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for a penny? Yet not one of
them will fall to the ground
outside your Father's care.
And even the very hairs of
your head are all numbered.
So don't be afraid; you
are worth more than
many sparrows.

Matthew 10:29-31

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Setting Ten

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Jays & Concerns

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C. Amen

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

C. we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Righteous God,

C. we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

C. Amen

Gathering Hymn

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

The Greeting

P. The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to

stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.



Psalmody

Psalm 69:7-18

(ELW tone 1)

chanted responsively



Surely, for your sake I have suf-^lfered reproach,
and shame has cov-^lered my face.

**I have become a stranger to^l my own kindred,
an alien to my^l mother's children.**

Zeal for your house has eat-^len me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall-^len upon me.

**I humbled my-^lself with fasting,
but that was turned to^l my reproach.**

I put on ¹ sackcloth also,
and became a by- ¹ word among them.

**Those who sit at the gate mur- ¹ mur against me,
and the drunkards make ¹ songs about me.**

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have ¹ set, O LORD:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- ¹ failing help.

**Save me from the mire; do not ¹ let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of ¹ the deep waters.**

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- ¹ low me up;
do not let the pit shut its ¹ mouth upon me.

**Answer me, O LORD, for your ¹ love is kind;
in your great compassion, ¹ turn to me.**

Hide not your face ¹ from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am ¹ in distress.

**Draw near to me ¹ and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- ¹ liver me.**

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.



Consider
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ROMANS 6:11

Gospel Acclamation

S205a



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter ten.

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



Do Not Be Afraid

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!"

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“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 one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

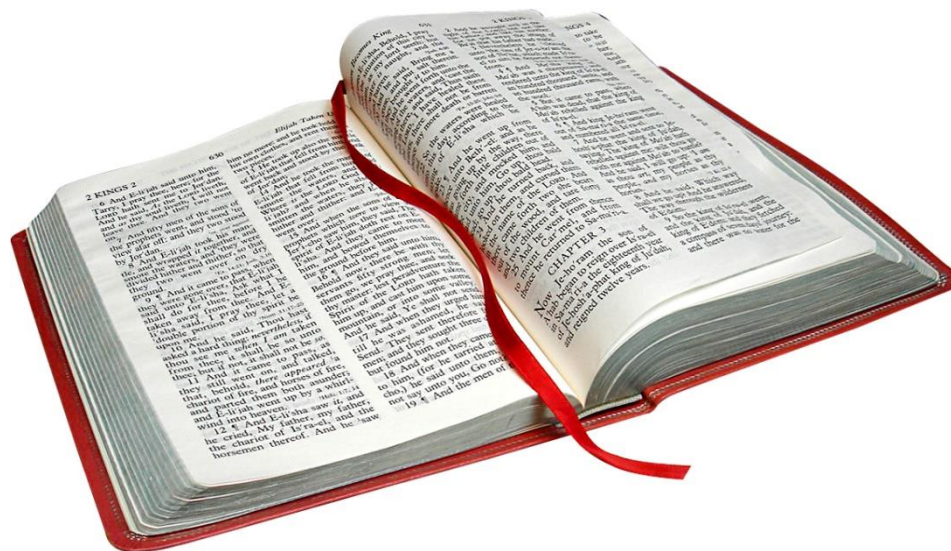
Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

John Petry, Interim Pastor



Hymn of the Day

When Our Song Says Peace

ELW 709

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

Prayers of Intercession

A. Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence

You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

P. Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C. Amen

The Peace

P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

C. And also with you.

The Offering

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

~N. Kedroff

Choir

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of musical notation for the Offertory 'Create In Me'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right' are written below the notes.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your' are written below the notes.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -' are written below the notes.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system of musical notation. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,' are written below the notes.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' are written below the notes.

Offertory Prayer

- A. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

- P. The Lord be with you.
- C. **And also with you.**

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

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

- P. It is indeed right . . .

The Sanctus

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ELW 190

Eucharistic 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

- P. All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.
- C. **Amen.**

Lamb of God



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns

<i>Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal</i>	ELW 464
<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>	ELW 798
<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	ELW 781

