

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 28, 2020

4th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(for silent prayer during the prelude)

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you and favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may fix our eyes on him and steadfastly follow in the paths of your kingdom. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.¹ **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 13)

One: We trust in God's steadfast love

All: our hearts shall rejoice in his salvation.

One: We will sing to the Lord,

All: because he has dealt bountifully with us. Let us worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

(vv. 1, 4 & 6)

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Where cross the crowded ways of life, Where sound the cries of race and clan, Above the noise of selfish strife, We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man.

The cup of water given for Thee Still holds the freshness of Thy grace; Yet long these multitudes to see The sweet compassion of Thy face.

Till all the world shall learn Thy love, And follow where Thy feet have trod; Till glorious from Thy heaven above Shall come the city of our God.

*CALL TO CONFESSION (FROM ROMANS 6:12-12)

We are told not to let sin exercise dominion in our mortal bodies — not to let ourselves obey sin's passions. Let us now confess our sins, turn the other way, and live in obedience to our Lord Jesus. Let us pray.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we too often let the world, the passions of our old selves, and influences around us to let sin have some authority over our bodies and over our lives. Forgive our sins, and transform us into instruments of your righteousness. In the name of the one who shows us righteousness, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Paul invites us to present ourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life and to present ourselves to God as instruments of righteousness. Let us live into these commands and, as we do, live assured of God's forgiveness. **Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

. . . to Proclaim God's Word

FIRST READING Genesis 22:1-14 p. 17

EPISTLE READING Romans 6:12-23 p. 156

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 10:40-42 p. 11

SERMON "Working for the Old Boss" Rev. Andy Smothers

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

*CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism* (Questions 3-5)

One: How do you come to know your misery?

Many: The law of God tells me.

One: What does God's law require of us?

Many: Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew chapter 22 verses 37 through 40: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

One: Can you live up to all this perfectly?

Many: No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image to love and serve you, but we forgot your promises and abandoned your commandments as those who came before whom you shepherded out of Egypt and to the Promised Land. Later, you sent your only Son to be the way to eternal life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

WORD OF INSTITUTION

One: Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy, the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. May we proclaim the One crucified and risen.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and

the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Help us, O God, to be obedient to your call to love all your children, to do justice and show mercy, and to live in peace with your whole creation. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. AMEN.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

... to Give Thanks to God ...

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(in unison)*

God, our provider, you call us to abide in you and promise that you will abide in us. Thank you that despite our sinfulness, you are willing to call us your own people. You tell us that when one welcomes us, they likewise welcome you. Continue to grow us ever more closely to you. In our thankfulness, we offer gifts from our labors only enabled through you and ask that you would oversee their investment in your work by the church. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

... and to Be Sent in God's Name.

CLOSING HYMN: "Take My Life" #391
(vv. 1, 5 & 6)

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

¹ Book of Common Worship, 359.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship this morning! As we continue to social distance, we will not be offering child care for a time. Feel free to keep your children in worship — even if they're a bit noisy. You're also welcome to take them into the coatroom. Weather permitting, we do hope to have coffee hour outside this morning.

Our thanks go to our lay reader Carol DayRider, and organist Ernestine Olson.

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper on **Sunday, July 19th** and **Sunday, August 16th**.

Please consider signing up to provide refreshments for our outdoor coffee hour this summer. A signup sheet will be on the table near the food after worship.

Come and join us on Wednesday Evenings for Evening Prayer at 7:30 PM. Several of us join Pastor Andy for scripture readings and reflections, liturgy, prayer, and fellowship.

In partnership with the Conrad Lutheran Parish, we have been planning Vacation Bible School for this summer. Two options will be available. You may register for a kit you can take home or register to participate in the in-person program. For children entering grades 1 through 6, the in-person program will be July 27-30. For 3, 4, and 5-year-old children, the program will be July 28-30. Watch the church website for a registration form and for more information.

Summer Office Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Last week, combined giving was **\$2,934.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,588.00** per week.

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