

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

☐ = Pastor ☐ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)  
↑ Please stand as you are able.

## PRELUDE

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven."*

*We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.*

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

## ↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

### ↑ GATHERING HYMN: *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

*ELW Hymn 876*

- 1 **Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"  
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!"  
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;  
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.**
- 2 **Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word,  
those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song.  
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"**
- 3 **Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,  
and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts;  
from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:  
"Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"**

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## ↑ GREETING

- ☐ 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.**

## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
☑ **Amen.**

## ↑ READING: Romans 6:1b-11

- ☐ The New Testament reading is from the 6th chapter of Romans.  
**The Congregation reads the portions in bold print.**

**W**hat then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?

**<sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?**

<sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

**<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.**

<sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin.

**<sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.**

<sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

**<sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

☒ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ Thanks be to God

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*ELW Hymn 886*

**1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Text is in the public domain.

↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39**

☒ The Holy Gospel according to Mathhew, the 10th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**esus said to the twelve: <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

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↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake*

*ELW Hymn 799*

1 "Come, follow me," the Savior spake, "all in my way abiding;  
deny yourselves, the world forsake, obey my call and guiding.  
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide; take my example for your guide."

2 "I am the light; I light the way, a godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show how you should sojourn here below."

4 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed,  
and, firmly clinging to his word, in suffering be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain the crown of heav'nly life obtain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624-1677; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813-1896, alt. Text is in the public domain.

↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

☞ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

☞ 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 THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "God, in your mercy," please respond, "hear our prayer."*

*The prayers are ended with these words, "Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ." Please respond, "Amen."*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail. Thank you.



## OFFERING MUSIC

*Domenic Ravita, guitar*

↑ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



**COMMUNION HYMN:** *Will You Come and Follow Me**ELW Hymn 798*

**1** “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

**5** Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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↑ **PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

☞ The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed  
 ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. ☞ **Amen.**

↑ **SENDING HYMN:** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

*ELW Hymn 805*

**1** Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;  
 henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.  
 Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;  
 and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

**2** Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
 for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
 but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

**3** Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,  
 for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.  
 Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;  
 the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

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↑ **SENDING**

☞ Go in peace. Share the harvest. Announce to all the possibilities of Jesus' joy and life.  
 ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **POSTLUDE**

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*Altar Guild: Susie Lucsko*

*Readers: Jaycine Lester (8:30); Carol Jensen-Linton (11:00)*

*Tech crew: Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins (8:30)*

*Natalie Irvin, Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert (11:00)*

*Ushers: John Musil, Bob Spruck (8:30); Pat & Mike Oliver (11:00)*

*Sanctuary flowers given by Pamela Gould in memory of Yoko Ingebrigtsen.*