

# ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD  
LITTLETON, COLORADO

*June 27 & 28, 2020*

5:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m., and 9:30 a.m.



## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Eyes Wide Open

**As We Gather**

Without the truly good news of the Gospel we cannot see the hard truth that we and all people are poor sinners who deserve nothing but punishment from almighty God. It takes the Gospel to open our eyes wide to the severity of God's Law, which our Savior took on Himself in our stead. In Jeremiah's day, and our own, false prophets proclaim an easy peace that requires little change in our daily living. Now, as when Paul was writing, some people in the Church think the freedom Christ won for us can mean a disregard for God's Law. And when Jesus was calling disciples, He had to warn them (and us) that some of their own family members would actively oppose their following the Lord. But the Gospel announces what is real and good: God has kept all His promises in our Savior Jesus Christ. His death shows the enormity of the punishment we deserve, and His resurrection assures us of eternal life. Because our Lord gave His life for us, with eyes wide open we can lose ourselves in service to Him and with the psalmist "sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever" (Psalm 89:1).

## ✖ PREPARATION ✖

Prelude

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

Benjamin Culli

Pastoral Greeting

Tolling of the Bell

Opening Hymn

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

LSB 851

Verses 1-2, 4

1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad ly,  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your

life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the

lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as length the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, stay at be - lieve That more hap - py  
our souls on You; But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand,  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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Invocation

## **Confession of Sins**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

## **Absolution**

### **\* WORD \***

## **Spoken Kyrie (Divine Service, Setting One)**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## **Scripture Lesson:**

### **Romans 7:1-13**

**Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.**

**So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released**

from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead. Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:34-42

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. or I have come to turn "'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law- a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

**Hymn of the Day****"The Law of God is Good and Wise"**

LSB 579

**Verses 1, 4-6**

1 The Law of God is good and wise  
4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis -dain And God's sets His  
will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -  
then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -  
ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5        The Law is good; but since the fall  
            Its holiness condemns us all;  
            It dooms us for our sin to die  
            And has no pow'r to justify.

6        To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
            Who from the curse has set us free,  
            And humbly worship at His throne,  
            Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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**Sermon****"Law and Order"**Pastor John Larson  
TEXT: Romans 7:1-13**Apostles' Creed**

**People:** 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:** Lord, in your mercy...  
**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Offering**    Offerings will be collected at the back, in the Narthex.

**✖ HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION ✖**

*The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.*

# Communing TOGETHER



**✖ SACRAMENT ✖**

## Preface (Divine Service, Setting One)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Words of Institution

## 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.

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"When Peace Like a River (It is Well)"

LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de-scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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"The Law of God is Good and Wise" Organ  
"It Is Well" Organ

David Cherwien  
Philip Bliss and Karen Black

## General Communion Blessing

## Benediction (Divine Service, Setting One)

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**      "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"      *LSB 848*

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of  
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear

hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,

Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the  
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and

wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -  
com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your

erat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.  
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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## Congregational Concerns

### Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**      "Toccata"      Robert Thygerson  
(and Row by Row Dismissal)

Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Pastor John Larson  
Michael Zehnder