

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 28, 2020

Reward

Immanuel Lutheran, Clarinda, and Trinity Lutheran, Shenandoah

**As we enter:** Christ promises a great reward, eternal life, for those who follow Him and His cross. The reward will not be lost, even in the midst of divisions. Let us each pick up our cross and follow him.

**Hymn: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

*LSB 851*

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| <p>1 Lord of glory, You have bought us<br/>With Your lifeblood as the price,<br/>Never grudging for the lost ones<br/>That tremendous sacrifice;<br/>And with that have freely given<br/>Blessings countless as the sand<br/>To the <u>un</u>thankful and the evil<br/>With Your own unsparing hand.</p> <p>2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You<br/>Gladly, freely of Your own.<br/>With the sunshine of Your goodness<br/>Melt our thankless hearts of stone<br/>Till our cold and selfish natures,<br/>Warmed by You, at length believe<br/>That more happy and more blessed<br/>'Tis to give than to receive.</p> | <p>3 Wondrous honor You have given<br/>To our humblest charity<br/>In Your own mysterious sentence,<br/>“You have done it all to Me.”<br/>Can it be, O gracious Master,<br/>That You deign for alms to sue,<br/>Saying by Your poor and needy,<br/>“Give as I have giv’n to you”?</p> <p>4 Lord of glory, You have bought us<br/>With Your lifeblood as the price,<br/>Never grudging for the lost ones<br/>That tremendous sacrifice.<br/>Give us faith to trust You boldly,<br/>Hope, to stay our souls on You;<br/>But, oh, best of all Your graces,<br/>With Your love our love renew.</p> |
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**Confession and Absolution**

*LSB 151*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.  
**C** Amen.

## Introit

*Psalm 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1*

**P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**C** **Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**

**P** who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.

**C** **For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.**

**P** For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word  
proclaimed among us and 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## Epistle

*Romans 7:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>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? <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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.” <sup>8</sup>But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup>I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup>The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup>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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Verse of the Day

*Matthew 10:39*

**P** Alleluia. Whoever finds his life will lose it,

**C** and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Alleluia.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 10:34–42*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>34</sup>[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

*LSB 685*

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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## Sermon: Reward

*Matthew 10:34–42*

## Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

### 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.**

## Prayer

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*LSB 425*

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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## Prayers

For God to heal our divisions that we may be united in Him.

For the proclamation of the Kingdom even amidst divisions.

For the safety of all the God's little ones.

For health for all infected with the coronavirus and for its spread to be stopped.

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