



4th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Words in **bold** are said together.

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught 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.

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever. C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin to God. (pour water into font/silence for reflection)

L: Compassionate God, C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

L: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – VBS Music

Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not count the cost, to fight and not heed the wounds, to toil and not seek for rest, to labor and not ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-13 p. 630

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on

him.”¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 69:7-18 p. 462

⁷ It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.

⁸ I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother’s children.

⁹ It is zeal for your house that has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

¹⁰ When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.

¹¹ When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.

¹² I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

¹³ But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help¹⁴ rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

¹⁵ Do not let the flood sweep over me or the deep swallow me up or the Pit close its mouth over me.

¹⁶ Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

¹⁷ Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.

ALL: ¹⁸ Draw near to me; redeem me; set me free because of my enemies.

Romans 6:1b-11 p. 917

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase?² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin.⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin.⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God.¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 102, setting 1

The holy Gospel according to *Matthew*. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 10:24-39 p. 791

²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will

not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷ "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, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

David Ingram

Hymn of the Day – VBS Music

Apostle's 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.

Prayers of God's People

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

Offering

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Offering Hymn – VBS Music

Offering Prayer

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask

this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving p. 107

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

Invitation to Communion

L: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Post Communion Prayer

L: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. C: Amen.

Announcements

- THANK YOU! To everyone who made VBS happen
- Have you checked the Lost & Found box lately?
- Coming up: Sept 13 GWOH Sunday

Closing Hymn – VBS Music

Blessing

L: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! C: Thanks be to God.

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