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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer on entering church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

There Is a Fountain

Douglas E. Wagner

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *(please rise and sing)*

Come unto Me, Ye Weary

Hymnal p. 684

“Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest.”

O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!

**It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending, Of love that cannot cease.**

“Come unto Me, ye wand’ers, And I will give you light.”

O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!

**Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;
But Thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.**

“Come unto Me, ye fainting, And I will give you life.”

O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!

**The foe is stern and eager, The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.**

“And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out.”

O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,

**Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!**

CONGREGATION GREETINGS

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.

CONFESSION¹

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: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE **Sing Praise to God** Hymnal p. 819 sts. 1,2,5

**Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,
The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.**

**With healing balm our souls He fills And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty pow'r has made, In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.**

**Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!**

**All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.**

**Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!**

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

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

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18

L: The first reading is from Galatians chapter six.

Paul encourages mutual caring and global outreach.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 66

L: Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!

C: **Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!**

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face shine upon us.
That Your way may be known on Earth,

Your saving power among all nations.

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For You judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon Earth.

**C: Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!**

L: The Earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

**C: Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!**

**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.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:1–20

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus sends out His messengers of peace to proclaim the kingdom of God.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

**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

Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

Hymnal p. 533

**Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,
Alpha Omega, Beginning and End;
Godhead, humanity, union supernal,
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!
Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!
Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!
Jesus has come as the King of all glory!
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!**

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SERMON³

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

Offertory on "Morecambe"

John S. Dixon

OFFERING SONG

We Praise You, O God

Hymnal p. 785 sts 1-3

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;

We bless Your holy Name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;

Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.

When perils o'er take us, You will not forsake us,

And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer

And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.

To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is being celebrated in today's service. In preparation for that, please be reminded that the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are not merely representations or symbols of Jesus' body and blood but Jesus' body and blood sacrificed on the cross are present in, with, and under the bread and wine (The Real Presence). How is this possible? This is beyond human understanding, but we remember that with God all things are possible. This truth is a divine mystery instituted by Jesus, taught by his Apostles, fervently held by the Christian church, and one in which we participate through faith. To be properly prepared to receive this sacrament, you must

1) Recognize that you have indeed sinned against God and other people and are accountable to God

for those sins;

2) Be sorry (repentant) for those sins;

3) Believe that in this sacrament Jesus bestows forgiveness, life, and salvation; and

4) Sincerely desire to live a godly life from this point forward.

If you are not a member of Christ Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor before receiving communion here for the first time. If you choose to come forward to receive a blessing rather than the Lord's Supper, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Hymnal p. 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you in all ways.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Hymnal p. 434 sts. 1,3

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us O Jesus! O Jesus!**

Prayer before communing: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Form a line at the communion rail starting at the left side. When the line is half full, begin filling it in from the right side. When invited, approach the rail and kneel/stand. If you want to receive a gluten-free wafer at communion, let the worship assistant know as he comes by with the wafers. After communion, exit through the right doorway, place individual communion cups in the tray, and proceed down the stairs back to your seat.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Hymnal p. 606

**I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains**

Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;

He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.

**I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.**

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;

His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.

I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;

Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

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VOLUNTARY

Let Us Break Bread Together

Robert Lau

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

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: 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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Hymnal p. 649

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.**

**When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.**

POSTLUDE

Sing a New Song

Mary McDonald

¹*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.

²*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.

³Martin 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

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