

4th Sunday After Pentecost Sunday Morning Worship

Opening sentences

The wages of sin is death,

but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Invocation

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

Amen.

Hymn LHS 379

Confession and forgiveness

Dear friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

He made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us for all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become the children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. So may the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins.

Amen.

Hymn LHS 356

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.
You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,
'I will establish your line forever
and make your throne firm through all generations.'"

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,
who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.

They rejoice in your name all day long;
they celebrate your righteousness.

For you are their glory and strength,
and by your favour you exalt our horn.

Indeed, our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.

**Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning
is now and will be forever more.**

Amen.

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Prayer of the day

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lord God, you have prepared for those who love you good things beyond our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that we may love you in all things and above all things, and obtain what you have promised, which is more than we can desire.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings

The First Reading:

Jeremiah 28:5-9 Jeremiah and the false prophet Hananiah

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

Romans 6:12-23 You have become slaves to righteousness

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 10:40-42 Whoever welcomes you welcomes me

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Jesus

Hymn LHS 855

Sermon

Apostle's Creed

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, dead and 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Hymn LHS 375

Offertory

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Prayer of the church

Heavenly Father, we pray for the nations of the world - for an end to war and for peaceful resolutions of conflict; for wise government and for honesty in commerce and industry. Come to those we spend the day with, through our godly work and conversation.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church - for obedient leadership, including in our own bishops and pastors, and for faithful discipleship; for unity of teaching and belief among Christians on the basis of your word and for the mission of the church throughout the world. Show us your face in those who speak your word and apply your righteousness to us, and move us to receive them gladly.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community - for loving nurture of children and for care of the vulnerable; for respect for individuals regardless of status or power; and for the well-being of all. Come to those who need the gospel through our words and actions, and move them to receive you through us.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need or distress - for relief for those suffering from natural disasters; for hope for the despairing. Show us your face in those who suffer, and stay your hand of judgment on the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Protect all those who are travelling for business or for pleasure and bring them home safely. Give health to those struggling with sickness at this time. Show us your face in those we can help, and meet the needs of those we now name silently in our hearts...

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, in your mercy give us all these things and whatever else we need on our journey to our heavenly home; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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 favour, † and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn LHS 67