

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### PRELUDE

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Tim Shewmaker

#### RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

Amazing Grace

Hymnal p. 744

#### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross (+) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

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.**

*(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)*

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We therefore flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may receive the crown of eternal life in Your Kingdom of Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C: **Yes, so I believe.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 794

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my Life from heaven;  
My Maker, who to me has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield and keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield new blessings on my way.**

The Lord, my God, be praised, My Trust, my life from heaven,  
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned with His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith the highest heav'nly good.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My Hope, my Life from heaven,  
The Spirit, whom the Son in love to me has given.  
His grace revives my heart and gives my spirit pow'r,  
Help, comfort, and support in sorrow's gloomy hour.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever living,  
To whom the heav'nly host their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised in whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

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## COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lord God, we hear voices proclaiming false peace and promising abundant blessings in exchange for our lip service and loving intentions. Open our ears to hear the severity of Your Law and our hearts to be overwhelmed by the mercy You offer because of the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5–9

L: The first reading for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost is from chapter twenty-eight of Jeremiah.

*Jeremiah condemns Hananiah for preaching peace while God has exiled most of the people to Babylon.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALMODY

### Psalm 119

L: Plead my cause and redeem me;

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

L: Look on my affliction and deliver me,

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

L: Plead my cause and redeem me;

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

L: Salvation is far from the wicked,

C: **for they do not seek Your statutes.**

L: Great is Your mercy, O Lord;

C: **give me life according to Your just decrees.**

L: Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,

C: **but I do not swerve from your testimonies.**

L: I look at the faithless with disgust,

C: **because they do not keep Your commands.**

L: Consider how I love Your precepts!

C: **Give me life according to Your steadfast love.**

L: The sum of Your word is truth,

C: **and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever.**

A: **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.**

L: Plead my cause and redeem me;

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

## SECOND READING

Romans 7:1–13

L: The second reading is from chapter seven of Romans.

*The purpose of the Law is to show the gravity of our sin.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34–42

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew, chapter ten.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Jesus warns that following Him must take precedence over every relationship.*

*Following the reading...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED<sup>2</sup>

**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.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

Hymnal p. 685

## SERMON<sup>3</sup>

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*Following each petition:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: 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.**

P: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, strengthen us in all our temptations, afflictions and sorrows, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we might continue steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end join You in Your everlasting kingdom of glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**God Bless Our Native Land**

Hymnal p. 965

# POSTLUDE

## O God, Thou Faithful God

Edward Broughton

<sup>1</sup>*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

<sup>2</sup>*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

<sup>3</sup>Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28