

Whoever welcomes you  
welcomes me

MATTHEW 10:40



# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2020

## \*\*\*\*\* SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER \*\*\*\*\*

Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn

P: We gather in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

**Hymn of Praise C: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day

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The First Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9

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Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

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The Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

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**C: Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you! Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures. Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!**

**Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mathew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 10: 40-42

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P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's message

Sermon

Hymn of Day

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of 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

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P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen**

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Peace be with you!**

P: Let us pray. God, our Creator,

**C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

P: As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world....

P: Hear us, O God.

**C: your mercy is great.**

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us,  
O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever  
and ever.

C: Amen.

The 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, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

P: May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with  
every spiritual blessing.

C: Amen

P: May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live  
in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so  
that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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**We pray always for . . .**

*Robert Armknecht, Verna Brinkman, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels,  
Eldon Dieckgrafe, Erin Ebeler Rolf, David Eisenhauer, Bruce Gerking,  
Axl Walters, Will Yank,*

*our military men and women, their families and their leaders.*

**We also remember in our prayers . . .**

*Grace, Oscar & Sabra, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.*

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402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)**

*Noisy coin offering will be collected Today.  
Designation of today's loose change to be determined  
at a later date.*

**Today 6/28/20**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.*

**Saturday 7/4/20**

*Have a Safe & Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!*

**Next Sunday 7/5/20**

*Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.*





# Today's Readings

Sunday, June 28, 2020  
4th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## First Reading

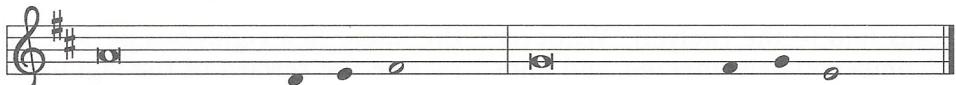
Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this

word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

## Psalm

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; tone 10



Your love, O LORD, forever I will sing;  
from age to age my mouth  
will pro-<sup>1</sup> claim your faithfulness.  
<sup>2</sup>For I am persuaded  
that your steadfast love  
is estab-<sup>1</sup> lished forever;  
you have set your faithfulness  
firmly<sup>1</sup> in the heavens.

<sup>3</sup>I have made a covenant  
with my<sup>1</sup> chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath  
to Da-<sup>1</sup> vid my servant:  
<sup>4</sup>I will establish your<sup>1</sup> line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all  
<sup>1</sup> generations.”

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people  
who know the<sup>1</sup> festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD,  
in the light<sup>1</sup> of your presence.  
<sup>16</sup>They rejoice daily<sup>1</sup> in your name;  
they are jubilant  
<sup>1</sup> in your righteousness.  
<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory<sup>1</sup> of their  
strength,  
and by your favor  
our might<sup>1</sup> is exalted.  
<sup>18</sup>Truly, our shield belongs  
<sup>1</sup> to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy<sup>1</sup> One  
of Israel.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.<sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of 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? Should we 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, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you

were entrusted,<sup>18</sup> and that you, 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 greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.<sup>21</sup> So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.<sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is 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.

## Gospel

## Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.<sup>41</sup> Whoever 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;<sup>42</sup> and 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.”