



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost ~ June 27 / 28, 2020

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**Prayer before worship:** Almighty and everlasting God, how slow we are to forget your law and your promises. Forgive us for our ungratefulness and rebellion. Grant us the ability to keep your commands, not in order to try to save ourselves, but because through faith in Jesus Christ as our living Savior we are already saved by your grace. Cause the promises you have made to us enable us to respond to your mercy by saying: "We will do everything the LORD has said." By your Holy Spirit, lead us to fulfill our vows to you and worship you from hearts filled with faith and joy. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Saturday: The soloist will sing all musical notations (♪).*

## OPENING HYMN

### **May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill**

**CW 458**

1. May we your precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father's will  
As angels do above, Still walk in Christ, the living way,  
With all your children, and obey The law of Christian love.
2. So may we join your name to bless, Your grace adore, your pow'r confess,  
To flee from sin and strife. One is our calling, one our name,  
The end of all our hopes the same: A glorious crown of life.
3. Spirit of life, of love, and peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Your gracious help supply. To each of us the blessing give  
In Christian fellowship to live, In joyful hope to die.

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

♪: **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪: **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

Exodus 19:1-8a

In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt-- on the very day-- they came to the Desert of Sinai. After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of

Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy

nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said."

## PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 100

CW p. 104

*Saturday: soloist will sing the refrain; congregation will speak the verses*

### Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

### Psalm tone



Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.\*

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.\*

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;\*

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

### Refrain

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;\*

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**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.**

### Refrain

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:6-11

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for

us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the

death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## VERSE of the DAY

♪: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out

with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## HYMN of the DAY

***The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want***

**CW 360**

1. The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me The quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy, all my life, Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling-place shall be.

**WE HAVE BEEN SET APART BY GOD**

1. **RESCUED FROM EVIL**
2. **SANCTIFIED TO SERVE HIM**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

**OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT****PRAYER of the CHURCH**

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

#### **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 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 forever. Amen.**

#### **HYMN**

#### ***Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways***

**CW 462**

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do his will!
2. Order my footsteps by your Word, And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.
3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget your way, Restore your wand'ring sheep.
4. Make me to walk in your commands— 'Tis a delightful road—  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen. Amen. Amen.**



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Attendance** for the past weekend was \_ with \_ attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$ Home Operations ~ \$15,346 is our weekly need	
\$ MVL ~ \$1,163 is our weekly need	
\$ Missions ~ \$1,714 is our weekly need	\$ St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$ Building Fund ~ \$1,397 is our weekly need	\$ MVL Building Fund
\$ Endowment Fund	\$ Undesignated Memorials
\$ WELS Christian Aid & Relief	

**Bible Class** ~ will continue online. Join us Sunday evenings at 7 pm for a study of *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. The class will be held at Meet.Google.com (or with the Google Meet app on your smartphone or tablet) with "meeting code" tjx-anhj-gvx. Or use this shortcut which automatically enters the code for you: <https://bit.ly/STJLCNUMeet> (Note: the link is case sensitive). You can also call in over the phone at (209) 457-0523 using PIN: 100 259 597# (Note: This will be a long distance call.) The meeting room can hold up to 250 participants, so feel free to tell your friends!

**Sending Offerings through Bill Pay** ~ Several members of St. John's have asked if there is a way for them to make their weekly offerings automatically either online or by an automatic bank transaction. St. John's is investigating our online giving options, but are not yet ready to receive online gifts. For the time being, we suggest that our members consider using your bank's online Bill Pay service to make weekly or monthly gifts to St. John's. If you have questions about using Bill Pay to make donations, please contact Financial Secretary Mike Thom at 507-217-7671.

**Wish List** ~ The Stewardship Board is pleased to report that sufficient funds have been received to fulfill the amounts needed for the handbells, the organ memory upgrade, and the timpani. We are grateful to all who made this possible. Please note that there are no items on the Wishlist at this time.

**MVL Announcements** ~ MVL Announcements ~ *Open Positions* 1. A part-time custodian(s) to work 25 hours per week. For more information contact Ken Opitz at MVL at 507-354-6851 or [kopitz@mvlhs.org](mailto:kopitz@mvlhs.org). 2. A part-time food service worker for approximately three hours each school day. Tasks include food preparation and service, washing dishes and clean up. Individuals interested in this position should contact Elizabeth Fluegge at MVL at 507-354-6851, 507-993-5195, or [foodservice@mvlhs.org](mailto:foodservice@mvlhs.org). *MVL summer camps* have been cancelled for volleyball, football, baseball, and both basketball camps. Refunds will be sent out in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact the MVL office at 507-354-6851 or [sallee@mvlhs.org](mailto:sallee@mvlhs.org).

**Food Kit Available** ~ The New Ulm Area Food Shelf and the Lions Club of New Ulm are offering a 14-day food kit for seniors 65+ who are homebound because of COVID-19. Homebound is defined as those who only leave home for medical reasons. If you are in need of food and would like this delivered to you, please call the food shelf at 354-7668. If no one answers, please leave a message with your name, address and phone number. Speak slowly and clearly. Someone will contact you to ask about any special diet needs and let you know when the delivery will be made.

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**About the Cover** ~ God summoned Moses to the top of Mount Sinai to receive the Law of God, written by the very finger of God. But before leaving, God commanded Moses to speak to the people of Israel and remind them of all had done for them. God also promised he would continue to be with them and bless them, if they would continue to keep his Word. They all promised: "We will do everything the LORD has said." Sadly, they didn't keep their promise. Nevertheless, God kept his. Even though they rebelled against him, God was still gracious to them, and continued to supply all they needed for body and soul. It is a reminder to us that God blesses us with many things we do not earn or deserve. For even though we have sinned, God's promise to set us apart as his own is based on what Jesus did for us, not on what we have done for him. That is why we are saved. That is why we want to serve him.