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AS WE GATHER

The Law Is Good

Having been justified in Christ, how then shall we live? That is the vexing question. The Law that once could only accuse because of sin that stood in judgment over us now guides us to know what the life of the righteous in Christ looks like. The voice of God in the Law continues to set before us the path of a holy, upright, and godly life. Though the Law cannot move us to keep its words or even to appreciate its voice, God works by the Spirit in the life of the redeemed to show us what life looks like in Christ. In Christ, the Law guides us, and, by the gift of the Spirit, we learn not only to hear but to rejoice in its words and, as Luther says, to “gladly do what He commands.”

PRELUDE
WELCOME

"Children of the Heavenly Father," arranged by Ralph C. Schulz

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Our Father, by Whose Name" #863

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 38:3*

Pastor: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

People: **I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.**

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver according to Your mercy and grant peace to my heart so that I may serve You with all my mind, body, and soul.**

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you. Amen.**

ANTIPHON

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

People: ♪ For He is our maker.

VENITE *hymnal page 220-221*

♪ O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it,
and His hands form-ed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our maker.
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.

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.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Merciful God, for freedom You have set us free through
Christ's liberating death and resurrection. In this freedom,
teach us to live in the fruit of the Spirit and as Your own
children by Baptism and faith, bearing in our bodies the
fulfillment of the Law, loving You above all things and
loving our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 28:5-9
(“It will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 7:1-13
(If you have died to the Law in Christ, you have been raised to bear eternal fruit.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE Matthew 10:39

Pastor: Alleluia. Whoever finds his life will lose it,

People: and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:34-42
(“Whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.”)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

Please be seated.

HYMN “ ‘Come, Follow Me’, the Savior Spake” #688

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

"Meditation on 'Christe Sanctorum'," arranged by Anthony Giamanco

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN “We Give Thee But Thine Own” #781 v1-2

**We give Thee but Thine own,
What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee,**

**May we Thy bounties thus,
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, bend near to Your people and hearken to the sound of their voices in prayer, for You have promised to hear and grant us all things good and right through Jesus Christ, Your Son.

O merciful Lord, grant that those who have been redeemed by a cross the power and strength to bear the cross and so follow Christ. Give to us the pattern of sound words in the doctrine we confess and the pattern of good works in the lives we lead.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O blessed Lord, You have promised us the wisdom and guidance of the Spirit, that we might rightly distinguish Your commands and promises, and, having been saved by Your grace, take heed to Your Law in the ordering of our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O mighty God, all things are Yours and yet You have entrusted into our care all that You have made. Help us to be wise and discerning people as we use Your resources for Your glory and for the good of our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O loving God, You bear with all the wounds and suffering of Your people, and deliver them now according to Your fatherly wisdom and forever according to Your promise of redemption. Hear us on behalf of all the sick, the suffering, those in need, the dying, and those grieving, especially Liz, Betty Karla, Dan, Ian and Luetta. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O great God, You have ordered all things in Your wisdom and imparted to Your people the voice of Your Word and Spirit to guide us in all things. Deliver our world from war, our nations from inept or evil government and leaders, and our people from want or fear. Grant us grace to be honorable citizens of this union and to demonstrate the noble virtues of integrity and truth in all our dealings. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O holy God, You established the home to be a place of blessing and faith, for the raising of honorable children and for the care of those in need. Bless the homes of Your people and help them to fulfill their duties and vocations with faithfulness and contentment of heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O patient God, You order the seasons and enable the land to be fruitful. Order our hearts to be grateful for Your gifts and responsible in their use, enabling the poor to be sustained by those who have plenty, and generously supporting the work of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O maker of all that is good, You have established our days in peace through our Lord Jesus Christ and delivered to us the blessing of eternal life. Grant us Your grace so that what we here know by faith we shall finally know face to face, when we shall be joined with the saints in Your presence on high. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Endless Your mercy and eternal Your reign, O Lord, God of our fathers, who would have us pray, trusting in Your mercy and confident You will grant to us all that is needful; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

HYMN "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" #685

POSTLUDE *"Voice of Praise," by Ellen Jane Lorenz*

THE MESSENGER

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WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Rev. Mark Croucher
Linda Rayburn, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler, and Luetta Buchholz

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 11 total: 1 guest

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, July 5th is "**Bloom Where You're Planted**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Blessing, in a Biblical sense, means God's favor in any circumstance, no exceptions, because there is no place or circumstance in which God does not belong. Genesis 39:21 Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.