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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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5:30PM & 8:00AM

AS WE GATHER

Today's Old Testament Reading should be read last, for it is a call to rejoicing, at least for people of faith in Christ. The guaranteed future includes "peace . . . like a river" (Isaiah 66:12), a powerful and restful image. The Epistle, however, is full of marching orders for daily living and the warning, "let us not grow weary of doing good" (Galatians 6:9). When the Seventy-Two (not just the Twelve) went out in the Gospel, we do not know how fearful they may have been, but they returned triumphant and were congratulated by our Lord. Because He has won the final battle for us, our worship today may certainly focus on the peace that awaits us. It is an opportunity to "shout for joy to God, all the earth" (Psalm 66:1).

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "God Bless Our Native Land" *LSB* 965, sts. 1-2

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 66:10; Galatians 6:2; Luke 10:20

Pastor: Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;

People: rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her.

Pastor: Bear one another's burdens,

People: and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Pastor: Do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you,

People: but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Luke 10:3–5; Psalm 66:8*

Pastor: When our Lord sent out His followers, He said, “Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.”

People: We confess that we fear those wolves, for we lambs are vulnerable. Help us, gracious God.

Pastor: “Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.”

People: We confess that we are doubtful about success without those things that we need each day. Help us, Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’”

People: We confess that we are often silent, lest our friends reject our presence. Help us, O Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Your fears, doubts, and silence have all been forgiven by the death and resurrection of Christ on your behalf. God goes with you now into every circumstance. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, You have built Your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone.

People: Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your church may be kept free from all harm and danger;

Pastor: Almighty God, You have given the church great strength and opportunity amid the world’s opposition.

People: Grant us steadfastness of faith to move forward in trust, rejoicing as You accompany us on our journey;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 66:10–14*

(The prophet calls for rejoicing in the present time, for God has promised comfort and peace.)

¹⁰“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her;

¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious abundance.”

¹²For thus says the LORD:

“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,

and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,

and bounced upon her knees.

¹³As one whom his mother comforts,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bones shall flourish like the grass;

and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants,

and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18*

(Paul encourages mutual caring and global outreach.)

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

³For if anyone thinks he is something,

when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.

⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

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⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . .

¹⁴But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by

which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

¹⁶And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

VERSE *Luke 0:5b, 9b*

Pastor: Alleluia. Peace be to this house!

People: The kingdom of God has come near to you. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 10:1–20*

(Jesus rejoices with the disciples as they return with good news.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.

²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter,

first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

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¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹“Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.” ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

⁶“The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please sit

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” *LSB* 685, sts. 1-4

SERMON “Working Against God or Working for God” (Acts 5:27-41)

CANTICLE HYMN “Before You, Lord, We Bow” *LSB* 966, sts. 1-5

TITHES AND OFFERING (8:00 ONLY – “God of Our Fathers” ~Summer Choir)

Please stand

CATECHISM *The First Article*

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In our secular society our constitution begins with this paragraph:

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Let us use it as a guide as we ask our heavenly Father's continued care. We, the people of the United States.

People: **We recognize Your grace, O God, in creating us, calling us to faith, and leading us totally by grace. We thank You for placing us within this great land.**

Pastor: To form a more perfect union, establish justice.

People: **We pray, Lord God, that You would raise up people dedicated to working together for all people, serving them equally in the wisdom You provide.**

Pastor: Insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense.

People: **Lord Jesus, protect and guide those who serve in the armed forces and those who keep the peace in our neighborhoods.**

Pastor: Promote the general welfare.

People: **Bless, O Lord, all who run toward danger for the sake of others, those who use their gifts for health and healing, and those who raise crops, tend flocks, and distribute the gifts of this bountiful land for the good of all.**

Pastor: And secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

People: **Help us, O Holy Spirit, to maintain all that You have given us so that our children and children's children may also give thanks to You with all You so graciously provide.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask, gracious God, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who gave His Son to save us, the ✠ Son who has been victorious even over death, and the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us daily—go with You, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit

CLOSING SONG “America the Beautiful”

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace
on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

sts. 1-4

2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry
flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

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3. O beautiful for heroes proved In
liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold
refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine!

4. O Beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace
on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

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Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * *

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