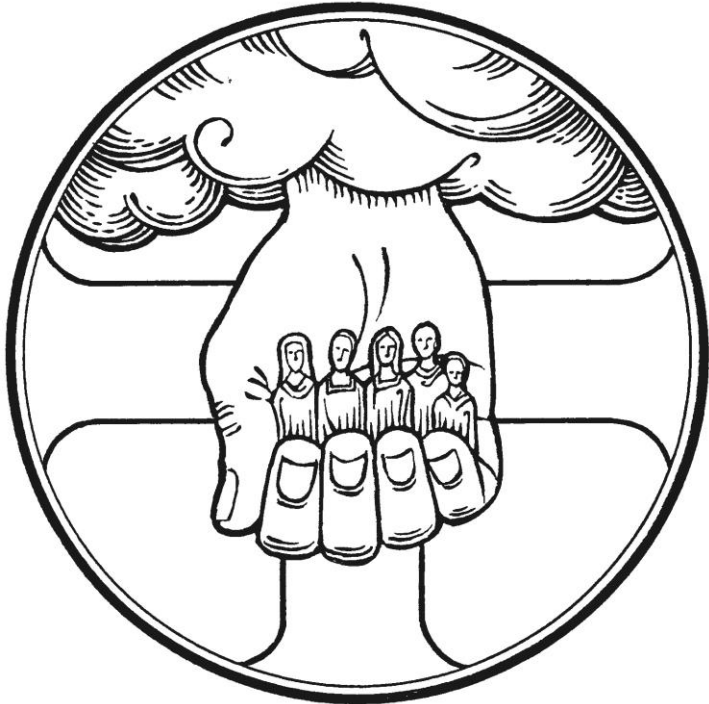


# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING IV    P. 203-212

**AS WE GATHER- DELIVERED FROM SIN AND DEATH, YOU NOW LIVE BEFORE GOD IN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST-** The outcome of sin is death, “but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:23). He has set you free from the slavery of sin and has brought you “from death to life” (Rom. 6:13). No longer are you under the condemnation of the Law, but you live “under grace” (Rom. 6:14). Such is your coronation in the face of “those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul” (Matt. 10:28). For though “you will be hated by all” and maligned by the world for the name of Christ (Matt. 10:22, 25), you abide in the care of your Father in heaven, who numbers “even the hairs of your head” and values you more “than many sparrows” (Matt. 10:30-31). By the Word of Christ, you have become like Him, your Teacher and Master in whom you endure to the end, and “will be saved” (Matt. 10:22, 25). For He is with you “as a dread warrior,” who has overcome your enemies (Jer. 20:11). By the righteousness of faith, He delivers your heart, mind, body and life “from the hand of evildoers,” and He brings you into the land of the living (Jer. 20:12-13).

**OPENING HYMN    “WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH”    545**

**✠ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION ✠    P. 203**

### **✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

**INTROIT    PSALM 56:3-4, 10-11; ANTIPHON: V. 13**

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

that I may walk before God in the light of life.

**When I am afraid,**

**I put my trust in you.**

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can flesh do to me?

**In God, whose word I praise,**

**in the Lord, whose word I praise,**

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

that I may walk before God in the light of life.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT

## 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

## PSALM 145:3, 5B, 6B

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.**

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their 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>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? 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

P. 205

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10:5A, 21-33

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve 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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

**NICENE CREED**

**P. 206**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “FROM GOD CAN NOTHING MOVE ME”**

**713**

**SERMON**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Lord, in your Mercy, **G** Hear our Prayer.

**In Our Prayers:**

+ Fathers

+ Bonnie Mueller

+ Mark Barlau

+ Angela Litzau

+ Andy Birkholz

+ Scott Christenson

+ Margaret Lueck

+ Dan Gueningsman

+ Dave Wroge

+ Hillard Klaustermeier

+ Phyllis Ernst

+ Maya Radtke

+ Sonya Clausen

**OFFERING**

**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ P. 208-210**

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread

and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

**Examination Questions:** Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”	725
“ALL MANKIND FELL IN ADAM’S FALL”	562 (T: 655)
“JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA”	570
“LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY”	623

**NUNC DIMITTIS** P. 211

**BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION** P. 212

**CLOSING HYMN “LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS”** 685

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

<p><b><u>Attendance Last Week</u></b> Sunday: 137</p>
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<p><b><u>Organist:</u></b> Lynn Mueller</p>
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**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE** for Rev. Kyle Bliss will be held TODAY Sunday, June 21 at 1:00 p.m. A light reception will follow the service in our church fellowship hall.

**2. THANK YOU** to all that helped make Music in the Park possible. Many helpers prepared and served food, and it was wonderful to see members of our congregation come out to support the youth of St. Paul's. The money raised will be used to support ACT activities and the 2028 National Youth Gathering.

**3. POLKA SERVICE AND HOG ROAST** will be held next Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Service will be at 10:00 AM, with meal to follow. To help us plan for the Hog Roast, please use the sign-up sheet on the desk in the Upper Narthex to indicate your name and how many will be attending.

**4. BASEMENT TABLES-** New basement tables will soon be arriving. If you are interested in one (or more) of the old tables, please let the church office know. These will be available once the new ones here.

**5. SCHOLARSHIP** Applications are available by the Administrative Assistant Office. Deadline to apply is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**6. LWML MEETING-**All women are invited to join us for fellowship in God's creation (Jane's backyard - 1502 185th St, LP) on Monday, August 3rd at 6:30. There will be a short meeting followed by good conversation and light refreshments.

**7. SCHEDULE-** *June 28~* (Outdoor Polka Service) Ushers: Joey Schauer, Jack Schauer, Carolyn Toenies, Brandon Schmidt; Acolytes: None; Greeters- Craig & Tracy Jackson; Flowers: Audrey Litzau; Altar Guild: Katelin Kinneman, Patty Dietel; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

***Calendar of Events***

<b>Sun. June 21</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> 1:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION</b> Installation and Ordination for Rev. Kyle Bliss
Tues. June 23		Music in the Park Rain Site
Wed. June 24	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin
<b>Sun. June 28</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 11:00 a.m.	<b>OUTDOOR POLKA SERVICE</b> Hog Roast

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What is the “Benediction”?

The Benediction (pronounced ben-eh-DIK-shun) is God’s blessing for the congregation given through the pastor at the very end of the service. There are several different benedictions that we use in the church. The Aaronic Benediction is the one that we use in the Divine Service. You can find this in Num. 6:24–26. We use the other benedictions in other services like Matins and Vespers. Can you find the benedictions for these services in your hymnal?



## Why is there a Benediction in the Divine Service?

The word “benediction” comes from the Latin word “bene” which means “well,” and “dicere” which means “speak.” When the pastor pronounces the Benediction, God is giving us His blessing, or speaking well to us. He sends us on our way with His blessing after we have received His wonderful gifts through the Word and Sacraments. God sure does a lot of giving to His people!



### Parents:

Before or after the Divine Service, direct your children to the various services in the hymnal. Encourage them to find and read the benedictions for each service. Help them to find the Aaronic Benediction.

