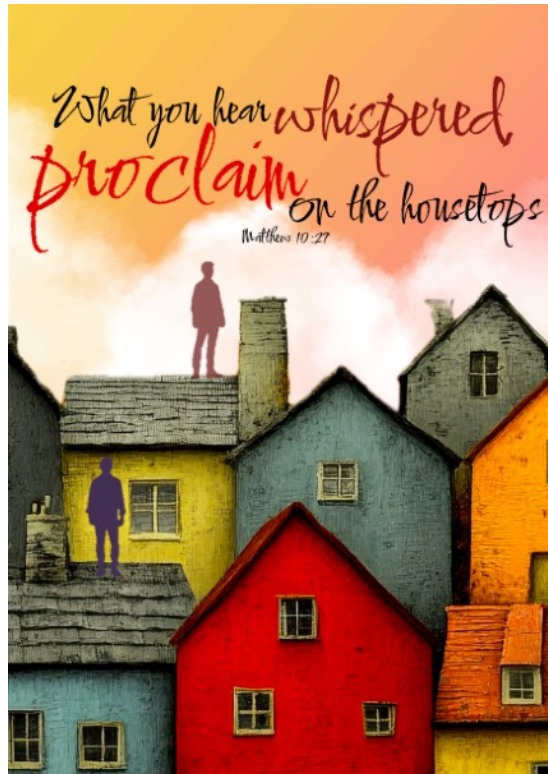


# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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**Prayer Upon Entering Church:** O Lord, God the Father, my Maker, Lord Jesus, my Redeemer, Holy Spirit, my Comforter in life and death, I have entered Your house to hear what You will speak to me. Lord, renew now my heart through Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, that from Your Word I learn to grieve over my sins, trust in Jesus in life and in death, and daily to better myself in holy life and conduct. Hear and answer me through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**About This Service:** The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

**Are My Children Welcome?** Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

**Visitors:** Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If you don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

**Communion Statement:** All visitors are asked to speak with Pastor before the service and prior to coming up for communion. We invite those who are active communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS but wish to come receive a blessing, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

## Ringing of the Bell

### Prelude

### Welcome

#### Opening Hymn TLH 14 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

**All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make.  
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.**

**Oh, enter, then, His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always. For it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord, our God, is good; His mercy is forever sure.  
His truth at all times firmly stood And shall from age to age endure.**

△ **To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

## The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH

#### Invocation: TLH Page 15 [Responses Sung]

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

#### Confession of Sins TLH Page 16

**ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

#### Absolution TLH Page 16

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: [Sung] **Amen.**

**Introit** (P: Pastor **C: Congregation**) *Psalm 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13*

P: For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,  
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

**C: When I am afraid,  
I put my trust in you.**

P: In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
What can flesh do to me?

**C: In God, whose word I praise,  
in the Lord, whose word I praise,**

P: in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
What can man do to me?

**Gloria Patri:** *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Kyrie:** *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**The Gloria in Excelsis:** *TLH Pages 17-19 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect** *TLH Page 19*

P: The Lord be with you! **C: And with thy spirit!**  
*(prayed together)* – **O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of  
Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Response: [Sung] Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 20:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>O Lord, you have deceived me,  
and I was deceived;  
you are stronger than I,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all the day;  
everyone mocks me.  
<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the Lord has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering.  
Terror is on every side!  
"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall.

"Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we can overcome him  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the Lord;  
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

### **Epistle Reading – Romans 6:12-23**

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do 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? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup>and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Gradual** (*Pastor speaks, congregation responds with "Hallelujahs!"*)

P: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.

On your wondrous works, I will meditate,  
and I will declare your greatness.

**C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...*     **C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!**

**Gospel Reading – Matthew 10:5a, 21-33**

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

<sup>21</sup>"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup>"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And 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. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

*The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...*

**C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!**

**The Nicene Creed** *TLH Page 22*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon Hymn TLH 409 "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"**

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Flee the world, which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in His footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus, To His image e'er conform;  
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.  
Tho' we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap with heav'nly joy;  
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.  
Christ, I suffer here with Thee; There, oh, share Thy joy with me!**

**Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,  
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.  
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here I die to Thee There to live eternally.**

**Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since He's risen from the dead,  
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, Thou art now our Head,  
We are truly Thine own members; Where Thou livest, there live we.  
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.  
Jesus, here I live to Thee, Also there eternally. Amen.**

