

July 3, 2022

4th Sunday of Pentecost

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Proverbs 14:34

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PRE-SERVICE WELCOME

“God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” — Jn 3:17 “You go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of The Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” — Mt. 28:19-20

We welcome all in the name of Jesus Christ, that “bright and morning star” Who arises in the hearts of every believing sinner to bring peace and hope of eternal glory in the heavenly city! No matter how poorly things may be going in this earthly country we call “home” the Christian may sing with comfort and hope: “O sweet and blessed country, The home of God’s elect! O sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect! Jesus, mercy bring us To that dear land of rest, Who art, with God the Father And Spirit ever blest.”

May a good measure of this joy be present with each of our worshipers today. If you are a visitor among us and have need of assistance during the service, please ask our ushers. Please sign our guest register and speak with the pastor if you would like for him to contact you. You are always welcome among us for what we have so freely received we would freely give!

We are glad for every child who is present in the worship service, even as our Lord said, “Let the little children to come unto me, and do not forbid them.” (Mt. 19:14a) . Even if our children do not hear with understanding all that is spoken or sung in the worship service, they do receive God’s blessing at the end of the service, as do all the adults in the sanctuary.

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: WS #745

“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”

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

C Amen.

P Pastor

C Congregation

INTROIT

P Turn unto me, O Lord, and have mercy upon me:

C For I am desolate and afflicted.

P Look upon my affliction and my pain:

C And forgive all my sins.

P Unto You, O LORD, do I lift up my soul:

C O my God, I trust in You, let me not be ashamed.

THE EXHORTATION AND INVITATION:

P Since we have come here today to receive assurance from God that our sins are truly forgiven because of Jesus, and since many of us intend to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord, it is necessary that we examine ourselves. The pronouncement of Absolution and the Sacrament of the Altar are intended by our God for the comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins, and who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

When we examine ourselves, we find nothing but sin and death in us. We cannot set ourselves free, but our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy upon us and has taken upon Himself our nature, so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God. For us and for our deliverance He suffered death and all the eternal punishment that we deserved because of our sins.

So that we might be encouraged and strengthened to believe this and gladly obey Him, Christ has instituted the Sacrament of His Holy Supper, in which He gives us His Body to eat, and His Blood to drink, and bestows the forgiveness of sins upon the believing Communicant.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P I ask you in the presence of Almighty God, Who searches the heart: Do you truly acknowledge, confess and sorrow over your sins, that by not doing what is good, and by doing what is evil you have grieved and offended your God and Savior by thought, word, and deed, and therefore deserve His eternal condemnation? If so, answer Yes.

C Yes.

P Do you believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, that He has redeemed all mankind from sin and its temporal and eternal punishment, and that all who believe on His Name receive the forgiveness of sins? If so, answer: Yes. . . .

C Yes.

P Do you sincerely desire that for Christ's sake your heavenly Father would put away your sins; and do you intend to strive daily to live in holiness of heart and life, as the Holy Spirit gives you strength? If so, answer: Yes.

P Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and for the Sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of His dear Son Jesus Christ, forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of the Word, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

P Almighty God, You have given us a land where we are free to read and hear Your Word, to confess Your saving Name, and to labor together for the spread of Your spiritual kingdom. Grant, we beg you, that these liberties may be continued and not taken from us because of our sins. And grant that each of us may be good and responsible citizens to the glory of Your Name and the welfare of our land.

C Amen.

EPISTLE READING – Romans 1:1-7 Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb. 3 Trust in the Lord,

and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. 4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. 6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. 7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—it only causes harm. 9 For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the Lord, They shall inherit the earth. 10 For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more. 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. 12 The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth. 13 The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming. 14 The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct. 15 Their sword shall enter their own heart, And their bows shall be broken. 16 A little that a righteous man has Is better than the riches of many wicked. 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the Lord upholds the righteous. 18 The Lord knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever. 19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. 20 But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the Lord, Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away. 21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives. 22 For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, But those cursed by Him shall be cut off. 23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand. 25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. 26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed. 27 Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore. 28 For the Lord loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off. 29 The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever.

GOSPEL READING – John 14:1-6 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to Him,

“How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

☩ 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.


Hymn: TLH #341 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

SERMON – Proverbs 14:34 "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."


THE CHRISTIAN PATRIOT

- I. Gives thanks to God for his blessings on our nation;
- II. Grieves over the sins that "disgrace" our nation;
- III. Goes to work for his God and country.

OFFERTORY

C  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1 "Lord, You Love..."

C  Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.