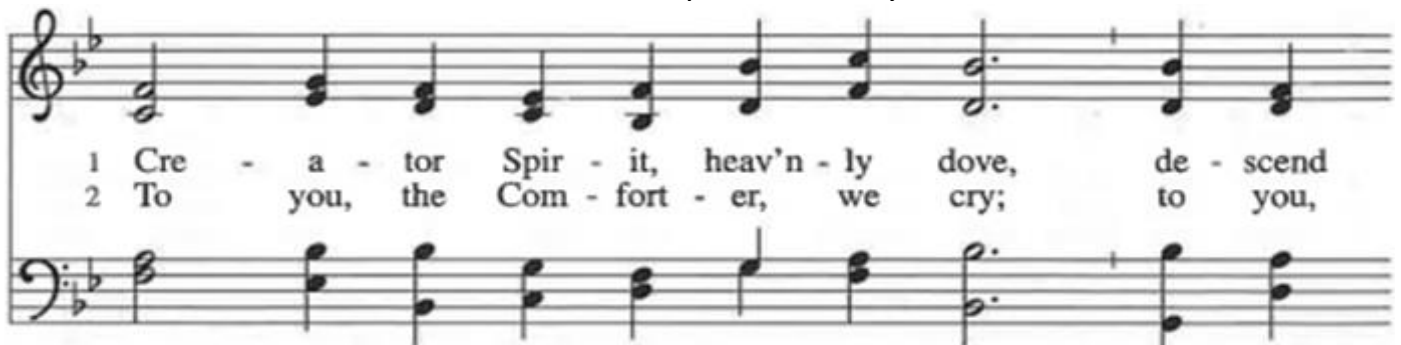
Post Communion Prayer

- A. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our
dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C. Amen.

Post Communion Canticle

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

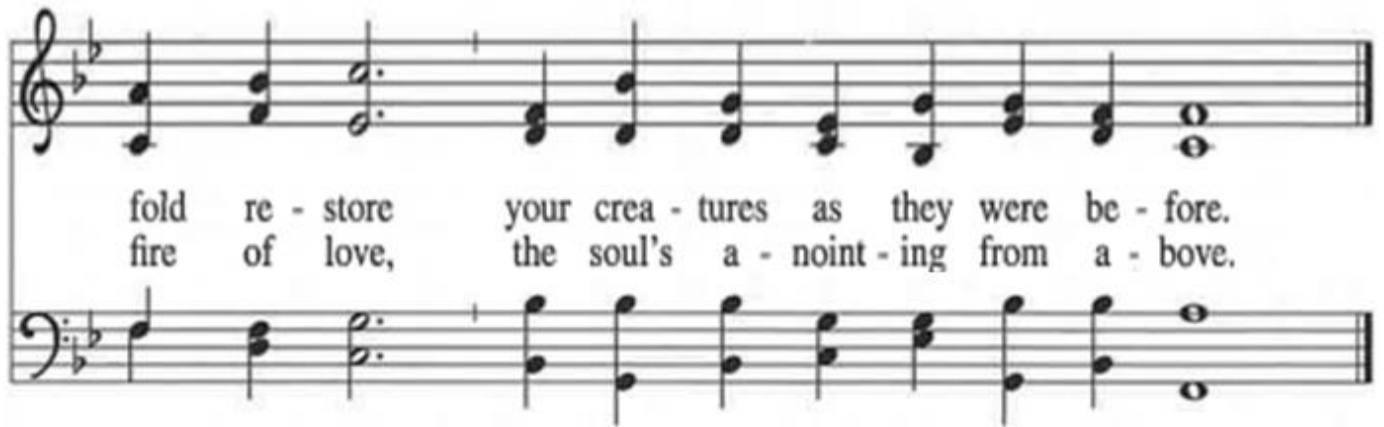
ELW 578



- 1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -
the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the



Blessing

P. The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

O Zion, Haste

ELW 668

Dismissal

P. Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Servers for Sunday, June 25th

Assisting Minister..... Shannon Thomsen
 Reader Mary Cook
 Altar Guild Sarah Watkins
 Greeters/Counters Linda Hash / Steve Brantley

Serving 
 from the
 Heart



Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheet is on the board in the hallway.

Flowers this week are provided by the flower fund.
Candles this month are provided by Julie Bogle to the Glory of God!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 25

**After Worship Fellowship today provided by
Nick Vietri in celebration of his 96th Birthday!!!**

11:00 am

Church Meeting



June 28

7:00 am

Rotary Breakfast

7:00 pm

Choir Practice

July 2

9:00 am

Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 am

Worship Service – Time After Pentecost

July 3

4:30 pm

Independence Day Celebration

Come celebrate America's Birthday on Monday, July 3rd. There will be a shared Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm with our friends at Able to Serve! Hot Dogs will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share and join in the fun!

As is tradition, we will be parking cars in our field again this year as a fundraiser. We need people – Men AND Women – to help direct the cars and efficiently place them.

Social concerns will again be handing out promotional items to the children.



**Please arrive before 4:30 pm
to avoid any issues with road closures!!!**