

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

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On the center aisle of each pew is a folder known as the "Friendship Register." Please sign the register and check if you are communing today. Be sure to review the sheet to identify visitors. Please hand the completed pages from the register to an usher during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Ten

The paraments are green during the time after Pentecost. Green is used to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.

# + GATHERING +

ACCLAMATION Timothy Olsen

Alleluia. Jesus says, The Spirit of the Lord will testify on my behalf, and you also are to testify. Alleluia.

(John 15:26, 27)

## **OPENING VOLUNTARY** Nun bitten wir

Dieterich Buxtehude

We stand.

## RINGING OF THE BELL

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,

and of the + Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

### Amen.

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.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God 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.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

## GATHERING HYMN 769 If You But Trust in God to Guide You

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

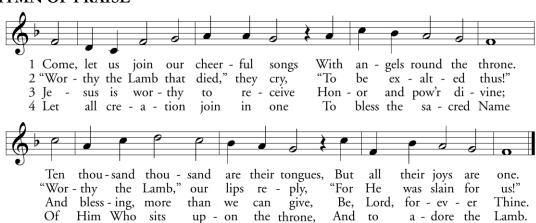
And also with you.

#### KYRIE



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

### HYMN OF PRAISE



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

### WELCOME

# + WORD +

## FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM** 69:7-10, 16-18



<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach, and shame has cov- | ered my face.

<sup>8</sup>I have become a stranger to <sup>|</sup> my own kindred, an alien to my <sup>|</sup> mother's children.

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

<sup>10</sup>I humbled my- | self with fasting, but that was turned to | my reproach.

<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your <sup>1</sup> love is kind; in your great compassion, <sup>1</sup> turn to me.

<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face | from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me | and redeem me; because of my enemies de- | liver me.

## **SECOND READING** Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.** 

We stand.





**GOSPEL** Matthew 10:24-39

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For 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; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever 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; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** 

SERMON Rev. Paul A. Wollner

We stand.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 638 Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

We sit.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

P. 227

We stand.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

Each portion of the prayers conclude:

Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

### PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

# And also with you.

The congregation is invited to share a sign of God's peace with one another. Please honor those who prefer not to physically share the peace.

We sit.

# + MEAL +

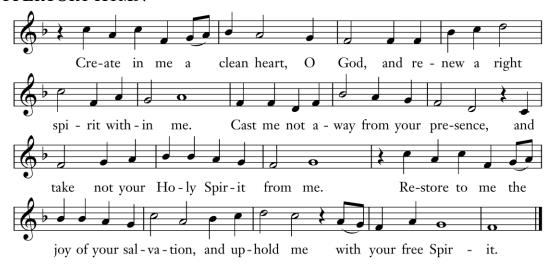
## **OFFERING**

We pass the offering plates in recognition that we are all invited to participate in sharing the gifts of abundance with what God has first given us. We recognize that many share their financial gifts online or at different frequencies; passing the plates connects us in our giving, no matter how we share. Please pass the plate down the pew and then onto the next row.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

We stand.

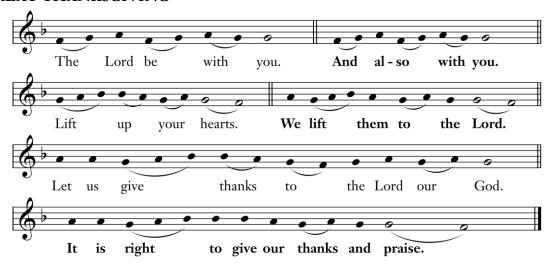
## **OFFERTORY HYMN**



Let us pray.

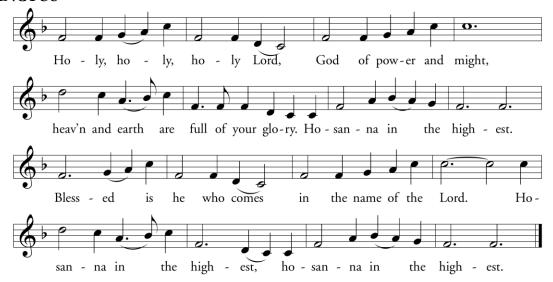
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# **SANCTUS**



### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

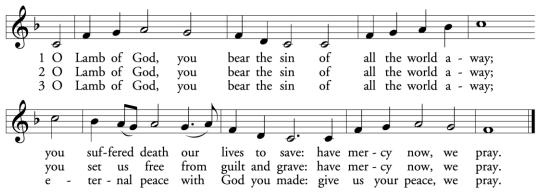
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## **AGNUS DEI**



We sit.

### COMMUNION

Holy Communion is available to all who believe, through two options. Those who are able are invited forward to receive the bread and wine through the method of intinction. Please let an usher know if you need a gluten-free wafer or grape juice option. You may also choose to receive an individual pre-sealed communion kit from an usher that you are welcome to bring forward for the Eucharistic Proclamation. The pastors will come to the pews of those unable to come forward. Those who would like to receive a blessing instead of communion are asked to cross their hands when they come forward.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

# MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN 810 O Jesus, I Have Promised

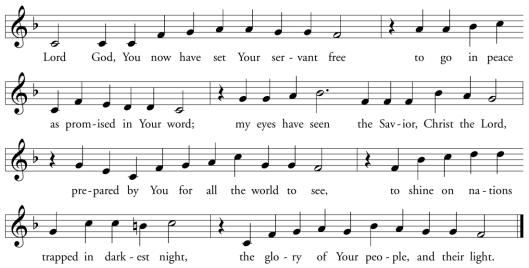
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We stand.

## TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE Nunc dimittis



Let us pray.
God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

# + SENDING +

## BLESSING



The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

**SENDING HYMN** 796 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

**DISMISSAL** 

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne

Dieterich Buxtehude

# Soli Deo Gloria

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