GENERAL PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #755 "What Is This Bread"

A special note to our visitors:

We practice "Close(d) Communion"

in accord with the practice of the Apostolic

and Ancient Christian Church of the first four centuries, as well as the confessional Lutheran Churches since the Reformation.

Therefore, in loving concern for those visitors, who are not members of the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession), and as a testimony of the closeness of our own faith and confession, we limit participation in Supper. If you are looking for an altar at which to commune, please speak with the pastor. Our practice is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but a confession of our own before God and before the world.

The Preparation to be read privately by the communicant before coming to the Lord's Table: To this Holy Supper our Lord Jesus invites us as Martin Luther indicated:

The Order of Holy Communion



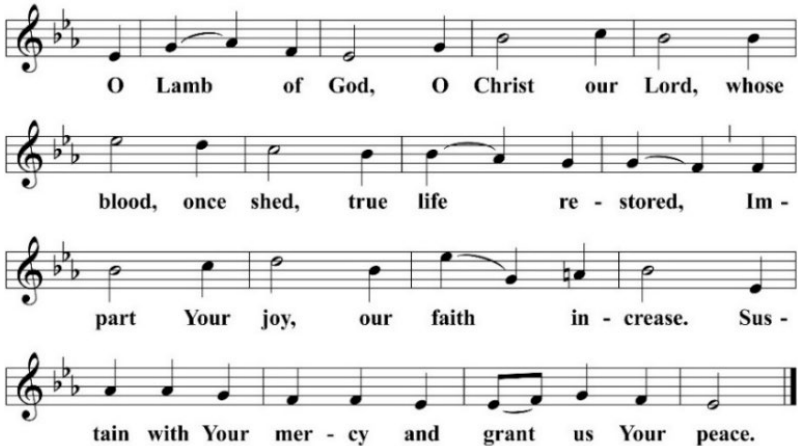
"I am the Lover of all purity, and the generous Giver of all holiness. I seek a pure heart, and there is My resting place. Make ready for Me a great chamber, strewn with rushes -- that is, your heart, and with My disciples I shall keep My Easter with you. "If you desire that I should come to you and dwell with you, free yourself of the old filth of sin and cleanse also the habitation of your heart. Exclude the world and all the clamorous noise of sin and sit solitary as a sparrow on the eaves of a house, and think upon your own offenses with great bitterness of heart, for a true lover will prepare for his beloved the best and the fairest place he can, for that is a sign of the love and affection of him who receives his friends. "Nevertheless, I know that you cannot, by yourself, make this preparation fully as it ought to be in every point, though you were to go about it for a whole year together and had nothing else in your mind to think about. By My mercy and grace alone you are allowed to go to My table, as if a poor man were called to the dinner of a rich man and had nothing to give him in return, save only to humble himself and thank him."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." And the peace of the Lord will be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
 blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
 tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please remain seated.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

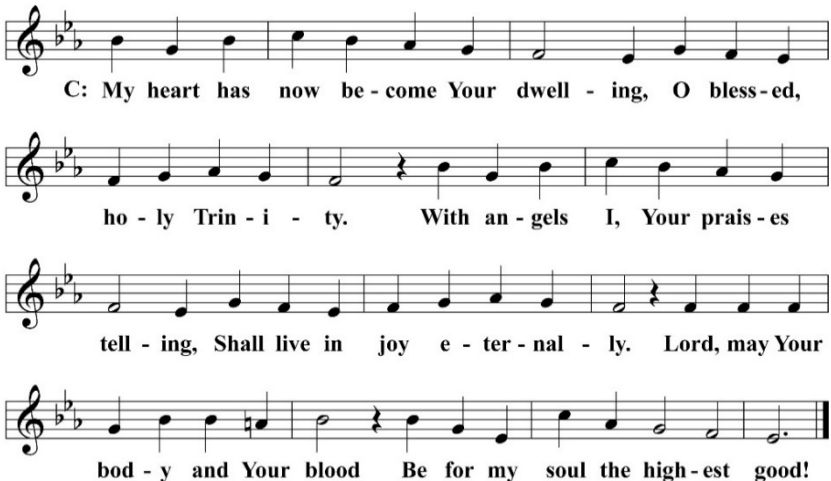
Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

HYMN: TLH #577

“God Bless Our Native Land”

✠ Announcements ✠

Last Week: WH – 15 Orlando – 9 **Total Offering = \$2,140.00**

General = \$2,120.00 | Missions = \$20

July 3 Pastor Fossum will be conducted Bible Class this morning and will conduct the communion service at 10:15 am. The Quarterly Voter’s Meeting will follow the service. We will also be calling a full-time pastor at this meeting.

