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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



### **Those Who Serve Us**

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**819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good**

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| <p>1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,<br/>The author of creation,<br/>The God of love who understood<br/>Our need for His salvation.<br/>With healing balm our souls He fills<br/>And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:<br/>To God all praise and glory!</p> <p>2 What God's almighty pow'r has made,<br/>In mercy He is keeping.<br/>By morning glow or evening shade<br/>His eye is never sleeping.<br/>Within the kingdom of His might<br/>All things are just and good and right:<br/>To God all praise and glory!</p> <p>3 We sought the Lord in our distress;<br/>O God, in mercy hear us.<br/>Our Savior saw our helplessness<br/>And came with peace to cheer us.<br/>For this we thank and praise the Lord,<br/>Who is by one and all adored:<br/>To God all praise and glory!</p> | <p>4 He never shall forsake His flock,<br/>His chosen generation;<br/>He is their refuge and their rock,<br/>Their peace and their salvation.<br/>As with a mother's tender hand,<br/>He leads His own, His chosen band:<br/>To God all praise and glory!</p> <p>5 All who confess Christ's holy name,<br/>Give God the praise and glory.<br/>Let all who know His pow'r proclaim<br/>Aloud the wondrous story.<br/>Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,<br/>For God is God, and He alone:<br/>To God all praise and glory!</p> |
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*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**

- 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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

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**Confession of Sins**

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

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## Prayer for Forgiveness

- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

## Introit

Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,\*  
and he delivered them from | their distress.  
**He made the | storm be still,\***  
**and the waves of the | sea were hushed.**  
Then they were glad that the waters were | quiet,\*  
and he brought them to their desired | haven.  
**Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,\***  
**for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!**  
Let them extol him in the congregation of the | people,\*  
and praise him in the assembly of the | elders.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,\*  
and he delivered them from | their distress.

## Kyrie

*LSB 204*

- C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 204*

**C**

**1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; 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**

*Job 38:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle**

*2 Corinthians 6:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. <sup>12</sup>You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup>In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 205*

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**C** These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 4:35–41*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

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

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.”  
<sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?”

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

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

**Apostles’ Creed**

**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  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## **728 How Firm a Foundation**

- 1    How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
      Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
      What more can He say than to you He has said  
      Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2    “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
      For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
      I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
      Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3    “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
      I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
      That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
      I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4    “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
      My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
      The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
      Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5    “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
      My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
      And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
      Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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## **Sermon**

*Stand*

### **Prayers of the Church**

*Sit*

#### **Offering:**

*As the Church Community, we who are Holy Cross use our resources together to care for the needs of our neighbors and proclaim the gospel to all who need to hear it. As members of this community, of Holy Cross, if you would like to work toward these goals, one way you can do this is by giving an offering through the plate in the back, through the mail, or through the "Donate Now" button on our website. Thank you for the time, prayers, and offerings you joyfully give in service of our neighbor and the gospel!*

*Stand*

### **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.

### **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.

### **715 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me**

- 1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
Over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.  
Chart and compass come from Thee.  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 2 As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will  
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 3 When at last I near the shore  
And the fearful breakers roar  
Twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me,  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

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**Invocation**

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

**Confession and Absolution**

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I 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 me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Absolution**

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.  
**Amen.**

**Psalm**

*Psalm 124*

<sup>1</sup>If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—  
let Israel now say—  
<sup>2</sup>if it had not been the LORD who was on our side  
when people rose up against us,  
<sup>3</sup>then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;  
<sup>4</sup>then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;  
<sup>5</sup>then over us would have gone  
the raging waters.  
<sup>6</sup>Blessèd be the LORD,  
who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth!  
<sup>7</sup>We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped!  
<sup>8</sup>Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

**[A]** This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

**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.

### The Words of Our Lord

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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Distribution

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