

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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& Rainbow Preschool
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Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: 500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Psalm 27:3a; antiphon: vv. 1, 2b



The LORD is my Light and my Salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

When mine enemies and my foes, came up- | on me*
they stumb- | led and fell.

Though an host should encamp a- | gainst me,*
my heart | shall not fear;



G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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Kyrie - Salutation *p. 186 ff*

Collect of the Day

- P** Grant, Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:6–12

Thus says the Lord God: “Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be

as the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In,” says the Lord Almighty.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 79:9b–10a



Purge away our sins, | O LORD*
lest the heathen say, “Where | is their God?”
Help us, O God of our sal- | vation,*
for the glory of Thy name: and deliver us, | O LORD.

Epistle

Romans 8:18–23

Brethren: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse of the Day

Psalm 21:1



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. The king shall joy in Thy strength | O LORD; and in Thy salvation how greatly shall |
he rejoice! **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:36–42

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: “Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” And He spoke a parable to them: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother’s eye.”



Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 696 O God, My Faithful God

Sermon

Offering Hymn: 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Stand

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church **P** Lord, in Your mercy; **C** hear our prayer.

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Sit

Distribution Hymns:

760 What God Ordains Is Always Good /

627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior /

663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray /

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me /

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing (*kids sing stanza 1; all 2-4*)

Postlude

Thank you to all our VBS volunteers

Looking Forward to Wednesday

Lessons: Ephesians 1:16-21, Matthew 21:23-27

Hymns: 947-492-940-493-948

Looking forward to next Sunday (Fifth Sunday after Trinity)

Lessons: I Kings 19:11-21; I Peter 3:8-15a; Luke 5:1-11

Hymns: 874-730-688-750/563/685/729/630-TLH 605 (printed)

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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only members of St. Peter or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"Repetitio est mater studiorum: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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