

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 28, 2020

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GATHERING

Where a response is suggested, please respond quietly.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

As we seek reconciliation with God and our neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

O God of mercy,
**we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another,
and against your good creation.**

**We have stored up treasures for ourselves
and turned away our neighbors in need.**

We have used our time foolishly and strayed from your path.

**Forgive us, that we may know true joy and freedom
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Through death on the cross, God has given us life and hope.

Know that in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from Jeremiah

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

(Jeremiah 20:7-13)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 (Read by Pastor Only)

⁷It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that shame has covered my face.

⁸I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.

⁹It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

¹⁰When I humbled my soul with fasting,
they insulted me for doing so.

¹¹When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.

¹²I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.

¹³But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.

With your faithful help ¹⁴rescue me
from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies
and from the deep waters.

¹⁵Do not let the flood sweep over me,
or the deep swallow me up,
or the Pit close its mouth over me.

¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

¹⁷Do not hide your face from your servant,
for I am in distress — make haste to answer me.

¹⁸Draw near to me, redeem me,
set me free because of my enemies.

A Reading from Romans

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Romans 6:1b-11)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Spoken Quietly)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Just as I am”

SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Read by Pastor Only)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ.
Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in
a festal shout of praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we
need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is
crying out. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned (*especially...*). Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken Quietly)

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Give to our God Immortal Praise”

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers are presented in memory of Guy and Frances Lengel and their sons, John and G. Roger, by James Lengel and Family.

Chancel flowers are presented in honor of our daughter Heather’s birthday by parents, Barry and Dana Jenkins.

Bulletins are presented in memory of Rachel Zehner by Sonny and Connie Teter

SERVING TODAY (6/28/20)

9:30 AM

GREETER: Gail Rarick; USHER: Greg Sklar;

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Jean Premich, and Barb Sterner

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (7/05/20)

9:30 AM

GREETER: Gail Rarick; USHER: TBA

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O’Rourke and Jean Premich

COUNTERS: Gwen & Tom Wehr, and Glenda Bright

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S

Sunday, June 28	9:30 AM	In-person Worship (A through L Only)
Wednesday, July 1	7:00 PM	Adult Forum (Zoom Meeting)
Sunday, July 5	9:30 AM	In-person Worship (M though Z Only)

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Pre-recorded Sunday worship videos are still available to everyone who may want to watch them in the safety of their home. These videos are available by Saturday morning each week.

Before you watch, make sure the volume on your device (computer, smart phone, or tablet) is turned up for the best audio experience.

To access an online worship video:

- Go to our website: www.stpauls-orwigsburg.org
- From the Sermons, Bulletins & Newsletters tab, click on Sermons & Weekly Bulletins.
- The most current video available will be at the top of the list.
- Click View to watch the pre-recorded video.
- You can also go to YouTube directly and search for “St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Orwigsburg, PA.”