

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Hymn ----- Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**

CW 493

1. “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”  
You taught us, Lord, to pray,  
But you alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us;  
How great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
And bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love  
Our lives will spread your peace.

*Stand.*

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

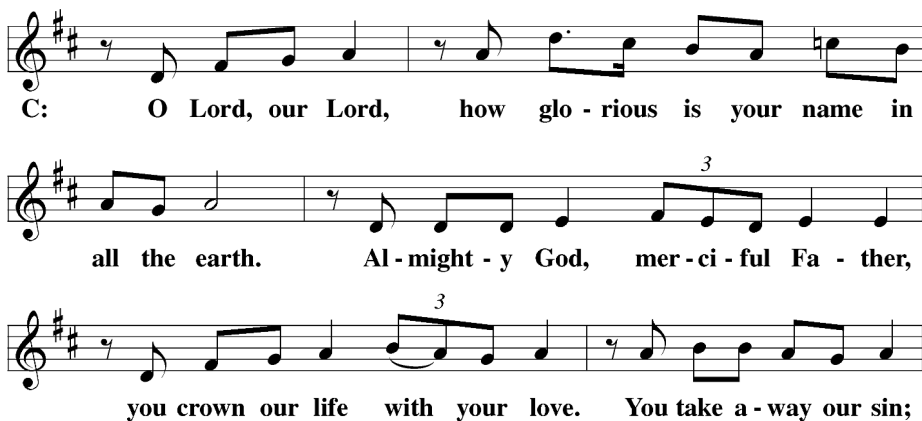


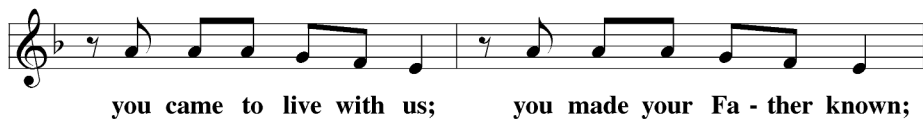
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

*O Lord, Our Lord*







how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

### *Prayer of the Day*

M: Let us pray.

O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

*Be seated.*

### THE WORD

#### **First Lesson ----- Isaiah 58:6–12**

On the contrary, isn't this the kind of fast that I would choose:

to loosen the chains of wickedness,  
to tear apart the ropes of a yoke,  
to release the oppressed so they go free,  
and to tear every yoke to pieces?

Isn't a true fast that you share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless and afflicted into a house?

Yes, when you see a naked person, you are to cover him,

and do not hide yourself from your own flesh and blood.

Then your light will break forth like dawn,  
and your healing will spring up quickly.

Your righteousness will go out ahead of you,  
and the Glory of the LORD will follow you.

Then you will call, and the LORD will answer.

You will cry out, and he will say, "Here I am!"

If you remove the bar of the yoke from among you,

and if you stop finger-pointing and speaking wickedly,

if you offer your life for the hungry,

and if you satisfy the desires of the afflicted,

then your light will shine in the darkness,  
and your darkest gloom will shine like the noon-  
day sun.

Then the LORD will lead you continually.  
He will satisfy your desire in arid places,  
and he will strengthen your bones.  
Then you will be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water, whose waters will not fail.  
Then your ancient ruins will be rebuilt,  
and you will restore the foundations from past  
generations.  
Then you will be called the repairer of broken  
walls,  
the restorer of streets to live on.

**Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 27**

CW p.75

*Refrain*

**The Lord is my light and my salvation—of whom shall I be afraid, of  
whom shall I be afraid?**

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;\*  
be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,\*  
do not turn your servant away in anger;  
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,\*  
O God my Savior.

*Refrain*

Though my father and mother forsake me,\*  
the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:\*  
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;\*  
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,**

as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Refrain*

**Second Lesson ----- Romans 8:18-22**

For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the

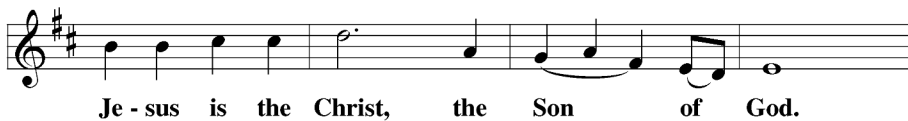
one who subjected it, in the hope that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time.

*Verse of the Day*

*Micah 6:8*

M: Alleluia. What does the Lord require from you, except to carry out justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Alleluia.



*Stand.*



## Gospel ----- Luke 6:36-42

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. In fact, the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you.”

He also told them a parable: “A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Won’t they

both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but fail to notice the beam in your own eye? Or how can you tell your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck in your eye,’ when you do not see the beam in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the beam from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck in your brother’s eye.”

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*Be seated.*

## Hymn of the Day ----- O God, My Faithful God

CW 459

1. O God, my faithful God, O Fountain ever flowing,  
Who good and perfect gifts In mercy are bestowing,  
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame, A soul unhurt by sin.
2. Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing  
Whatever you command, My calling here fulfilling,  
That I do what I should While trusting you to bless  
The outcome for my good, For you must give success.

3. Keep me from saying things That later need recalling;  
Grant that no idle words May from my lips be falling,  
But then, when in my place I must and ought to speak,  
My words grant pow'r and grace Lest I offend the weak.
4. Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.  
Help me, as you have taught, To love both great and small  
And by your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.