- ✠ **July 3** 9:15 am Bible Class WH
Communion at 10:15
- ✠ **July 3** Quarterly Voters’
Meeting after church
- ✠ **July 10** 8am Orlando service
10:15am WH
- ✠ **July 17** 10:15am WH service
- ✠ **July 18-22 VBS**
- ✠ **July 24** 8am Orlando service
10:15am WH

VBS We will be having Vacation Bible School July 18-22 from 9:00-11:30 am. If you know of any children who would like to attend, please contact Mr. Bernthal at 863-866-4160. If you would like to help donate snacks or money to purchase items for VBS, please see Mr. Bernthal as well. Pray the Lord bless our week learning about His love for us through the life of Joseph.

Prayers Please continue to pray for Annette Custodio who is recovering from hip replacement surgery and for JoAnne Weis who is recovering from a compression fracture in her back. Please also pray for Mr. Ed Morris who was hospitalized last week but is now home recovering. An EGD test for upper gastrointestinal ulcer has been put off until his high sodium level is brought down. Due to the internal bleeding his hemoglobin dropped down below 6, so he received a couple of units of blood in the past 24 hrs (as of Thursday). The good news is that his white blood-cell count continues to drop as the sepsis infection is responding to the antibiotics he has been receiving. We pray the Lord bless these and all who are suffering.

Cleaner (7/9): Bernthal | Acolyte (7/10): Maxwell Kuehne

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 4 - July 9, '22

Mon 1 Timothy 2:1-4 On a national holiday for celebrating our freedoms, it is good to hear the apostle urging us to pray. Of the “all people” for whom we pray, the ones especially named are those in authority over us, that we might in quietness and peace be free to bring all people to the saving knowledge of God’s truth.

Tues Luke 10:1-12, 16 When Jesus sent His disciples ahead of Him, it was to bring the gospel of peace where He Himself would come. It was His working and His Word which they brought. When the harvest was great and the laborers few, their job was to pray, for it would be the Lord who would send out laborers into His harvest. Whoever heard them was hearing Him.

Wed Luke 10:17-20 Although by worldly standards the disciples were sent under the poorest of conditions (no purse, no bag, etc. - Lk10:4), they went in Jesus’ name and found that with His message they had a power which serpents, scorpions, and even demons could not resist. But Jesus points them to something greater than their recent experiences!

Thurs 1 Peter 5:1-4 Peter reminds the elders of the churches that they are not the owners but the under-shepherds of a flock that belongs to God. They are sent on ahead of the chief Shepherd, so to speak (cp Lk 10:1), to work in the name of Him who is yet to appear at the end of the age, and who brings an unfading crown of glory.

Fri Ezekiel 2:9–3:3 When Ezekiel was called to be a prophet of God, he was shown in a very graphic way that it was not his own but God’s words that he was to bring to people of Israel. As Jesus said, “The one who hears you hears me...” Lk 10:16. And even though the words were of lamentation and woe for disobedient Israel, they were sweet in Ezekiel’s mouth, for they were the words of Him who so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son.

Sat Ezekiel 3:4-11 The Lord strengthens His servant to speak to a rebellious people who will not listen, and reminds Ezekiel that if they refuse to listen to him, it is because they refuse to listen to the One who sent him. No matter what reception God’s servant experiences, His calling will always be to receive God’s word with all His heart and to speak what the Lord says.

Who May Laugh in the Face of Death?

I have a riddle for you. Listen carefully and see if you can guess the answer. I am not a person, nor any object you can touch, but I am as black as night, and I can touch YOU. I come in many forms, but never too soon, nor too late. Nothing has caused more sadness in the world than I have, and no one has held more people captive than I have. For some I am a moment, but for most I am forever. What am I? If your

answer is DEATH, you are correct. What is blacker, more feared, more sorrowful, or more enslaving than death? . . . How would you like to laugh in the face of Death? That's what Paul invites us to do in his letter to the Corinthian Christians. Listen: "O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory? The sting of Death is sin, and the strength of Sin is the Law, but thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ, our Lord." (Cf. 1Corinthians 15:54-58) How can anyone be ashamed of the only power which allows the sinner to be free of death's grasp, and even permits him to laugh death in the face? So it is that we are not ashamed of the Good News of Jesus Christ; even though all the world should despise the Bible as a weak and beggarly thing, we will not! We know it reveals the Gospel of Jesus Christ as "God's power which alone works salvation from sin's death." May you learn to laugh at death through the victory which God offers to the world in His Son, Jesus Christ.