



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
June 25, 2023

*Lutheran Book of Worship – Setting Two*

**GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.*

We gather to worship the One true God – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” (LBW #250)

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; Come thou al - so un - to me;  
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, Here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, Let me keep thy gift di - vine;

Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
 Where we find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.  
 Let my soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
 How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, May thy Word still o'er me shine

Oh, how bless - ed is this place, Filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, Let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 So that all I hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 As my guid - ing star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
 Let thy will be done indeed;  
 May I undisturbed draw near thee  
 While thou dost thy people feed.  
 Here of life the fountain flows;  
 Here is balm for all our woes.

*Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.  
 Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680*

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AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

**We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE ("Lord, have mercy..." LBW pp. 78-79) *Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1*



Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    ☩ Lord,    have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord,    have mer - cy.



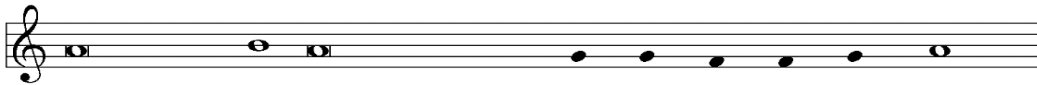
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord,    have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

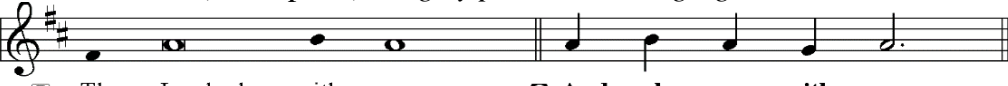


let us pray to the Lord.    ☩ Lord,    have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.    ☩ A -    men

**SALUTATION (LBW p. 82) *Sung by pastor and congregation. Ruth 2:4***



Ⓐ The Lord be with you.    ☩ And al - so with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together:

**For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

<sup>7</sup>O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup>But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:1-16 *Sung responsively between cantor and congregation. (Tone #9)*

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of | the Most High,\*  
abides under the shadow of | the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>**He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge | and my stronghold,\*  
my God in whom I | put my trust."**

<sup>3</sup>He shall deliver you from the snare | of the hunter\*  
and from the | deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup>**He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge un- | der his wings;\*  
his faithfulness shall be a | shield and buckler.**

<sup>5</sup>You shall not be afraid of any ter- | ror by night,\*  
nor of the arrow that | flies by day;

<sup>6</sup>**Of the plague that stalks | in the darkness,\*  
nor of the sickness that lays | waste at mid day.**

<sup>7</sup>A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at | your right hand,\*  
but it shall | not come near you.

<sup>8</sup>**Your eyes have only | to behold\*  
to see the reward | of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,\*  
and the Most High your | habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**There shall no evil hap- | pen to you,\*  
neither shall any plague come | near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For he shall give his angels charge | over you,\*  
to keep you in | all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**They shall bear you | in their hands,\*  
lest you dash your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You shall tread upon the li- | on and adder,\*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un- | der your feet.

<sup>14</sup>**Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I de- | liver him;\*  
I will protect him, because he | knows my name.**

<sup>15</sup>He shall call upon me, and I will | answer him;\*  
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring | him to honor.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I sa- | tisfy him,\*  
and show him | my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>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? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup>and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>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 lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. <sup>20</sup>For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 83) *John 6:68*

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

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 83)

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

<sup>5a</sup>These twelve {disciples} Jesus sent out, instructing them,  
<sup>21</sup>“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. <sup>24</sup>A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. <sup>26</sup>So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And 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. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)



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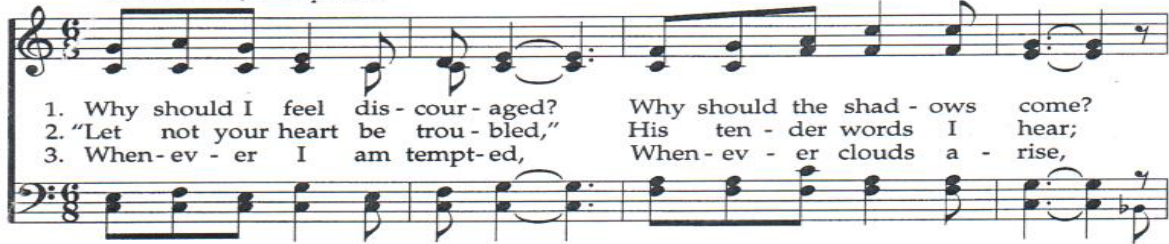
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

# GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" (Celebration Hymnal #624)



1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?  
2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," His ten-der words I hear;  
3. When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, When-ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly And long for heav'n and home When  
And rest-ing on His good-ness, I lose my doubt and fear. Tho'  
When songs give place to sigh-ing, When hope with-in me dies, I



Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant Friend is He: His  
by the path He lead-eth But one step I may see: His  
draw the clos-er to Him; From care He sets me free: His



eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me. His  
eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me. His  
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eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me.  
eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me.  
eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me.

