess that we fear those wolves, for we lambs are vulnerable. Help us, gracious God.
- P** “Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.”
- G** We confess that we are doubtful about success without those things that we need each day. Help us, Christ, our Lord.
- P** “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’”
- G** We confess that we are often silent, lest our friends reject our presence. Help us, O Holy Spirit.
- P** Your fears, doubts, and silence have all been forgiven by the death and resurrection of Christ on your behalf. God goes with you now into every circumstance. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** Amen.
- P** Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard.

## $\text{✠}$ SERVICE OF THE WORD $\text{✠}$

### KYRIE



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## HYMN

### “Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise”

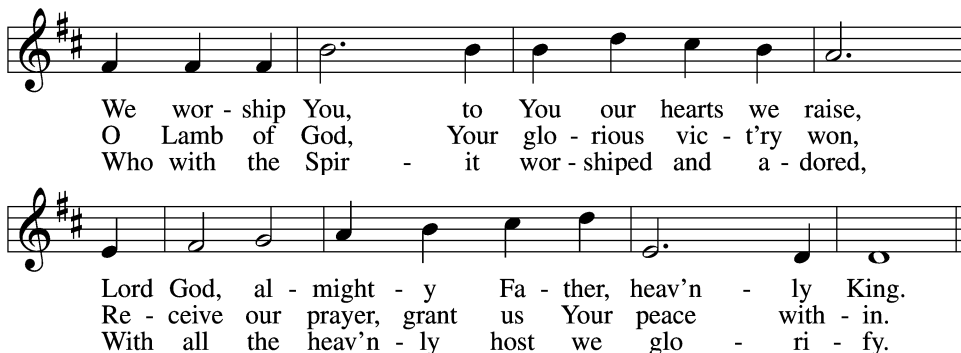
LSB 946



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
 Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You have built Your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone.
- G** **Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your church may be kept free from all harm and danger;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 66:10–14*

The Word is read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

*Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18*

The Word is read...

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN**

“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”

**LSB 848**



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of  
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -  
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,  
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the  
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -  
Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and  
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -  
pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring  
com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.  
love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.  
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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*Stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 10:1–20*

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

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

The Gospel is read...

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

**SERMON**

*Stand*

**CATECHISM**

*The First Article*

**G** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**What does this mean?**

**I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us use today's Scripture passages as the basis for our prayers for ourselves and all people. Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river.
- C** **Grant hopeful faith, Lord our God, to all who are not at peace this day. Give them strength to endure both national upheaval and internal stress as they await Your promised peace.**
- P** As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you.
- C** **Grant comfort and solace to all who mourn. Strengthen them to rely on our Savior's victory over death and the grave.**
- P** He turned the sea into dry land.
- C** **Surround with caring individuals and relief agencies people who have lost home and income from flood and fire, storm and tempest. Open doors of opportunity that they may find the food, clothing, and shelter they need each day.**
- P** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- C** **Move people of faith to seek out the lonely and distressed, the poor and disenfranchised, O Holy Spirit. Awaken in Your servants the words they need to share and the action they need to take so that fellowship and joy may replace isolation and sorrow.**
- P** Let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- C** **Lord Jesus, where Your church is divided, unite it in faith; where it is fearful, strengthen resolve; and where it has forgotten the Gospel, raise up leaders to speak Your word of reconciliation.**
- P** Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."
- C** **Work through individuals and agencies to bring about the healing You have in mind for all who are sick, gracious God. Use the talents You have given them so that the people under their care may be restored in body, mind, and spirit, to praise Your gracious, holy name.**

**P** Finally, O Lord, remember those who have requested our prayers this day, [especially ...]. As fits Your plans for them, visit and restore them in Your mercy. Grant these requests, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

## OFFERING

### VOLUNTARY

"God Bless Our Native Land"

arr. D. Wagner

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Prayer of Thanksgiving, also known as the Eucharistic Prayer, is not universally used. Luther removed it from his German mass. That is LSB Setting 5. Its resurgence after the Reformation reflects the distinct theological emphasis that Lutheran churches sought to establish, differentiating their understanding of the Eucharist from both Catholic and Reformed traditions.

This divergence in emphasis is crucial. Catholic Eucharistic prayers consistently focus the communicant's attention on their active participation in the worship of God \*through\* the act of communion. Conversely, Lutheran rites primarily emphasize what God \*does\* for us within the context of this sacred meal. This fundamental shift in perspective—a complete reversal of directional emphasis—renders the Prayer of Thanksgiving a critical element for understanding a particular church's theological framework.

Therefore, when attending services outside your usual congregation, paying close attention to the Prayer of Thanksgiving is paramount. This prayer acts as a theological window, clearly articulating the specific beliefs and practices of that community concerning this central act of worship. The nuances within its language provide valuable insight into their understanding of the Eucharist and its significance within their faith.

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

## PROPER PREFACE

- P** 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

*LSB 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## 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, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the

marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.

**G Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**G 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.

**PAX DOMINI**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

**AGNUS DEI**

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

LSB 813



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give  
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the  
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner  
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy  
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of  
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.  
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.  
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

5 Still lift your standard high,  
 Still march in firm array,  
 As pilgrims through the  
 darkness wend  
 Till dawns the golden day.  
 Refrain

△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,  
 The Lord whom we adore:  
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 One God forevermore. Refrain

6 At last the march shall end;  
 The wearied ones shall rest;  
 The pilgrims find their home at last  
 Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

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**VOLUNTARY**

"Rejoice O Pilgrim Throng"  
 "A Song of Peace"

arr. F. Ritter  
 R. J. Powell

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Stand*

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. 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** 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.
- G** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

"God Bless Our Native Land"

**LSB 965**



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;

Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with

wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

"God of Our Fathers Whose Almighty Hand "

arr. L. Smith

# ***NOTES***

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