

CONFESSION (p. 95)

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

APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

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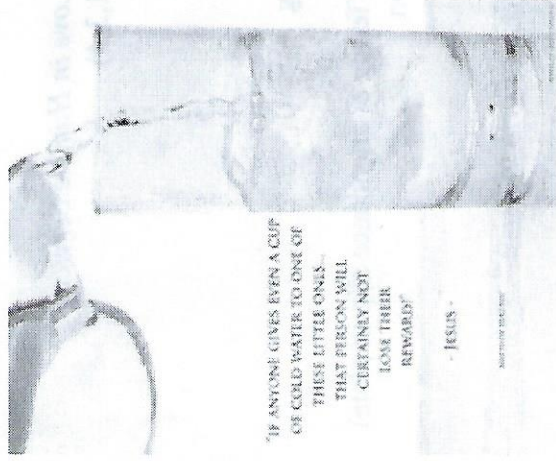
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"IF ANYONE GIVES EVEN A CUP
OF COLD WATER TO ONE OF
THESE LITTLE ONES
THAT PERSON WILL
CERTAINLY NOT
LOSE THEIR
REWARD"

- JESUS -

MATTHEW 23:12

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Worship and Communion. A very special welcome to all our guests today as we gather to give thanks and to be nourished by God's Word and His presence with us. *Everyone who believes in the presence of Christ is invited and welcome to join in Holy Communion. For those who cannot drink wine, water is offered.* Please fill out an attendance slip and hand it to an usher. We ask that our guests also sign the Guest Book in the entry.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: David & Linda Noll, Ellison Ehlers and Michael Noll
 Acolyte: Addison Noll
 Lay Reader: Nelda Hoefelmeyer
 Music: Morgan Pape
 Altar Guild: Elinor Rudolph
 Flowers: Lillian Bauer celebrating Cullen Bauer's birthday

LOOKING AHEAD

July 5	9:00 am	Worship service with Holy Communion
July 8	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
July 9	6:30 pm	Game Night
July 12	9:00 am	Worship Service

The 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.

THE SERVICE OF GOD

WE WORSHIP IN GOD'S NAME AS HIS BAPTIZED ONES

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Response "THANKS BE TO GOD"	

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Preparing for Next Week

Monday (Peter and Paul, Apostles) John 21:15-19. **Tuesday** 1 John 4:1-6. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators) Matthew 11:20-24. **Thursday** Psalm 145:8-14. **Friday** (Thomas, Apostle) John 14:1-7. **Saturday** Luke 10:21-24. **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost** Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

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Celebrate

Sunday, June 28, 2020
4th Sunday after Pentecost

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

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; ⁶and 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. ⁷But listen now to this

word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As 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."



Your love, O LORD, for - ev - er will I sing.

Your love, O LORD, forever I will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will pro- I claim your faithfulness.

2For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- I lished forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly I in the heavens.

3"I have made a covenant with my I chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to Da- I vid my servant:

4"I will establish your I line forever, and preserve your throne for all I generations." **R**

15Happy are the people who know the I festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light I of your presence.

16They rejoice daily I in your name; they are jubilant I in your righteousness.

17For you are the glory I of their strength, and by your favor our might I is exalted.

18Truly, our shield belongs I to the LORD; our king to the Holy I One of Israel. **R**

Second Reading

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey your passions. ¹³No 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. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do 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? ¹⁷But 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, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I 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.

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

Gospel

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever 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; ⁴²and 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."

#715 Christ, Be Our Light

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. **Refrain**
3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. **Refrain**
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. **Refrain**
5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. **Refrain**

#705 God of Grace and God of Glory

5. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r; crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
6. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
7. Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
8. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

#712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

2. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
5. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
6. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

#551 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

5. The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.
6. We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
7. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
8. Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.