

**SING TO THE LORD!  
PRAISE THE LORD! FOR HE  
RESCUES THE LIFE OF THE  
NEEDY FROM THE HANDS  
OF EVILDOERS.  
- JEREMIAH 20:13**

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## ***Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***

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**WELCOME** to Divine Service this morning!! Let us join together in song and prayer and hearing the Word of the Lord that we may be refreshed in the Spirit and encouraged for the week ahead.

Thank you for joining us today.

We ask that all **guests** and **members** fill out the registration cards found in your pew rack. Please take a brief moment to write down the names of those in attendance. You can hand it to the usher or place it in the registration basket on the bulletin table as you leave. Visitors please fill in your address and phone number. We sincerely pray that your day has been blessed through worship and pray that it will strengthen you in the days ahead.

Come again soon! You are always welcome here at St. Paul's!

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells**

## **The Order of Worship**

Lutheran Service Book –Divine Service Setting Four

**Entrance Hymn** “*Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love*” LSB #900

***Invocation*** (please remain standing)

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,  
O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness;  
therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word. Let us first  
consider our unworthiness and confess before God and  
one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and  
deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful  
condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in  
the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking  
His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be  
merciful to me, a sinner.

All **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our  
sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You  
declared us to be Your children and gathered us into  
Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly  
forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your  
Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously  
receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 56:3-4, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 56:13*

P For you have delivered my soul from death,  
yes, my feet from falling,  
C **that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

P When I am afraid,  
C **I put my trust in you.**

P In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust;  
I shall not be afraid.  
C **What can flesh do to me?**

P In God, whose word I praise,  
C **in the LORD, whose word I praise,**

P in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
C **What can man do to me?**

All **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.**

P For you have delivered my soul from death,  
yes, my feet from falling,  
C **that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

### Kyrie



**G** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

## Collect of the Day

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.

*(be seated)*

## Old Testament Reading

*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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 6:12-23*

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

R      This is the Word of the Lord.  
C      **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse** (*please stand*)

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff contains the melody for the first line of the Verse: "These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that". The third staff contains the melody for the second line of the Verse: "Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." The fourth staff contains the melody for the second line of the Alleluia: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." Each line of text is aligned with its corresponding musical notes.

**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 10:5a, 21-33*  
P      The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Apostles' Creed**

All 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, died and was 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(be seated)*

## Children's Message

**Hymn of the Day**     *"How Firm a Foundation"*     LSB #728

**Message**     *"Down, But Not Out"*     Text: Jeremiah 20:7-13

## Presentation of the Offering & Musical Offering

### Prayers of the Church *(please stand)*

*(After each portion of the prayers)*

P Lord, in your mercy,     **C Hear our prayer.**

P Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:  
**All 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.**

**Benediction** (*please stand*)

P     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 favor  
          and (+) give you peace.

C     **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*“Amazing Grace”*

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**Silent Prayer**

*(be seated)*

**Postlude**

*“Soli Deo Gloria”*

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