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## **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

*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.*

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## GATHERING

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*(Stand if you are able)*

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism as the pastor begins)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Merciful God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

## Gathering Hymn: ELW 819

### Come, All You People *Uyaimose*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are arranged in three parts: the first two parts are for three voices (1, 2, 3) and the third part is for a single voice. The lyrics are: 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High; 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior; 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it; come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High; come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior; come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it; come now and wor - ship the Lord. come now and wor - ship the Lord. come now and wor - ship the Lord.

Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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## **INVOCATION**

**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.

## **KYRIE-**

**Kyrie eleison:**

**Lord, have mercy:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christe eleison:**

**Christ, have mercy:**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Kyrie eleison:**

**Lord, have mercy:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;**

**glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;**

**glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;**

**glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;**

**glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

## Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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.

**C: Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

## 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.*

L: A reading from the sixty-sixth chapter of Isaiah.

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

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 66:1-9

L: <sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

**C: <sup>2</sup> Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**

L: <sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

**C: <sup>4</sup> All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."**

L: <sup>5</sup> Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

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

L: <sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

**C: <sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

**L: <sup>9</sup> 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."*

**L: A reading from the sixth chapter of Galatians.**

[<sup>1</sup> My 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. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

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

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If 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. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It 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. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May 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. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

**L: The Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*(Stand if you are able)*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 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.*

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: <sup>1-2</sup>Later the Master selected seventy and sent them ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he intended to go. He gave them this charge: “What a huge harvest! And how few the harvest hands. So on your knees; ask the God of the Harvest to send harvest hands.” <sup>3</sup>“On your way! But be careful—this is hazardous work. You’re like lambs in a wolf pack.” <sup>4</sup>“Travel light. Comb and toothbrush and no extra luggage.” “Don’t loiter and make small talk with everyone you meet along the way.” <sup>5-6</sup>“When you enter a home, greet the family, ‘Peace.’ If your greeting is received, then it’s a good place to stay. But if it’s not received, take it back and get out. Don’t impose yourself.” <sup>7</sup>“Stay at one home, taking your meals there, for a worker deserves three square meals. Don’t move from house to house, looking for the best cook in town.” <sup>8-9</sup>“When you enter a town and are received, eat what they set before you, heal anyone who is sick, and tell them, ‘God’s kingdom is right on your doorstep!’” <sup>10-12</sup>“When you enter a town and are not received, go out in the street and say, ‘The only thing we got from you is the dirt on our feet, and we’re giving it back. Did you have any idea that God’s kingdom was right on your doorstep?’ Sodom will have it better on Judgment Day than the town that rejects you.”

<sup>16</sup>“The one who listens to you, listens to me. The one who rejects you, rejects me. And rejecting me is the same as rejecting God, who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup>The seventy came back triumphant. “Master, even the demons danced to your tune!”

<sup>18-20</sup>Jesus said, “I know. I saw Satan fall, a bolt of lightning out of the sky. See what I’ve given you? Safe passage as you walk on snakes and scorpions, and protection from every assault of the Enemy. No one can put a hand on you. All the same, the great triumph is not in your authority over evil, but in God’s authority over you and presence with you. Not what you do for God but what God does for you—that’s the agenda for rejoicing.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)**



## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929

Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

## APOSTLES CREED

**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 to the dead. 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**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.*

P: 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,

**C: 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,

**C: 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,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain (*especially those we mention now or in the comfort of our hearts*). Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace,

**C: 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,

**C: 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,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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

**C: Amen.**

### Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING



## **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

**C: We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand, who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above. We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.**

### **Offering Prayer**

**P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**C: Amen.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** (said by Pastor)

