

June 28, 2020 | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 8



Divine Service 1 LSB pgs. 151-166

Without the truly good news of the Gospel we cannot see the hard truth that we and all people are poor sinners who deserve nothing but punishment from almighty God. It takes the Gospel to open our eyes wide to the severity of God's Law, which our Savior took on Himself in our stead. In Jeremiah's day, and our own, false prophets proclaim an easy peace that requires little change in our daily living. Now, as when Paul was writing, some people in the Church think the freedom Christ won for us can mean a disregard for God's Law. And when Jesus was calling disciples, He had to warn them (and us) that some of their own family members would actively oppose their following the Lord. But the Gospel announces what is real and good: God has kept all His promises in our Savior Jesus Christ. His death shows the enormity of the punishment we deserve, and His resurrection assures us of eternal life. Because our Lord gave His life for us, with eyes wide open we can lose ourselves in service to Him and with the psalmist "sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever" (Psalm 89:1).

To Our Congregation and Guests about the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is Jesus' meal of forgiveness and strength. However, because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because we also believe that receiving the Lord's Supper together is an outward profession of unity with one another in faith and doctrine, we would therefore only invite communicant members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive this gift with us. If you still desire to receive the sacrament, please first speak with the pastor.

Guests are still encouraged to come to the altar, cross their arms over their chests, and receive a special blessing.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper can be made by reading the front inside cover and pp. 326-327 of the hymnal along with reaffirming the following statements:

- *I am baptized.*
- *I repent of my sins, trusting in Jesus' atoning sacrifice for forgiveness and eternal life.*
- *I believe that I will eat Jesus' actual flesh and blood in, with, and under bread and wine.*
- *As Jesus has forgiven and loved me, I do not refuse to forgive and love.*
- *By God's grace I will continue to frequently receive Word and Sacrament, and I will strive to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus' holy name.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

Song of Invocation

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

**I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain**

Refrain **In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain**

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

P If we say that 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.

1 John 1:8-9

Confession and Absolution

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.

John 20:19-23

Kyrie

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Mark 10:47, LSB pg. 152-153

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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 mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22 LSB pg. 156

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit,

C grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing;

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 28:5–9

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.

Epistle Reading Romans 7:1–13

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.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68 LSB pg. 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading Matthew 10:34–42

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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. 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.



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Sermon

"Hard Words and Healing Words" - based on Jeremiah 28:5-9

Nicene Creed

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P Christian, what do you believe?

**C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4, LSB pg. 159

P *Let us pray for the Church around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.*

In Jeremiah's day, most of the Israelites were in exile in Babylon.

Let us pray for people who are displaced from their homes, communities, and countries.

Heavenly Father,

C use humanitarian efforts on every level to supply what they lack, until the eyes of world's power brokers are open to see their plight and put people's needs above their own political aspirations.

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P *Prophets regularly "prophesied war, famine, and pestilence."*

Let us pray for refugees from warfare, those who lack the basic necessities of life, and all who are dealing with long-term ills or sudden emergencies.

Lord Jesus,

C use compassionate people and agencies to provide food, clothing, and shelter where they are needed; guide emergency and medical professionals as they tend those under their care; and open our eyes to see opportunities in which we may serve.

[Specific petitions may be added.]

P *Paul wrote that because we belong to one another in the Body of Christ and have died to the law, "we may bear fruit for God."*

Let us pray for ourselves and the Church wherever it gathers in Christ's name.

O Holy Spirit,

C strengthen us and our brothers and sisters around the world as we seek to give our lives in loving service to You, reaching out to the lost, strengthening the weak in faith, and rejoicing together as we receive the real good that comes to us through Word and Sacrament.

P Lord in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for we dearly desire to sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering -the offering is being collected at the Narthex-Sanctuary door.

Offertory

LSB pg. 159 Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise

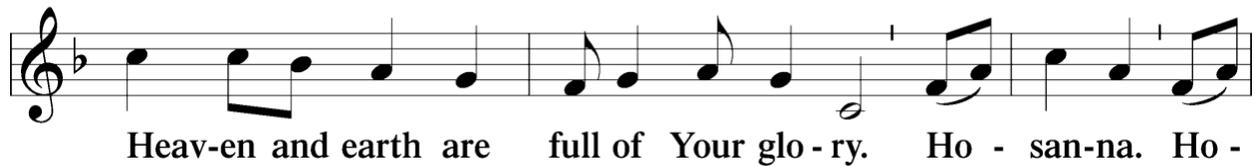
Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

C Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

"Holy, Holy, Holy"



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Words of our Lord

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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \dagger body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

Pax Domini

"The Peace of the Lord"

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God"

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☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Distribution Song *"The Wonderful Cross"*

**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.**

**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?**

**Oh, the wonderful cross! Oh, the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross! Oh, the wonderful cross!
All who gather here by grace Draw near and bless Your name.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an off'ring far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

**Oh, the wonderful cross! Oh, the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross! Oh, the wonderful cross!
All who gather here by grace Draw near and bless Your name.**

**Oh, the wonderful cross! Oh, the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live.**

Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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Distribution Song *"Cornerstone"*

**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name**

**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name**

**Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all**

**When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil**

**Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all**

He is Lord Lord of all

**Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne**

**Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all**

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1 God of the proph - ets, bless the proph - ets' sons;
 2 A - noint them proph - ets, men who are in - tent
 3 A - noint them priests, strong in - ter - ces - sors they,
 4 A - noint them kings, yes, king - ly kings, O Lord.
 5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of Your cross;



E - li - jah's man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast.
 To be Your wit - ness - es in word and deed,
 For par - don and for love and hope and peace,
 A - noint them with the Spir - it of Your Son.
 Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.



Each age its sol - emn task may claim but once;
 Their hearts a - flame, their lips made el - o - quent,
 That, through their plead - ing, guilt - y sin - ners may
 Theirs not a jew - eled crown, a blood - stained sword;
 In - spired by You, may they count all but loss



Make each one no - bler, strong - er than the last.
 Their eyes a - wake to ev - 'ry hu - man need.
 Find Je - sus' mer - cy and from sin re - lease.
 Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a king - dom won.
 And stand at last with joy be - fore Your face.

Post Communion Canticle *"Thank the Lord"*

Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43; 1 Chronicles 16:8-10 | LSB. 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

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P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

C and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

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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.

1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, Warn - ing
 2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; Tell the
 3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— Those re -
 4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has

us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and
 news that Christ is here; Make a path - way through the
 pent - ing are for - giv'n; God re - ceives His way - ward
 come to share our life, Bring - ing God's own love and

sad - ness Till once more we sing the song.
 des - ert For the one who brings God near.
 chil - dren, And to them new life is giv'n.
 pow - er, Grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.

Kejram

Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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Voter's Meeting

Dismissal

- P Go in peace, and serve the Lord
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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