



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost — June 28, 2020

Prelude: “*Descend On Us, Holy Spirit*” – Wolfgang A. Mozart

Confession and Forgiveness (*read responsively*)

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

Congregation: Amen.

L: Seeking reconciliation with God and our neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin. (*A brief silence is kept for reflection.*)

L: Reconciling God,

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you, against one another,
and against the earth entrusted to our care.
We are worried and distracted by many things.
We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.
We are silent in the face of racism
and all that separates us from our human siblings.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Beloved, by the radical abundance of divine grace,
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus.
Even when we feel hopeless or alone or filled with shame,
we have the promise that God loves you and me.
We are forgiven and set free from all that oppresses us.
May that promise give you comfort and hope, today and always.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #729 – The Church of Christ in Every Age – vs, 1-3, 5

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| 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead. | 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity. |
| 2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die. | 5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word. |

Greeting:

L: 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.

Kyrie

Assistant: Congregation:

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

The image shows two staves of music in G major and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant and the second for the Congregation. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: Congregation:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

God. A - men.

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Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

First Reading: Jeremiah 28.5-9

- Oliver Jensen

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Psalm 89.1-4, 15-18 (*Lector begins, congregation responds*)

- Jon Leiseth

L: ¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

C: ²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

L: ³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

C: ⁴"I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations."

L: ¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

C: ¹⁶They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

L: ¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

C: ¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter. C: **Glory, to you O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10.40-42 (NRSV)

[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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:

Hymn of the Day: ELW #726 - Light Dawns on a Weary World

1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*

Refrain: The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall
break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

Prayers of Intercession - Each petition ends with the following response:

L: Lord in your mercy, C: **Hear our prayer.**

Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion: *We invite you to share the bread and wine/grape juice with one another at home.*

Communion Hymn: ELW #676 – Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.

3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing:



Leader: Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Presider: May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for all of our days.

All: A - men.

Dismissal - L: Go in peace. Share the Good News! **C:** Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "Lord Speak to Us" - Robert Schumann

Thanks to Today's Worship Leaders:

- Pastor Joe Larson
- Alpha Roeszler, Pianist
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- Jon Leiseth, Psalm Reader
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St. Mark's Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** and a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation—welcoming all people, including LGBTQ individuals.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: We are not holding onsite worship at Temple Beth El Synagogue until further notice. Live-stream services will be on Sundays at 10 am via Facebook at: www.facebook.com/stmarkslutheranfargo.

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Join us on Zoom through the internet or by phone following Sunday worship: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?zmt=ZMpcOutqzIjELNIBn-fUwAvM2rdj-Gtw>
You can also call into this meeting at: 1-301-715-8592;
Meeting ID: 874 725 599; Password: 037564

YOUR PRAYERS ARE INVITED for the sick: Jim Jordan (Charlie's brother), Matuor Dot Alier and family, Patti Pranke (Alpha's sister), Jerry Jacobson (Mel's brother), Kermit Jensen, Leah Martell Torkelson, Chris Maki, Dona Jordan, Viola Ware, Brad Graber, Avis Twamley, and Karla Ware.

PASTOR JOE will be on vacation from June 29 – July 6. Pastor Helen Beth Kuhens will be on call for pastoral emergencies and will preach on July 5, 2020. She may be reached at 218.477.0703.

“SPEAKING UP: A Multi-generational Conversation about Race”

In light of what is happening in our world – and in our own community – the Education Committee is introducing a series of discussions on racism. The first three sessions will be via Zoom and held at varied times to accommodate different ages and schedules. Selected chapters from Ijeoma Oluo's book, *So You Want To Talk About Race?* will be available to enrich and expand our conversation. In her book, Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to “model minorities” in an attempt to create honest conversations about race and racism, and how they infect almost every aspect of American life. Join us via Zoom* for one or more sessions:

- **Session 1- Sunday, July 12, 11:30 am -12:30 pm: “What Do We See?” (Chapter 13)**
- **Session 2 - Thursday, July 23, Noon - 1 pm: “What is Racism?” (Chapter 2)**
- **Session 3 - Thursday, Aug. 6: 6:30-7:30 pm: “Policing, Racism and Community” (Chapter 6)**

Please email the Church Office (admin@stmarkslutheranfargo.com) for the link to the Zoom meeting. Indicate if you would like a copy of the specific chapter.

OFFERINGS: During this time, please continue to send in your offerings as you are able. Our mailing address is **St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 417 Main Ave, Ste #401, Fargo, ND 58103**. You can also donate **online** on our website at: www.stmarkslutheranfargo.com/donate.html.



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