



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 20, 2021  
11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader.  
**Bold text indicates the congregational response.**

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the  
cranberry-colored *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

Welcome  
Prayer Requests

Prelude

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

Christine Sullivan

## ENTRANCE RITE

*We stand as we are able.*

Hymn 756

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Greeting

**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.**

*Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18*

*The Gloria*  
("Glory to  
God...") is a con-  
tinuation of resur-  
rection praise.  
With the angels  
we sing God's  
glory revealed in  
Je-sus Christ.  
(Luke 2:14).

## Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -  
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of  
God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*The Prayer of the Day is tied to the overall theme of the scripture lessons or, sometimes, to the theme of day if it is a special occasion in the church calendar.*

**Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*We are seated.*

*The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.*

*The first lesson is normally from the Old Testament.*

*A Psalm is spoken or sung as a meditation on the first lesson and as a response to it.*



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Job 38:1-11

L A reading from Job.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

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

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare 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 heavenly beings 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 the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds 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 stopped’?”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107:1. 23-25, 29-31

*We chant the Psalm responsively, with the congregation singing the **bold** verses..*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the <sup>1</sup>LORD is good,  
for God’s mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.

<sup>23</sup>**Some went down to the <sup>1</sup>sea in ships,  
plying their trade <sup>1</sup>in deep waters.**

<sup>24</sup>They beheld the works <sup>1</sup>of the LORD,  
God’s wonderful works <sup>1</sup>in the deep.

<sup>25</sup>**Then God spoke, and a stormy <sup>1</sup>wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves <sup>1</sup>of the sea.**

<sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried <sup>1</sup>to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from <sup>1</sup>their distress.

<sup>29</sup>**You stilled the storm <sup>1</sup>to a whisper  
and silenced the waves <sup>1</sup>of the sea.**

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when <sup>1</sup>it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor <sup>1</sup>they desired.

<sup>31</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your <sup>1</sup>steadfast love  
and your wonderful works <sup>1</sup>for all people.**

*The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.*

**Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

**L** A reading from Second Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting 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 have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.*

**The Gospel: Mark 4:35-41**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

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

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

Sermon

Pastor James Armentrout

*We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.*

*This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.*

Hymn 755

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*



## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AND BY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you, members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, into our fellowship in the Gospel. With the entire congregation, I invite you profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C I do.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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**

*The pastor addresses Andria.*

P Andria, you have expressed the desire to join this congregation and have made public profession of your faith. I now ask, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear his Word and share in his supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, please answer "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

P And you, people of God, do you promise to support this sister and pray for her in her life in Christ?

**C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with God and with God's people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*We make our confession of faith together in response to the whole proclamation of the Word of God.*

*The Apostles' Creed (which begins, "I believe...") is traditionally attributed to the first apostles, working under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It has been known to the church since at least the fourth century.*

P Chris, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?  
I do.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you both desire to have Elise baptized into Christ?  
We do.

P As you bring your Elise to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.  
Do you promise to help Elise grow in the Christian faith and life?  
We do.

P And you, people of God, do you promise to support Chris and Elise and pray for their life in Christ?  
C **We do.**

*The baptismal formula, "I baptize you..." is based on Matthew 28:19*



P Christopher David Polasko, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Elise Noella Polasko, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Chris and Elise: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C **Amen**

*The signation is the practice of tracing the sign of the cross on the newly-baptized person's forehead. It is a tangible reminder that in Baptism one is joined to the cross of Christ.*

*The newly baptized are anointed with oil.*

P Christopher David, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Elise Noella, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.



*A baptismal candle is given to each of the newly baptized as a sign of sharing in Christ, the Light of the world, and as a reminder of the relationship between Baptism and Easter.*



*A candle is presented to each of the newly baptized.*

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.

P Through Baptism God has made this new brother and sister members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.**

*We join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

## The Prayers



*Each petition concludes:*

**L** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

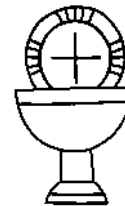
*Much more than a pleasant greeting—we do this to proclaim God’s promise of peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11*

## The Peace

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*The congregation greets one another with a gesture of peace. Some worshippers may not yet be comfortable with traditional exchanges of peace. Smiles, waves, and elbow bumps all communicate the promise of God’s peace as fully as hugs and handshakes.*



## The Offering

Anthem

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*

arr. Timothy Shaw

*Our gifts are received and dedicated to our Lord’s service. These offerings support the ministries of this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.*

*My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth’s lamentation,  
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation  
Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds and echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I’m clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heav’n and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever-springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing?  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I’m clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heav’n and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

- text by Robert Lowry



*We stand as we are able and sing the Offertory.*

*As our gifts of offerings and tithes are brought forward we sing a canticle of thanksgiving for God's generous goodness.*

### Offertory

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,  
cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door, gift - ed by you,  
we turn to you, of - fring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.

*Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.*

### Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,,  
C **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen**

### Thanksgiving Dialogue

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

*The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.*

*The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.*

## The Proper Preface

*The presiding minister continues:* “It is indeed right and salutary...”

*The proper preface concludes:* “we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Sanctus echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.*

*The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.*

### Eucharistic Prayer

**P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen**

### The Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*We are seated.*

### COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD

#### WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come to the altar rail by way of the center aisle. We will be handed a wafer which we will intinct (dip) in the chalice. We will return to our seats by way of the side aisles.

Communion Hymn 773

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*The Lord's Prayer brings the Great Thanksgiving to a conclusion. Prayed here, this familiar and beloved prayer becomes the table-prayer of the congregation. Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15*

*Once we have all received the sacrament and returned to our seats, we celebrate the personal encounter with the risen Christ through blessing, prayer, and singing.*

Post-Communion Blessing

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

**P** Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,

**C we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.**

**As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray. Amen**

Blessing

**P** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C Amen**

Hymn 785

*When Peace Like a River*

*We are dismissed from worship knowing that our service does not end. Rather, having been in the presence of the risen Lord, we leave so that our service may truly begin.*

Dismissal

**P** Go in peace, loving God and loving your neighbor.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Wayne L. Wold



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