

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

9:00 am

## Prelude

## Announcements

## Introduction

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

## Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn: ELW #803 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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. Where the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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## Prayer of the Day

**O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# Readings and Psalm

## First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast,  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream,  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm  
and bounced on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass,  
and it shall be known that the power of the LORD is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

## Psalm: Psalm 66:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> **All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."**

<sup>5</sup> Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup> **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup> **Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

## Second Reading: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

[<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia.* Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. *Alleluia.* (Col. 3:15, 16)

The Gospel according to Luke starting with the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you O Lord.**

## Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are

there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'<sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup>"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day: ELW #576 "We All Are One in Mission"**

- 1. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**
- 2. We all are called for service, to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same; to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**
- 3. Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; we all are in in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

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## **Apostles Creed**

### **Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **Offering**

#### **Offering Hymn: ELW #186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit  
from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me  
with your free Spirit.**

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### **Offering Prayer**

**Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of (*Jan Hus and*) all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of (*local natural beauty and*) all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain (*especially*). Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

## Preface

### Thanksgiving at the Table

#### 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.**

#### Invitation to Communion

The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

## **Distribution Hymn: ELW #445**

### ***"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"***

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.  
Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave  
them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.  
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

- 2. We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us  
join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us,  
guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in  
living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.**
- 3. Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your  
name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We your people  
stand before you, water washed and Spirit born. By your grace, our lives  
we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!**

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## **Post-Communion Blessing**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your  
grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and  
proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn: ELW #674 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

- 1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy; bread  
is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

*Refrain:* **Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around;  
loaves abound!**

- 2. Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching  
people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain:***
- 3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us  
love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain:***

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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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 **Prayers:** Please continue to keep our members and loved ones in your prayers, including Arlen, Lan-Shiang, Ken, Deb, Ruth, Barry, Monica, Jeff, Jenny, Dennis, Caroline, Nathan, Sue Bogenschutz, and the Tryhus Family.

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