

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 8

Called to Commitment

June 28, 2020

**AS WE GATHER**

As Jesus prepared his disciples for their first missionary journey, he empowered them to heal the sick and cast out demons. He warned them that not everyone would be excited and welcoming; however he charged them to announce that the Kingdom of God was at hand. We have been to the cross and empty tomb with Jesus and have seen just how much God loves us. Our faith calls us to a life committed to make Christ the priority in our lives as we share the Good News with those in our life.

**PRELUDE**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* - Paul Manz, Richard Hillert

**BELLS**

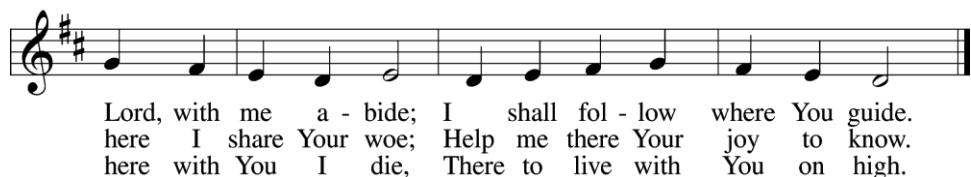
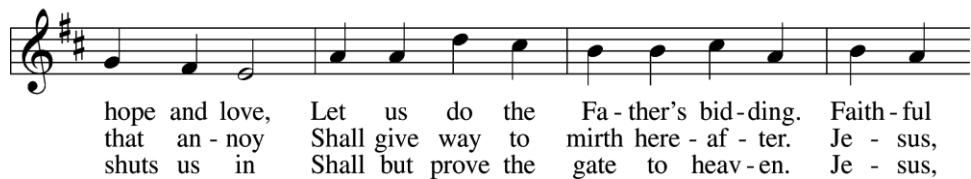
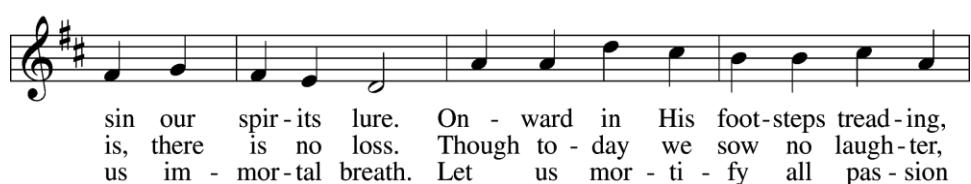
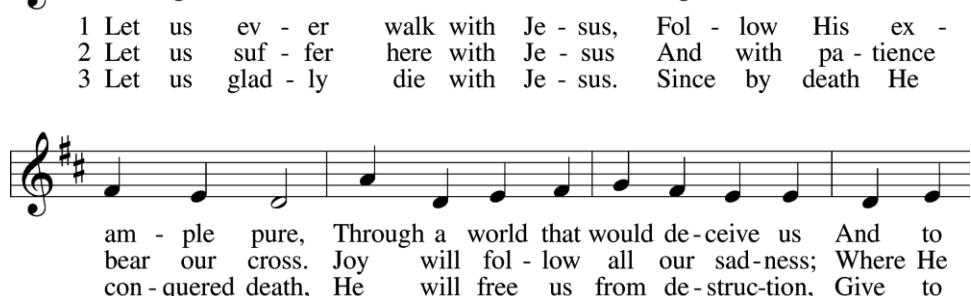
**WELCOME**

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**OPENING HYMN**

*“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”*

LSB 685:1-3



## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

## CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Because we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition and have sinned in thought, word, and deed, let us employ the faith the Holy Spirit has given us and go to our gracious heavenly Father, asking His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God has given His only Son to bear the punishment of our sins on the cross so that we might know the peace of His presence now and the joys of heaven hereafter. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

## ☩ WORD ☩

### INTROIT

### Psalm 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1

Pastor: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.  
Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
People: **who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,**

Pastor: who exult in Your name all the day  
People: **and in Your righteousness are exalted.**

Pastor: For You are the glory of their strength;  
People: **by Your favor our horn is exalted.**

Pastor: For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
People: **our king to the Holy One of Israel.**  
**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.**  
**I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;**  
**with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit,  
People: **grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
People: **Amen**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Jeremiah 28:5–9

<sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> 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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 119:153–160

<sup>153</sup> Look on my affliction and deliver me,  
for I do not forget your law.  
<sup>154</sup> Plead my cause and redeem me;  
give me life according to your promise!  
<sup>155</sup> Salvation is far from the wicked,  
for they do not seek your statutes.  
<sup>156</sup> Great is your mercy, O LORD;  
give me life according to your rules.  
<sup>157</sup> Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,  
but I do not swerve from your testimonies.  
<sup>158</sup> I look at the faithless with disgust,  
because they do not keep your commands.  
<sup>159</sup> Consider how I love your precepts!  
Give me life according to your steadfast love.  
<sup>160</sup> The sum of your word is truth,  
and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

## 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> For 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 in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

<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. For 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. For 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.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

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## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34–42

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>34</sup> “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.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

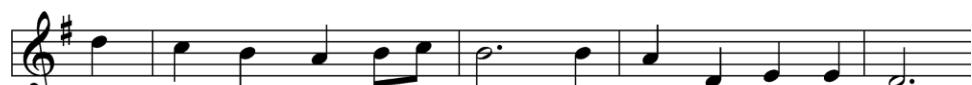
**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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## HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB 781:1, 4-6



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,  
5 The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,  
6 And we be - lieve Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
To tend the lone and fa - ther-less Is an - gels’ work be - low.  
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.  
What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

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## SERMON

“Called To A Higher Commitment”

Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau

Matthew 10:34-42

**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.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** 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, 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. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** 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, use compassionate people and agencies, especially Lutheran Social Service and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 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. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** 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, 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. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** **Amen.**

**OFFERING****Offering will be collected at the door****LORD'S PRAYER****People:**

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.

**BENEDICTION**

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.

**CLOSING HYMN***"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"***LSB 685:4**

4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en  
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,  
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem-bers;  
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence  
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,  
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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**POSTLUDE***Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* - Victor Freudenburg