**P: 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.**

**P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior taught us:**

**C: 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.**

**C: 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.**

**Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine** (please follow usher)

### **Prayer after Communion**

**P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.**

**C: Amen.**

## Announcements

### BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen

Sending Song: ELW 324

### Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

*Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona*

*Refrain— sung twice each time*



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African  
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### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Our Outreach envelopes for July and August will be split between the two foodbanks.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>			
July	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
8	Kathryn Wagner		
12	David Helfrich		
<u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u>			
Sunday, July 6 4th Sunday After Pentecost		10:00 AM After St Luke Worship	Communion Worship VBS Planning Meeting @ St Luke Ferndale
Monday, July 7		1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Tuesday, July 8		7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 9		1:00 PM 6:30-7:30 PM	VBS Teacher Training @ Trinity Wednesday Sundaes
<u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Sunday, July 13 5th Sunday After Pentecost		10:00 AM 11:00 AM- ANYTIME	Communion Worship @Durham Full Set Up for VBS @ Trinity
Monday, July 14- Friday July 18		9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	VBS @ Trinity
Tuesday, July 15		1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Wednesday, July 16		6:30-7:30pm	Wednesday Sundaes
Thursday, July 17		7:00 PM	PALM Meeting @ Ferndale
Sunday, July 20 6th Sunday After Pentecost		10:00 AM	Communion Worship
Monday, July 21		1:00PM -3:00 PM	Office Hours
Wednesday, July 23		10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 6:30-7:30 PM	Pastor Office Hours Wednesday Sundaes
Thursday, July 24		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM	Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim



**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Cleo Eck; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Bethany Michl; Barbara Naska; Joanne Ziegenfuss

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Dan Crooke; David Davis; Nancy Davis; Nancy Edelen; Carol and Leon Errico; Gabriella Froehlich; Barbara Foster; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Penni Griffith; Krista Heyer; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Jim McAnally; Charleigh McCade; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Patrick McNaulty; Stacy Mechum; Nancy Morris; Bradley Mundt; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Leslie Patience; Jennifer Phelps; Dennis Phillipps; Adrienne Rozzi; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Laurel Sheetz; Holly Snyder; Donna Storm; Edward Thaler; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Wayne Yeisley; Barbara Yob.

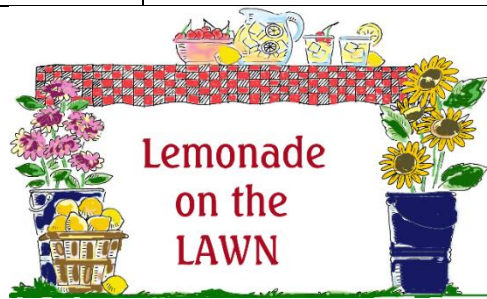
**For those who are Homebound:** James Altemose; Jayne Miller.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:** Doris Calverley; Fred Foerster; Norma Fox ;Kenneth Hager; Vivian Harwick; Frank Mammana; Silas Rodenbach; Bart Shaw; Ed Xander and Bobby Ziegenfuss

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: [joanmammana@icloud.com](mailto:joanmammana@icloud.com)

## Worship Assistants

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Organist Choir Director	
Altar Guild	Val McGinn and Bea von Watzdorf
Greeter(s)	Nancy Moskella
Acolyte	Colton Wagner
Lector	Kathryn Wagner
Head / Communion Usher	Mark Harwick
Council Communion	Dealers' choice
Counting Team	Mark Harwick &
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner
Custodian	Dianna Streletz



Provided by Linda and David Sauter! Thank you!

## A REPORT FROM THE FOOD BANKS

THE LORDS PANTRY: WE DONATED 82LBS! THEY REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS THIS MONTH:



- STEWED AND WHOLE TOMATOES
- PEARS
- CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP
- HEARTY SOUPS
- COFFEE
- SOAP
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- CONDIMENTS
- PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS

PROJECT EASTON: WE DONATED 48LBS! THEY REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS THIS MONTH:

- PEANUT BUTTER
- PANCAKE MIX
- SOUPS BUT NOT CHICKEN NOODLE
- HEALTHY SNACK BARS
- PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS

THANK YOU MIRIAM AND MARK FOR DELIVERING FOOD TO THE  
FOODBANKS LAST WEEK!