## Refrain



I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free; For His



eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me.

TEXT: Civilla D. Martin  
MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel

SPARROW  
Irregular meter

APOSTLES' CREED (LBW p. 85) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need...

*Each petition ends with these words:* Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these words:* ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

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

*Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.*

### OFFERING OF TITHES & ADDITIONAL GIFTS with SPECIAL MUSIC as available

*We offer our time, talents, and treasure in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN and OFFERTORY PRAYER: (LBW pp. 86-87)



☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



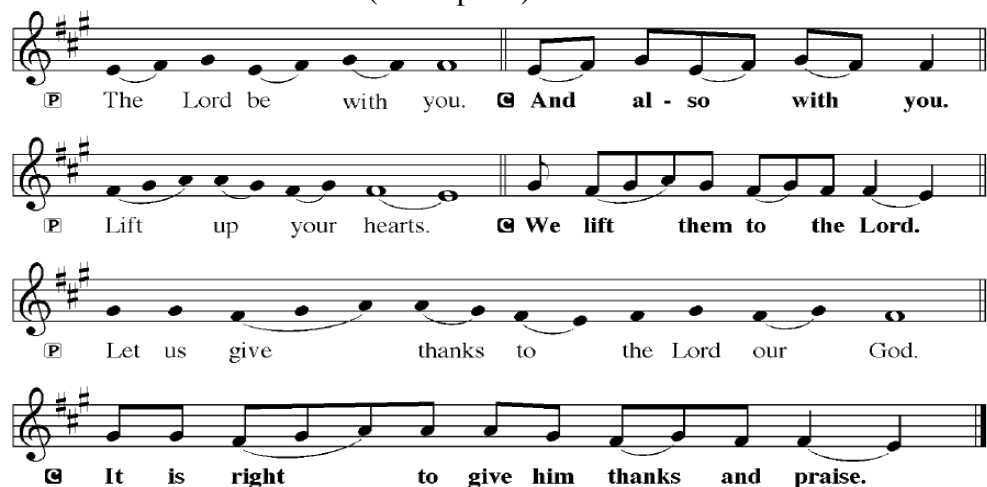
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.



Let us pray...

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 88)



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are:   
1. **P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.   
2. **P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.   
3. **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.   
4. **G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 88) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death in the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (“Holy” LBW p. 89) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are:   
1. **G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:   
2. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.   
3. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes   
4. in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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;**

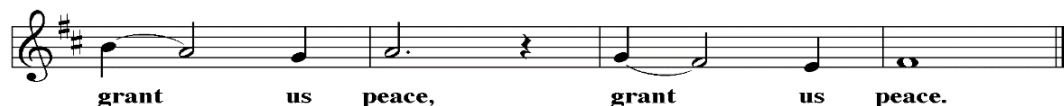
**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN ("*Lamb of God...*" LBW p. 92) *John 1:29*



*Please be seated.*

### WE RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward to commune. The usher will direct you and offer you hand sanitizer.*

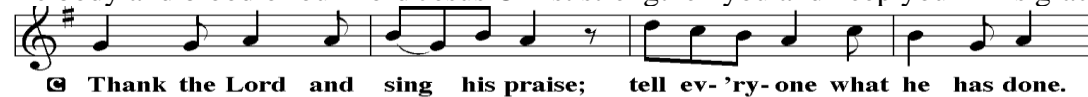
- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament, you have full forgiveness of sins by God's Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 92-93)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (adapted from SBH p. 13) & BENEDICTION (LBW p. 95)

Let us pray. Almighty God, who gives the true Bread which comes down from heaven, your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech you, that we who have received the Sacrament of his Body and Blood may abide in him, and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.



☩ 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.

A - - - men

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

SENDING HYMN: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" (LBW #453)

1 If you but trust in God to guide you And place your  
2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, In help - less  
3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure In cheer - ful  
4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, Of - fer your

con - fi - dence in him, You'll find him al - ways there be -  
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and  
hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er your Fa - ther's  
ser - vice faith - ful - ly, And trust his word; though un - de -

side you, To give you hope and strength with - in. For those who  
keep - ing, In sor - row will he love you less? For he who  
plea - sure And all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; Doubt not your  
serv - ing, You'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er

trust God's change-less love Build on the rock that will not move.  
took for you a cross Will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
in - most wants are known To him who chose you for his own.  
will for - sake in need The soul that trusts in him in - deed.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you join us for worship today!

Love God. Love neighbor.  
Serve with joy in Jesus' name.  
worship + fellowship + discipleship



**Who We Are** - As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we strive to be:  
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