**The Sermon**

**Offertory**

*TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]*

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Prayers**

*TLH Pages 23-24*

**ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Preface: TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And with thy spirit.**

**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 meet and right so to do.**

**P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee,  
holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the  
company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:**

**The Sanctus: TLH Page 26 [Sung]**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer:** *TLH Page 27*

**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;**

*[Sung]* **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Institution:** *TLH Page 27*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**The Pax Domini:** *TLH Page 27*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

**The Agnus Dei:** *TLH Page 28 [Sung]*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.**

**The Distribution** *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us.)*

**Distribution Hymns TLH 518 "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"**

**If thou but suffer God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the Rock that naught can move.**

**What can these anxious cares avail thee, These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help if thou bewail thee O'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press The heavier for our bitterness.**

**Be patient and await His leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.**

**God knows full well when times of gladness Shall be the needful thing for thee.  
When He has tried thy soul with sadness And from all guile has found thee free,  
He comes to thee all unaware And makes thee own His loving care.**

**Nor think amid the fiery trial That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring And sets a bound to everything.**

**All are alike before the Highest; 'Tis easy to our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest, To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought Who setteth up and brings to naught.**

**Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word, though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed. Amen.**

**TLH 369 "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"**

**All mankind fell in Adam's fall, One common sin infects them all;  
From sire to son the bane descends, And over all the curse impends.**

**Through all man's powers corruption creeps And him in dreadful bondage keeps;  
In guilt he draws his infant breath And reaps its fruits of woe and death.**

**From hearts depraved, to evil prone, Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;  
God's image lost, the darkened soul Nor seeks nor finds its heavenly goal.**

**But Christ, the second Adam, came To bear our sin and woe and shame,  
To be our Life, our Light, our Way, Our only Hope, our only Stay.**

**As by one man all mankind fell And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
So by one Man, who took our place, We all received the gift of grace.**

**We thank Thee, Christ; new life is ours, New light, new hope, new strength, new powers:  
May grace our every way attend Until we reach our journey's end! Amen.**

**Nunc Dimittis**

*TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Thanksgiving: TLH Page 30**

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

**The Thanksgiving Prayer: TLH Pages 30-31**

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God,  
world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

**The Benedicamus: TLH Page 31**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Benediction: TLH Page 31**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto  
you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

**Closing Hymn TLH 258 “Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation”**

**Lord of our life and God of our salvation,  
Star of our night and Hope of every nation,  
Hear and receive Thy Church's supplication,  
Lord God Almighty.**

**See round Thine ark the hungry billows curling;  
See how thy foes their banners are unfurling.  
Lord, while their darts evenomed they are hurling,  
Thou canst preserve us.**

**Lord, Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth;  
Lord, Thou canst save when sin assaileth;  
Lord, o'er Thy Church nor death nor hell prevaieth;  
Grant us Thy peace, Lord:**

**Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging;  
Peace in Thy Church where brothers are engaging;  
Peace when the world its busy war is waging.  
Calm Thy foes' raging.**

**Grant us Thy help till backward they are driven;  
Grant them Thy truth that they may be forgiven;  
Grant peace on earth or, after we have striven,  
Peace in Thy heaven. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

***Have A Blessed Week!***

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Hymn #409: John 11:16; Lasset un smit Jesu ziehen; Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus; Author: Sigismund von Birken (1653); Translator: J. Adam Bimbach (1900); Tune: Lasset un smit Jesu Ziehen; Composer: Georg G. Boltze (1788).

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Hymn #369: Scripture: Romans 3:12; Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt; All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall; Author: Lazarus Spengler (1524, cento); Translator: Matthias Loy (1880, alt.); Tune: Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten; Source: “Genevan Psalter”, 1547.

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**Daily Bible Reading:**

- **Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**: Esther 5
- **Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**: Esther 6
- **Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**: Esther 7
- **Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**: Esther 8
- **Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**: Esther 9
- **Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**: Esther 10
- **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**: Philippians 1

**Catechism Recitation for the Week:**

**Sacrament of the Altar: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?**

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

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**Prayer for Departing Church:** O Lord, I give thanks to You with all my heart. You have taught me Your will that I might perform it. Help me now, my God, by Your Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ’s sake, that I may treasure Your Word in a heart unblemished, and fortified in faith, lead a sanctified life after the manner of our forefathers, and therein find solace in life and in death. Amen.