

Memory Verses of the Week

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God
is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

+ Romans 6:23



*4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2020- 10:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2020

10:00 a.m.

P = Presiding Minister; **A** = Assisting Minister; **C** = Congregation

GATHERING

Prelude.....*Two Variations on “Duke Street”* - David Cherewien

Ringing of the Church Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. As a called and ordained minister . . . in the name of the †Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

(Please remain in place and maintain physical distancing while you greet those around you in the name of Christ.)

Gathering Hymn WORSHIP BOOK - 526 *“God Is Here!”*

Vs 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Vs 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Vs 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Vs 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

The 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.**

Hymn of Praise..... WORSHIP BOOK - Setting 4 Pages 148-149 *“Glory to God”*



All

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.

The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, O God,

C: **you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

A Rest That Works Video Journey: “New Perspective”

First Reading..... *Romans 6:12-23*

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Kids' Talk..... Pastor Paul

The Gospel Acclamation WORSHIP BOOK - Setting 4 Page 151 “Alleluia”



The Holy Gospel *Matthew 10:40-42*
(spoken) (text for pastor's sermon)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon..... Rev. Paul Offhaus

Song of the Day..... “*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I’m found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Chorus

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
and like a flood his mercy reigns;
unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Chorus (x2)

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
and like a flood his mercy reigns;
unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

Apostles' Creed

C: 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 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 the People (*after each petition, please respond as follows*):

A: Hear us, O God.

P: ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Your mercy is great.

C: Amen.

MEAL

Time of Offering

Canticle of Thanksgiving..... **WORSHIP BOOK - 207**
"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Words of Institution

The 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.

Communion to Be Celebrated in (Remote AND Public) Worship Today

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion today and every Sunday moving forward. Here is what you will need to do on your end:

If attending our public worship:

We will be offering communion in one part, that is, wafers but no wine/grape juice. Communicants will be directed by the ushers to come forward by side (left side from front to back, then right side), masked and maintaining physical distance from those outside of their family unit. After receiving the wafer from Pastor or the Assisting Minister (both of whom will be masked), you are asked to step to the side (on the 'X') before removing your mask to partake of communion. Then return, masked, to your seat. Hand sanitizers will be available on the tables by the side aisles.

If at home worshipping remotely:

1. Gather the elements you will need: bread, crackers or even a tortilla wrap, as well as wine or grape juice. If you'd like to make your own (unleavened, if you wish) bread, a recipe was printed in the April newsletter or you can find several online.
2. Prepare a space for you to place the elements, either at a table or coffee table, perhaps with a tablecloth. Set the elements out for that point in our worship.
3. After the Words of Institution, you may then partake of the elements. If you are sheltering with others, share them with one another; if not, simply consume them yourself. In either case, speak the words, "The Body of Christ, given/broken for you/me . . . The Blood of Christ, shed for you/me," to remind you of Christ's presence "in, with, and under" (Luther's words) the ordinary elements of bread and wine.

As in previous instances of remote communion, we honor and respect you, whether you choose to partake or not to partake. *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.* + Ephesians 4:4

Communion Music *O Lord, We Praise You* - Edwin T Childs

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, both now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

Sending Hymn.....**WORSHIP BOOK - 848**
“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

- Vs 1 Give to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways;
wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.
- Vs 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.
- Vs 3 Give to the Lord of lords renown;
the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure
when lords and kings are known no more!

Dismissal

- A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Improvisation on “Abbot’s Leigh”* - Paul Manz

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (6/28)

Presiding Minister & Preacher..... Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister..... Steve Callender
OrganistMartin P. Gigler
Worship LeaderSusan Benesh
Greeters..... Tina Thompson,
Deacon Mike Burris
Ushers Darold Heare,
Altar Guild..... Bonnie Shurboff
Media/Sound.....Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (7/5)

Presiding Minister & Preacher..... Rev. Rod Willeke
Assisting Minister..... Deb Waybright
OrganistMartin P. Gigler
Greeters.....Sam & Hannah Starrick
Deacon Milt Brown
Ushers Cheryl Kienzle, Terry Kienzle
Altar Guild..... Linda McGahey, Stacie Stauffer
Media/Sound.....Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

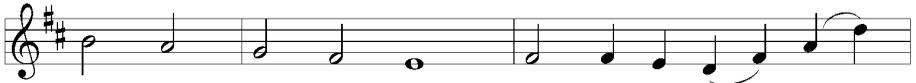
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Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways; won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793