

# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*Service of the Word for Video*  
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*Our mission: "To know Christ and to  
make Christ known."*



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

☐ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ Amen

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen

HYMN **Amazing Grace**.....LBW 448

### THE FIRST LESSON **Jeremiah 28:5-9**

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 89 *(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**<sup>2</sup>I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

**<sup>4</sup>I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.”**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

**<sup>16</sup>they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

**<sup>18</sup>For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON          Romans 6:12-23**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**☐ The Word of the Lord.**

**☑ Thanks be to God.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL          Matthew 10:40-42**

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

**☑ Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a

cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

☞ The Gospel of our Lord.

☞ **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope we affirm our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

### THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

☞ Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

☞ God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Hear us, O God. ☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. Hear us, O God. ☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you, and as you have welcomed us. Hear us, O God. ☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned especially the victims of COVID-19 and their families, as well as Liz, Grace, Diane, Ruth, Vanessa, Gary, Paul, Bob, Doris, Charles, Jerry, Gladys, Randy, Patricia, Diane, Joann, Richard, Ashton, Pr. Frank Showers, Lucille, April, Lenny, Gary, Esteban, Susan, Elsie, Virginia, and Francis. Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God. ☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other, and bless our attempts to reopen. Hear us, O God. ☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have *died* especially Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God. ☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray, Our Father...

## **OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE BLESSING

**P** Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the Father, † God, the Son,  
and God, the Holy Spirit,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C** Amen

**HYMN** Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life.....**LBW 429**

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

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