

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



***Welcome to
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Child Development Center and Pre-School***
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**Rejoice you with
Jerusalem, and be glad
with her, all you that love
her: rejoice for joy with
her, all you that mourn
for her:**

—Isaiah 66:10



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**THERE IS NO SOUL THAT IS TOO
DIRTY TO BE CLEANSED BY
THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.**

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US



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No
BRUNCH
Today

Brunch will resume
next Sunday



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ALTAR *flowers*



Altar flowers are placed in honor of our 52nd anniversary
and grandchildren's birthdays
by Linda Zuehlke

INTRODUCTION

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow
our own way.**
**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life
you offer.**
**You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of + Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

Gathering Song

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Hymn # 888

**1 O beautiful for spacious
skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:**

Hymn # 888

**America! America! God shed
his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with
brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.**

Hymn # 888

**2 O beautiful for heroes
proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their
country loved,
and mercy more than life:**

Hymn # 888

**America! America! May God
thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.**

Hymn # 888

**Final O beautiful for patriot
dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:**

Hymn # 888

**America! America! God mend
thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in
self-control,
thy liberty in law.**

Hymn # 888

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.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord*

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being
of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us
pray to the lord*

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord
A-men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.***

Alleluia, alleluia

(sung twice)

***Worthy is Christ,
the Lamb who was slain
whose blood set us free
to be people of God***

***Power, riches, wisdom, and
strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory
are his***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.***

Alleluia, alleluia

(sung twice)

***Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all
creation:***

***Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen.***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.***

Alleluia, alleluia

(sung twice)

***For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia.***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia***

(sung twice)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—
¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing
stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child,

so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is
with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 66:1-9

All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. (Ps. 66:4)

¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands;
be joyful, all the earth.

² **Sing the glory of God's name;
sing the glory of God's praise.**

³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies
cringe before you.

⁴ **All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your name."**

⁵ Come now and see the works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds toward all
people.

⁶ **God turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water
on foot,
and there we rejoiced in God.**

⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over
the nations;
let no rebels exalt themselves.

⁸ **Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.**

⁹ Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

SECOND READING: Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

[¹My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.
²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.]

⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads.

⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!

¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal Life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.

⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

¹⁶Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.

¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.

²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley

A photograph of a vast field of golden wheat under a clear blue sky. In the background, a line of green trees is visible. A semi-transparent rectangular box is centered over the wheat, containing the text "Rejoice" and "Luke 10:1-11, 16-20".

Rejoice

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Hymn of the Day

“God Bless Our Native Land”

Hymn # 891

**¹ God bless our native land;
firm may it ever stand
through storm and night.**

Hymn # 891

**When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
do thou our country save
by thy great might.**

Hymn # 891

**Final So shall our prayers arise
to God above the skies,
on whom we wait.**

Hymn # 891

**Thou who art ever nigh,
guarding with watchful eye,
to thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!**

Hymn # 891

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

CREED

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come 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

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us.
Bring this comfort to those in any pain and we
remember our friends and family members before
you. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and
lift burdens of shame and self-doubt.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for Darius and Jaycee in Central Asia, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Faith Point Lutheran Church in New Prague, Minnesota. Heavenly Father, thank you for knitting your church together as one body in Christ. We thank you for being a part of our family of churches, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

We ask that you bless and protect the work of our association staff ministers: Julie Smith, Mike Bradley, and Christian Huntley. We also celebrate and lift before you the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alice, Texas. Bless their work for your Kingdom's sake. Bless and protect all our local nurses, doctors, healthcare workers and first responders, our students, teachers and school administrators.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You have written our names in heaven, O God,
and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have
lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our
life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in
you.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with You

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks
and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our
joy...

...we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

COMMUNION

*Holy Communion is offered both in the center aisle
line and at the altar rail.*

Lamb of God Pg. 174

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.***



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and
mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you
peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

Hymn # 890

**¹ Mine eyes have seen the
glory of the coming of the
Lord;
he is trampling out the
vintage where the grapes of
wrath are stored;**

Hymn # 890

**he has loosed the fateful
lightning of his terrible swift
sword:
his truth is marching on.**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 890

[Refrain]

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

Hymn # 890

**2 He has sounded forth the
trumpet that shall never call
retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of
men before his judgment
seat.**

Hymn # 890

**Oh, be swift, my soul, to
answer him; be jubilant, my
feet!**

Our God is marching on.

[Refrain]

Hymn # 890

[Refrain]

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

Hymn # 890

**Final In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the
sea,
with a glory in his bosom
that transfigures you and
me.**

Hymn # 890

**As he died to make men
holy, let us live to make men
free,
while God is marching on.**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 890

[Refrain]

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

Hymn # 890

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

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