

Concordia Lutheran Church & St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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About the Revised Common Lectionary

A lectionary is a table of readings from Scripture appointed to be read at public worship. The Lectionary (1969, revised 1981) developed by the Roman Catholic Church after Vatican II provided for a three-year cycle of Sunday readings. This Roman lectionary provided the basis for the lectionary in 1979 edition of The Book of Common Prayer, as well as for lectionaries developed by many other denominations. The Common Lectionary, published in 1983, was an ecumenical project of several American and Canadian denominations, developed out of a concern for the unity of the church and a desire for a common experience of Scripture. It was intended as a harmonization of the many different denominational approaches to the three-year lectionary. The Revised Common Lectionary, published in 1992 and officially adopted by The Episcopal Church in 2006, takes into account constructive criticism of the Common Lectionary based on the evaluation of its trial use, and like the current prayer-book lectionary, is a three-year cycle of Sunday Eucharistic readings in which Matthew, Mark, and Luke are read in successive years with some material from John read in each year.

From <https://episcopalchurch.org/about-revised-common-lectionary>

This Church Year Calendar, Propers and Daily Lectionary uses the Revised Common Lectionary as it appears in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006). Two series of readings are provided for the Time after Pentecost. The Complementary series provides Old Testament readings and psalms chosen for their relationship to the gospels. The Semi-continuous series provides Old Testament readings and psalms that, while not as explicitly connected to the gospels, explore many of the books and stories not covered by the Complementary series. Scripture references are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The appointed psalm refrain for Sundays and festivals is from the verse in parentheses.

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Reverend Johnson leads

OPENING SENTENCE

We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds. *Psalm 75:1*

CONFESSON

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

Pastor Barclay leads

THE INVITATORY

Leader: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

Leader and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Invitatory Morning Psalm

Psalm 63:1-8

Deus, Deus meus

O God, you are my God; **from break of day I seek you.**

Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus*

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no
water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy
place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
*
my lips shall give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
*

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will
rejoice.

My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

O God, you are my God; **from break of day I
seek you.**

Reader from St. Mary's

FIRST LESSON JEREMIAH 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah 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 fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to 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 true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HYMN *All Are Welcome*

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign a new. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the

3. Let us build a house where love is found in water wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the

faith of Jesus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Build of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Reader from Concordia

THE EPISTLE ROMANS 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present

yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater

iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reader from St. Mary's

CANTICLE K A Song of Our Adoption

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, *
that we should be holy and blameless before you.

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ,
*

according to the good pleasure of your will,
To the praise of your glorious grace, *
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.
In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,

Ephesians 1:3-10

the forgiveness of our sins,
According to the riches of your grace *
which you have lavished upon us.
You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,
According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,
To gather together all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Deacon Winzler reads

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward

of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of our Savior. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson

THE HYMN *We Are Called*

1. Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and
the love of the Lord! We
are called to be light for
the kingdom, to live in
the freedom of the city of
God. We are called to act
with justice, we are
called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve
one another, to walk
humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all
those in fear! We are
called to be hope for the
hopeless so hatred and
blindness will be no
more. We are called to
act with justice, we are
called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve
one another, to walk
humbly with God.

3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day
when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll
walk with each other as
sisters and brothers
united in love. We are
called to act with justice,
we are called to love
tenderly; we are called to
serve one another, to
walk humbly with God.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Pastor Barclay leads

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Reverend Johnson leads

THE PRAYERS

Leader: Hear our cry, O God.

People: And listen to our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Reader from Concordia leads.

Let us pray to the Lord,
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighborhoods may be places of trust
and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we
pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Reverend Johnson COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world.
Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Pastor Barclay A COLLECT FOR THIS TIME

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbor, and to care for those in need as if we were
caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and
to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. **Amen.**

Reverend Johnson

A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

God of all power and love,

we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

N.B.: This new collect has been composed by a national team of Lutherans and Episcopalians. Written “to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission” during this crisis. In the spirit of Pentecost, Presiding Bishop Curry and his Lutheran counterpart, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, invite congregations to pray the new collect from Pentecost through the first Sunday in September.

INTERCESSIONS

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow.

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.
After each petition we pray,
Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

Pastor Barclay leads

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS (*Leader and People*)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Reverend Johnson leads

THE BLESSING

May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short,
grace to do something big for something good,
grace to remember that the world is too dangerous now for anything but truth and too small for anything but love,

And may the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1. Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you. In finite your vast domain, everlasting in your reign.
2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are

- raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy holy Lord!"
3. Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow; and

from morn to set of sun through the church the son goes on.

4. Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you, though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you and, adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

Deacon Fedorchak dismisses the assembly

Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

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DAILY READINGS FOR JUNE 29-JULY 4

Monday

1 Kings 21:1-16 1
Thessalonians 4:9-12
Psalm 119:161-168
Or
Acts 12:1-11
Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7
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2 Timothy 4:6-8,

17-18

John 21:15-19

Tuesday

1 Kings 21:17-29

1 John 4:1-6

Psalm 119:161-168

Wednesday

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Matthew 11:20-24

Psalm 119:161-168

Thursday

Zechariah 1:1-6

Romans 7:1-6

Psalm 145:8-14

Friday

Zechariah 2:6-13

Romans 7:7-20

Psalm 145:8-14

Saturday

Zechariah 4:1-7

Luke 10:21-24

Psalm 145:8-14

Prayer of the Day Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.