**Sermon ----- Luke 6:36-42**

*Be Merciful as Your Father Is Merciful*

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*Nicene Creed*

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We be-

lieve in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Be seated.*

*Offering*

*Stand.*

*Prayer of the Church*

*The minister calls for the petitions and the congregation prays with “**Lord, have mercy.**”*

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*Offerings support the spread*

*of the Gospel here and around the world.*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the Church, that the Lord would pour out His mercy in rich measure; for all ministers, that their mouths would be opened to preach the saving Gospel; for all Christians, that their mouths would be opened to proclaim the marvels of Christ who called us from darkness into His marvelous light; and that all works of mercy would attest to His love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For true humility, that our Father would teach us to confess our sin rather than excuse or deny it; that He would guard us from all pride that leads us to disdain; and that He would lead us to rejoice at His patience, which freely forgives our many trespasses, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our nation, that the Lord would bless our leaders with wisdom and guard us from the rising ungodliness in our land so that the Gospel may be preached boldly and continue to bear fruit and grow, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

- M: For the members of Christ, groaning as we await the redemption of our bodies and the freedom of the glory of the children of God, that He would turn away the corruption of sin, the futility of our fallen state, and every ill of body and soul; and for \_\_\_\_\_, that He would give comfort in suffering through the certain hope of His incomparable glory which will be revealed in us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: That God would keep us from avenging ourselves, repaying evil with evil; and that He would lead us to overcome evil with good and live peaceably with all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For all communicants, that our Father would clear away any grudges, unbelief or impenitence so that we would receive His Supper with lively faith in His promises and for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: In thanksgiving to the Lord for the faithful departed who now abide with Him in glory, that God would hear our inward groans and sustain us in faith, as we long for the redemption of our bodies at the return of His Son, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: Lord God, heavenly Father, You are merciful and through Christ have promised that You will neither judge nor condemn us, but graciously forgive all our sins and abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. By Your Holy Spirit, establish in our hearts a confident faith in Your mercy. Teach us in turn to be merciful to our neighbor, that we may not judge or condemn others, but willingly forgive all and, judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives in Your fear; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

### *Lord's Prayer*

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.

### THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

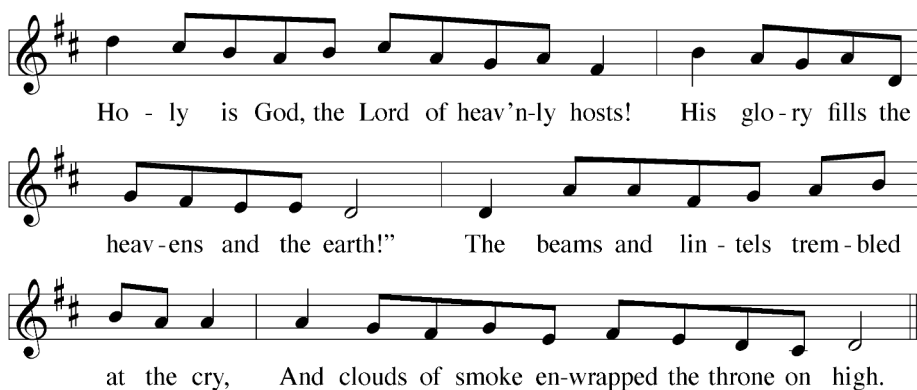
Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the  
Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

*Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old*

*Sanctus, CW 267*



I - sa - iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it  
did be-hold High on a loft - y throne, in splen-dor bright,  
With robes that filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were  
flam-ing ser - a-phim; Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of him.  
With two they veiled their fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly  
hid their feet from sight, And with the oth-er two a - loft they soared;  
One to the oth-er called and praised the Lord: “Ho - ly is God, the  
Lord of heav’n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav’n-ly hosts!



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! His glo-ry fills the  
heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels trem - bled  
at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

### *Words of Institution*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

*O Christ, Lamb of God*

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated.*

#### DISTRIBUTION

*In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.*

*During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn:*



Hymn ----- I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

CW 310

*Refrain:*

Lord, may your body and your blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

1. I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole. *Refrain*
2. Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,  
And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord.  
*Refrain*
3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet you your lamb will banish never, Nor will your faithfulness depart.  
*Refrain*
4. Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul,  
That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll!  
*Refrain*
5. Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly.  
*Refrain*
6. Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.  
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest.  
*Refrain*
7. You here will find a heart most lowly That feels unworthy in your sight,  
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right.  
*Refrain*
8. By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,  
For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above. *Refrain*

9. What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.  
*Refrain*
10. This feast is manna, wealth abounding  
Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,  
To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour.  
*Refrain*
11. Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
Your blood, which you for me have shed-  
These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed.  
*Refrain*
12. With you, Lord, I am now united; I live in you and you in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary. *Refrain*
13. Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*
14. Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer,  
For he who is of death the master With help and strength is always near.  
*Refrain*
15. My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

# THANKSGIVING

*Stand.*

*Thank the Lord*



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

*Blessing*

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



*Be seated.*

**Hymn ----- Son of God, Eternal Savior**

CW 492

1. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Honors all our human race,  
You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with your love and pity; Heal our wrongs and help our need.
2. Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion; Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst for pleasure; Stem our selfish greed for gain.
3. Bind us all as one together In your Church's sacred fold,  
Weak and healthy, poor and wealthy, Sad and joyful, young and old.  
Is there want or pain or sorrow? Make us all the burden share.  
Are there spirits crushed and broken?  
Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.

4. As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

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