



**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
30th Dedication Anniversary
June 25, A+D 2023**



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Rededicate the Church Building

644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1–5

Blessing of the Building

The presiding minister stands at the entrance to the chancel and faces the congregation.

- P** Beloved in the Lord, Christ Jesus is present wherever His holy Word is taught purely and the holy Sacraments are administered according to His institution. As the Lord said through Moses, "In every place where I cause My name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you."
- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty and most merciful God, though You are not contained in houses built by human hands, we pray that You will be pleased to dwell with us here and to make known to us Your glory. Be present in this place where we are gathered to receive Your forgiveness, hear Your holy Word, and praise Your holy name. Graciously hear the prayers we will offer to You; bless the marriages to be

solemnized; comfort those who will mourn; and let harmony and peace rest upon all in this place. Bring us at last to the heavenly Jerusalem, where the Lamb is the temple, that we may unite with all the saints and angels in His praise; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

While saying the following blessing, the presiding minister makes the sign of the cross toward each of the four corners of the church building.

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this church building.

C Amen.

Sit

Confession and Absolution

718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

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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, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.

Confession of Sins

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

Absolution

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- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 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?**

C 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

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C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

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C 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-shiped 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 20:7–13

A The Old Testament Reading for The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost is from the twentieth chapter of the Prophecy of Jeremiah.

⁷O 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.

⁸For 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.

⁹If 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.

¹⁰For 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.”

¹¹But 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.

¹²O 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.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 6:12–23

A The Second Reading is from the sixth chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do 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. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do 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? ¹⁷But 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, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I 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.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But 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. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia


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C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse

LSB 205



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel*Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

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

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

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

²¹"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When 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.

²⁴"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It 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.

²⁶"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And 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. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but 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

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C **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.**

Sit

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Sermon Text: Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

Sermon Title: Jesus Took Them All Back

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Musical Offering

Stand

806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef in a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks because He's giv-en Je-sus Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks because He's giv-en Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say 'I am

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Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong.” Let the poor say “I am rich,” _____ Be-cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am
 rich,” _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

Text and tune: Henry Smith, 1952

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Prayer of the Church

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- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus*LSB 208*

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all

their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

744 Amazing Grace
739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

sts. 1–5

Stand

The Communion Dismissal

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser- vant De-
2 All glo- ry to the Fa- ther, All
part in heav'n- ly peace, For I have seen the
glo- ry to the Son, All glo- ry to the
glo- ry Of Your re- deem- ing grace:
Spir- it, For- ev- er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen- tiles Un-
For as in the be- gin- ning, Is
to Your ho- ly hill, The glo- ry of Your
now, shall ev- er be, God's tri- une name re-
peo- ple, Your cho- sen Is- ra- el.
sound- ing Through all e- ter- ni- ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus*LSB 212*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

727 On Eagles' Wings

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

June 25, 2023

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Daniel & Sharon Zander, Family Danielle, Sean
Ray & Madelaine Zander
Diane Akers
Norma Allen
Chris Altmann

BIRTHDAYS

Camden Wisely, 6/25
Sharon Zander, 6/28
Diana Carr, 6/30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jennifer & Andrew Lovett, 6/26

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Latricia Harris, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE



St. Paul Book Club is taking a summer hiatus. We will begin again in the fall to review *Safe Haven* by Nicholus Sparks.

Christ For You this week on KFUO.org: Finish the book of Revelation on Sharper Iron's "Come Soon, Lord Jesus!" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study 2 Samuel 11-15 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study "Article 4: Justification" in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (7/1 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org and the KFUO Radio app!

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"We need campfires and cookouts and picnic lunches filled with laughter. Yet, as members of the household of God, we also need conversation and consolation and prayer. We need to gather, in person, at the Communion rail. Surrounded by our eternal family, we need to hear God's promises and rejoice in His forgiveness." Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Our teachers] have always taught that Christians are to bear the cross [Matthew 16:24] by enduring afflictions. This is genuine and sincere subduing of the flesh [1 Peter 2:11], to be crucified with Christ through various afflictions. Furthermore, they teach that every Christian ought to train and subdue himself with bodily restraints, or bodily exercises and labors. Then neither overindulgence nor laziness may tempt him to sin. But [our teachers] do not teach that we may merit grace or make satisfaction for sins by such exercises. Such outward discipline ought to be taught at all times, not only on a few set days. Christ commands, "Watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness" (Luke 21:34). Also in Matthew 17:21, "This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." Paul also says, "I discipline my body and keep it under control" (1 Corinthians 9:27). Here he clearly shows that he was keeping his body under control, not to merit forgiveness of sins by that discipline, but to keep his body in subjection and prepared for spiritual things, for carrying out the duties of his calling. Therefore, we do not condemn fasting in itself [Isaiah 58:3-7], but the traditions that require certain days and certain meats, with peril of conscience, as though such works were a necessary service. Nevertheless, we keep many traditions that are leading to good order [1 Corinthians 14:40] in the Church, such as the order of Scripture lessons in the Mass and the chief holy days. At the same time, we warn people that such observances do not justify us before God, and that it is not sinful if we omit such things, without causing offense. The Fathers knew of such freedom in human ceremonies. In the East they kept Easter at another time than at Rome. When the Romans accused the Eastern Church of schism, they were told by others that such practices do not need to be the same everywhere. Irenaeus says, "Diversity concerning fasting does not destroy the harmony of faith."
—Augsburg Confession XXVI 31-44

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS



June 18th Attendance 33, 24 Communed, 5 Online

Basket	\$147.00	Weekly Missions	\$30.00
Envelopes	946.00	Luth. Church Charity	30.00
		Church Maint	10.00
		Social Ministry	25.00
Budgeted Total	1,093.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$95.00
Offering Needed	1,233.00		
Short	\$-140.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Celebration Luncheon
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, Jun 25, 9:30 AM	Sun, Jul 2, 9:30 AM
Pastor	Pastor Fluechtling	Pastor Dobberstein
Usher	Louis Sella	Bill Sommer
Lay Reader	Tracy Middleton	

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FOOD PANTRY



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