

# *Service of Prayer and Proclamation*

June 28, 2020 • Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Redeemer Lutheran Church-LCMS  
Charleston, WV

## PRELUDE

*Come, My Soul, Thou Must Be Waking*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

## LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

*LSB 291*

*Brief time of silence to think on God's Word and the sin we need to confess*

**C** O almighty God, merciful Father, we poor miserable sinners, confess unto You all our sins and iniquities with which we have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But we are heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and we pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to us, poor, sinful beings.

## ABSOLUTION

*LSB 291*

**P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

### PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 119:153–160*

Look on my affliction and de- | liver me,\*  
for I do not for- | get your law.  
Plead my cause and re- | deem me;\*  
give me life according to your | promise!  
Salvation is far from the | wicked,\*  
for they do not seek your | statutes.  
Great is your mercy, | O LORD;\*  
give me life according to your | just decrees.  
Many are my persecutors and my adver- | saries,\*  
but I do not swerve from your testi- | monies.  
I look at the faithless | with disgust,\*  
because they do not keep | your commands.  
Consider how I love your | precepts!\*  
Give me life according to your | steadfast love.  
The sum of your | word is truth,\*  
and every one of your just and righteous decrees endures for- | ever.

### THE FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 28:5–9*

**P** A reading from Jeremiah, Chapter 28:

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### THE SECOND READING

*Romans 7:1–13*

**P** A reading from Romans, the seventh chapter.

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? Thus, a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### COLLECT FOR THE WORD

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 10:34–42*

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

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

[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous

person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

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

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

## SERMON

*Hard Truth and Real Good*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**P** 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to the Lord's throne of grace and pray as He has commanded us, trusting in the Lord to hear the prayers of His people and answer our petitions according to His mercy. *Brief silence*

O most merciful God, Lord of heaven and earth, we pray You to so rule and govern Your Church and all her pastors and ministers that she may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word, defended against all adversity, and protected from all adversaries, that thereby faith may be strengthened and love increased in us.

Grant health, wisdom and integrity to all in authority over us, especially to the president of the United States, the governor of this state, the Congress, all legislative bodies, and all judges and magistrates. Endow them with Your Spirit and with respect for Your Word, that they would serve Your good pleasure for the maintenance of righteousness and the punishment of wickedness so that we all may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty. According to Your gracious will, turn the hearts of our enemies and make them to walk with us in humility and peace.

Grant to those in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death or any other adversity the healthful Spirit of Your grace for healing, strength, comfort and relief. Bless especially those who suffer for the sake of Your name and Your Word. Hear us on behalf those we name in our hearts. Give them courage to stand firm in their afflictions and patience until the day of Your deliverance.

Preserve us from pestilence and every evil. Give to us favorable weather and cause the fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season and offer You praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness to us. Lend Your blessing to all honorable vocations and honest industry, that we

may serve where our skills and abilities may be of good use. Bless the arts and music, that we may please You and be encouraged by all that is good, right, true and beautiful.

Give to all husbands and wives grace to live together in love and faithfulness. Bless the homes and families of Your people, that they may be places where Your name is honored, and love is nurtured. Give Your special grace to the widowed, the orphan, all mothers with child, the aged and the infirm, that we may grant them comfort, aid and protection.

All these things for which You would have us ask of You, we pray You to grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom we are bold to call You Father and in whose name we pray, trusting in Your mercy and confident that You will give answer to our prayers; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Thus, we pray, giving testimony of our confidence in Your gracious favor in Christ who taught us to pray:

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** Our Father which 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 (Aaronic)**

**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. **Amen.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

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## **PRAYER LIST**

**Melissa** (friend of Kelly Reimert) scheduled for heart catheterization next week.

**Meghan and 16-year-old daughter** (friends of Sue Reed) the teen girl was recently diagnosed with several lifelong medical conditions.

**George Mitchell** admitted to the hospital Wednesday in Gassaway with pneumonia. Probably will be there for few days depending on how he responds to meds.

**Lisa** (friend of Susan and Hutch Hutchison) whose husband passed into eternity following a battle with ALS. Lisa, who lives in Texas, will be returning to South Charleston to bury her husband John in the family plot alongside her son Matthew who died a couple of years ago.

**Gary Peters** (brother in law of Pastor Jack Richards) battling stage 4 prostate cancer (and melanoma

**Linda** (Ron Reimert's mother) is home and recovering well.

**Patrick, Kandice and Baby Ben Clark** (son, daughter-in-law, and grandson of Jeff and Tina Clark) Ben was delivered healthy Wednesday, June 3.

**Lori Nettles** (daughter of Margaret Ann Simpson) Lori has been on our prayer list many times in the past as she valiantly battles colon cancer. She is 42, the mother of two young boys. Lori is once again having surgery tomorrow in Pittsburgh in an effort to reverse damage done in previous surgeries.

**Debra** (family friend of Sue Reed) is awaiting test results

**Tina and John Thaxton** (friends of Jeff and Tina Clark) Tina has been and continues to fight a serious illness.

**Liz Albitz, Ali, Betty and Bob, Ed & Kim Booten, Billie Brisendine, Catherine, Teresa Cisco, Linda Cooper, James Cosby, Susan and Skip Daly, Erin, Harrison and Cindy Gapter, Doris Gerke, Jim and Marlene Hanson, Jo Hartley, Jamie Holm, Roy "Hutch" Hutchison, Jack, Tom Janicki, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Marie Marcum, Jeanneane Maxon, Sandy McKinney, Bob Mitchell, Lori Nettles, Cleo North, Herb & Marian Pauley, Gary Peters, Harold Reed, Thresa Robinson, Donna Ruffatto, Stu and Marcia Schwalm, Carmella Shaver, Barbara Spence, Jeff & Cara Wade, Family of Debbie Bradley Wilson, Taegan Witcher, Family of Zach**

**All diagnosed with Covid-19;**

**All diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, and their caregivers;**

**All diagnosed with any form of cancer;**

**All diagnosed with any incurable (even if treatable) disease.**

**For our congregation - that we would pursue God's will for us as His people gathered here to bring Him glory as we make disciples being help, hope, home in the body of Christ.**