

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2020 – 10 am

AS WE GATHER

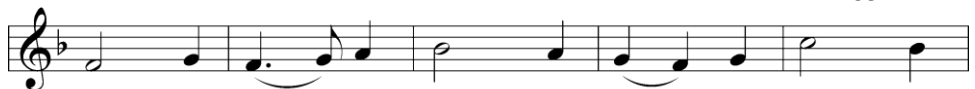
Without the truly good news of the Gospel we cannot see the hard truth that we and all people are poor sinners who deserve nothing but punishment from almighty God. It takes the Gospel to open our eyes wide to the severity of God's Law, which our Savior took on Himself in our stead. In Jeremiah's day, and our own, false prophets proclaim an easy peace that requires little change in our daily living. Now, as when Paul was writing, some people in the Church think the freedom Christ won for us can mean a disregard for God's Law. And when Jesus was calling disciples, He had to warn them (and us) that some of their own family members would actively oppose their following the Lord. But the Gospel announces what is real and good: God has kept all His promises in our Savior Jesus Christ. His death shows the enormity of the punishment we deserve, and His resurrection assures us of eternal life. Because our Lord gave His life for us, with eyes wide open we can lose ourselves in service to Him and with the psalmist "sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever" (Psalm 89:1).



✠ PREPARATION ✠

ENTRANCE HYMN "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

#851



1	Lord	of	glo - ry,	You	have	bought	us	With	Your
2	Grant	us	hearts,	dear	Lord,	to	give	You	Glad - ly,
3	Won - drous	hon - or	You	have	giv - en	To	our		
4	Lord	of	glo - ry,	You	have	bought	us	With	Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 hum - blest char - i - ty, In Your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



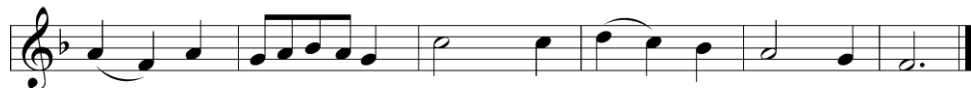
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord,
who could stand?
People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore
You are feared.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us
our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God has given His only Son to bear 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.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1*

Pastor: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD,
forever; with my mouth I will make known Your
faithfulness to all generations.
Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
People: **who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,**

Pastor: who exult in Your name all the day
People: and in Your righteousness are exalted.

Pastor: For You are the glory of their strength;
People: by Your favor our horn is exalted.

Pastor: For our shield belongs to the LORD,
People: our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**All: 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.**

**People: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD,
forever; with my mouth I will make known
Your faithfulness to all generations.**

KYRIE

Pastor: O Lord,
People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Christ,
People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Lord,
**People: have mercy on us, and give us Your peace.
Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”
#806

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His
Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say “I am strong.”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, by the working of
Your Holy Spirit,

**People: grant that we may gladly hear Your Word
proclaimed among us and follow its directing;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 28:5–9* (Jeremiah
condemns Hananiah for preaching peace while God has exiled most of
the people to Babylon.)

Then 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, and 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. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and
in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you
and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and

pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As 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.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Romans 7:1–13* (The purpose of the Law is to show the gravity of our sin.)

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. What then shall we say? That the law is sin? 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. Did that which is

good, then, bring death to me? 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 10:39*

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 10:34–42* (Jesus warns that following Him must take precedence over every relationship.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

“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 a person's enemies will be those of his 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 his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The 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. And 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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Law of God Is Good and Wise"
#579



1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His
2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge
3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in
4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall



will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -
of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -
works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -
then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -



ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.
tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.
light And should be done as good and right.
sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5 The Law is good; but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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SERMON: "Jesus, our Prince of Peace" - Matthew 10:34-42

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

**People: 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

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to the Lord's throne of grace and pray as He has commanded us, trusting in the Lord to hear the prayers of His people and answer our petitions according to His mercy.

Brief silence

O most merciful Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we pray You to so rule and govern Your Church and all her pastors and ministers that she may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word, defended against all adversity, and protected from all adversaries, that thereby faith may be strengthened and love increased in us.

Father grant health, wisdom and integrity to all in authority over us, especially our Prime Minister, the Premier of our province, the Parliament, all legislative bodies, and all judges and magistrates. Endow them with Your Spirit and with respect for Your Word, that they would serve Your good pleasure for the maintenance of righteousness and the punishment of wickedness so that we all may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty. According to Your gracious will, turn the hearts of our enemies and make them to walk with us in humility and peace.

Father grant to those in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death or any other adversity the healthful Spirit of Your grace for healing, strength, comfort and relief. Bless especially those who suffer for the sake of Your name and Your Word. Hear us on behalf of _____ and those we name in our hearts. Give them courage to stand firm in their afflictions and patience until the day of Your deliverance.

Father give to all husbands and wives grace to live together in love and faithfulness especially for _____ who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week. For those who celebrate their birthdays this week especially for _____. That they continue united to God's Word, and trusting in His promises of an everlasting life in Jesus.

Father in heaven bless the homes and families of Your people, that they may be places where Your name is honored and love is nurtured. Give Your special grace to the widowed, the orphan, all mothers with child, the aged and the infirm, that we may grant them comfort, aid and protection. We thank You Lord for the birth of Elleanor Rose who was born June 24. We pray for her mother and her father during this time of joy and ask You to bless them each them of their life.

Father preserve us from pestilence and every evil. Give to us favorable weather and cause the fruits of the earth to prosper,

that we may enjoy them in due season and offer You praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness to us. Lend Your blessing to all honorable vocations and honest industry, that we may serve where our skills and abilities may be of good use. Bless the arts and music, that we may please You and be encouraged by all that is good, right, true and beautiful.

Father protect our congregation, that in the midst of a world experiencing troubles and distressing events, we may also lift up our heads and see that our redemption is drawing near. As we watch for the signs of God's coming Kingdom, may we never grow weary in doing good, but continue to fulfill our vocations with diligence and integrity.

All these things for which You would have us ask of You, we pray You to grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom we are bold to call You Father and in whose name we pray, trusting in Your mercy and confident that You will give answer to our prayers; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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

Pastor: God the Father, who promised lasting peace; the ✠ Son, whose death and resurrection have made that peace real for all who call to Him in faith; and the Holy Spirit, who has opened our eyes that we may believe, bless you and keep you in His care today and forever.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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