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## The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

God's Gift Service T June 28, 2020

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Prelude

Welcome

God Gathers Us in His Name

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn:

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

LSB # 905

### God's Gift of Forgiveness

*As God gathers us in worship today the only thing we are able to give Him is our sins,  
and out of undeserved love for us God gives us forgiveness.*

*King David wrote in the Psalms: “I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD’  
— and You, [O God,] forgave the guilt of my sin.”*

*Psalm 32:5b NIV*

P Do you confess to Almighty God that you are a poor, miserable sinner who has sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed and therefore justly deserve His present and eternal punishment? If so, answer, “Yes.”

C Yes.

P Do you believe that our Lord Jesus Christ has lived a holy life, satisfying all the demands of God's holy Law for you, and died, shedding His blood for you upon the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins? If so, answer, “Yes.”

C Yes.

P Do you ask God, for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of His beloved Son Jesus, to be gracious and merciful to you? If so, answer, “Yes.”

C Yes.

P I have great Good News! Through His holy life and innocent death on the cross, Jesus has satisfied the holy demands of God's Law and has earned forgiveness and eternal life for us. He desires that this gift be delivered to all people. For He told His disciples on Easter evening, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you. ... If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” *John 20:21,23 NIV*

P Therefore, in the stead and by this command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and as the called and ordained servant of the Word in this place, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P You are forgiven! You are set free! You are dearly loved children of God! Together you and I can now raise our voices in thanksgiving and praise to God for His tremendous grace. We can bring Him our fears and hopes, our needs and prayers, with all boldness and confidence as dear children do to their dear Father.

C Amen.

Our Praise in Response to God's Forgiveness: *by A. Kersh, B. Coker, H. Balltzgier, & P.T. Smith*  
"Death Was Arrested"

God's Gift of His Word

— 1 Peter 1:23 NIV

*By ourselves we are spiritually dead. By our own efforts we are unable to create or sustain a relationship with God.*

*However, out of undeserved love for us, God has made us spiritually alive.*

*He creates and sustains a relationship with us by way of His Word, the Word of Jesus:*

*"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."*

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 28:1-9 ESV

*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Prophet Jeremiah writes:]*

In that same year, at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fifth month of the fourth year, Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet from Gibeon, spoke to [Jeremiah] in the house of the Lord, in the presence of the priests and all the people, saying, "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. Within two years I will bring back to this place all the vessels of the Lord's house, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon. I will also bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the exiles from Judah who went to Babylon, declares the Lord, for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon."

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 7:1-13 ESV

*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul writes:]*

Or do you not know, brothers – for I am speaking to those who know the law – that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised

life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 10:1a, 34-42

ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Matthew writes:]*

[The twelve, those He called apostles,] Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . . “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 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. And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household.

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. And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

“Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: “‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

*by LSB # 688*

Sermon:

“Jesus Said,  
‘Whoever Loves X More Than Me  
Is NOT Worthy of Me!’”

*Matthew 10:1a, 34-42*

Apostles’ Creed

P We confess our Christian faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

C 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.

## Our Prayers in Response to God's Word

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For the opportunity to participate in the Iowa West District LWML Convention (Open the Eyes of My Heart, O Lord!) by viewing the recording on YouTube.
- For the Confirmation of their Christian Faith on Sunday, June 28, by Drew Dunlap, Madeline Leyhe (on the 21<sup>st</sup>), Nadia Powell, Dylan Rains, Nolan Rains, Kennedy Rice Larimer, Dalton Schoen, Mateya Speltz, Isaac Speltz, and Brady Thomsen.

### Prayers for Healing:

- Pastor Jim Stogdill of Messiah Lutheran in Johnston – a melanoma on his neck; surgery on June 12; next steps unknown.
- Those infected with COVID-19.
- Ian Thompson; Dale Foltman; Joan Koch's brother, Bill - cancer; John Light's girlfriend – in a nursing home due to health issues; Dale Curtice; David West; Joan Erickson; Debbie Holseid; Gretchen Versteeg; Michael Sturgeon; Doug Burke; Pat Davison; & Kathryn Sprecher.

Prayer for relief from the COVID-19 pandemic and all its resultant consequences.

### Prayers for our Country:

- In view of the pandemic.
- In view of civil unrest.
- In view of the approaching campaign and election.

### Prayers for Mt. Olive and its Ministries:

- God's guidance & blessings on our ongoing online services and drive thru Communion
- God's guidance & blessings on our upcoming virtual Vacation Bible School (July 20-24) and for many to participate.
- God's help & blessings for members of our School community:
  - N Sarah & Jonathan Gallagher and their daughter Elizabeth
  - N Cheryl & Dallas Gamble and their son Nash
  - N Bradley Hobbiebrunken & Laura Leonard and their daughter Amelia
  - N Renee & Craig Rubenking and their children – Nolan & Olivia Powell
  - N Maggie & Max Barthel and their children – Holli & Jacob
- God's guidance & blessings on our church leadership as they faithfully serve the congregation & school, and that others would be prayerfully led to join them in the Lord's service.
- That God would show each of us ways to pray for and to reach out to others in Jesus' name where we live, work, and play.

*The prayers, silent or spoken, will be prayed now. Each prayer will end with:*

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your loving hands, dear Lord, we place everyone and everything for which we've prayed.  
We trust You to answer our prayers according to Your mercy in the way that is best for us.  
We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## Our Offerings in Response to God's Word

– 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15 NIV

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich. ... Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*

You are encouraged to continue regularly giving your tithes and offerings to the Lord either online at [www.molcs.org/church](http://www.molcs.org/church) or by mailing them to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 5625 Franklin Ave, Des Moines IA 50310 or bringing them to one of our drive through Communion services.  
We thank God for your ongoing generosity in supporting the Lord's work during this challenging time.

## Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

## Collect Prayer of the Day

P We join in the Collect Prayer of the Day:

C Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us & follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Final Prayer

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, grant  
that our lips which have here sung Your praise may now glorify You in the world;  
that our ears which have heard the voice of our Shepherd through Your Word  
may now be closed to the clamorous voice of Satan and the world;  
that our eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope;  
that our tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth; and  
that we may be fully restored to newness of life  
through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give T you His peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

C Amen.

Closing Song: "All The People Said Amen" *by Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan & Paul Moak*

## Announcements and Postlude

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO drive through Communion either this weekend (6/27 & 28) or next weekend (7/4 & 5). The remaining Two drive through Communion will be held on Sunday, July 12 & Saturday July 18.

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**As you leave His Service today,**

*God wants you to be assured that ALL your sins have been forgiven  
and that He has declared you to be His holy, beloved child,  
an heir of an eternal, never-ending relationship with Him.*

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