

Holy Cross Lutheran
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
June 28, 2020

AS WE GATHER Today, we continue our sermon series with the first part of Romans chapter seven and tie in from last week's sixth chapter, of not neglecting the gift of grace in baptism through Christ's death for us (His burying our "sin" or "bad bones,"). In this same thought this week, the law shows us the gravity of sin and its destruction and inability to save us. Though, it cannot save, Paul yet says the law is not thrown away or discounted but is held in honor to magnify Christ and His gift of salvation. It is the Gospel that keeps sanctifying our lives in the grace of God, daily, hourly, moment by moment as the law keeps showing us our sin in this life and the Gospel, Christ's ongoing sanctification until He comes for us! Paul tells us how to live until we are called home to heaven. He mentions in our text today, "that we serve in the new way of the Spirit." The Spirit is the one who opens our heart to face the hard truth of our selfishness and idolatry, and then completes our faith with love pointing to Jesus! God sent Jesus for You! Jesus came for you! The act of Jesus, paying in full our debt of sin, is the most powerful gift or you might say miracle of all. Forgiveness is love! Paul does not want this gift/miracle to elude you or anyone. It is a miracle of forgiveness shared between parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers, and sisters, for neighbors, for strangers, for those even at war. As it says in our Psalm today, this is the covenant that was planned before the world existed for ever generation; the promise of Jesus given in grace believed by the Spirit's gift of faith! We sing with the psalmist the Messianic promise, "I will sing of the steadfast love of Yahweh, forever with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.!" (Psalm 89:1). Jesus is steadfast love! God bless your worship today

† IN DOMINE JESU †
(In the Name of Jesus)

PRELUDE

WELCOME "This is the Day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." PS 118:24

GATHERING HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809 vs 1-2

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Because we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition and have sinned in thought, word, and deed, let us employ the faith the Holy Spirit has given us and go to our gracious heavenly Father, asking His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God has given His only Son to bear the punishment of our sins on the cross so that we might know the peace of His presence now and the joys of heaven hereafter. 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.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1

P: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,

C: who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,

P: who exult in Your name all the day

C: and in Your righteousness are exalted.

P: For You are the glory of their strength;

C: by Your favor our horn is exalted.

P: For our shield belongs to the LORD,

C: our king to the Holy One of Israel. 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. I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together: **Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† The Living Word †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

(Jeremiah condemns Hananiah for preaching peace while God has exiled most of the people to Babylon.)

L: ⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet 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 make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now 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 to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(The purpose of the Law is to show the gravity and depth of our sin and need for a Savior to set us free in death; but not ours, His!)

L: ¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Matthew 10:39

All: Alleluia, Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Alleluia

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Jesus declares that following Him must take precedence over every relationship.)

P: ³⁴[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Law of God Is Good and Wise"

LSB 579

SERMON "We Serve in the New Way of the Spirit!" Don't Say No Way, Say Yahweh!

"But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code." Romans 7:6

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Response after each petition)

P: ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

SHARING TOGETHER THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE BLESSING & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together. **O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who kept Your ancient promises by sending Your Son to the cross in our stead, for His sake, grant us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Go with us as we depart, and grant us eyes wide open to the reality of Your goodness, mercy, and grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

LSB 809 vs 3

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P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission.

C: Amen. We will. Amen.

**† SOLI DEO GLORIA †
(To God be the Glory)**

POSTLUDE

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Helper:	Brit Weimer
Lector:	Dinah Gilberts
Ushers:	Evelyn & Norma Jabs
Acolyte:	Daniel Vannett
AV:	Rostina Vannett
Offering Counters:	Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze



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Holy Cross Happenings

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WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS!

Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

QUOTE: June 28 "The family is universal. Individuals meeting from different cultures do not have to explain to each other what a family is. The family lies at the quantum level of human society. Family life is deeply rooted in an area of mystery we do not fully understand. Like a tree, it is living, rooted, and nourished by the soil of the past and reaching up into the future. It is not manufactured. Although socially reinforced, it is not 'socially constructed.' It is a precious Gift." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Volunteers to clean church- We are in need of 4 to 6 volunteers on Saturday mornings to clean the church before service on Sunday. We will meet at 9:00 am at church. See Pastor for details. Thank you for considering helping out.

Summer Women's Bible Study - Join us for a Summer Women's Bible Study on the Book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah is a wonderful example for us in today's world. Nehemiah prayed constantly and relied on scripture. Read over this great book in preparation of our study. Great background reading is the book of Ezra, which is right before Nehemiah. We will be meeting in the Preschool Room starting Wednesday, July 1 Chapters 3-5, July 8 chapters 6-7, July 15 chapters 8-9, July 22 chapters 10-11, and 29th chapters 12-13 at 7 to 8:30 pm.

Questions - contact Michele Lein. Join us and be changed by Scripture, the power of the Holy Spirit and the book of Nehemiah.

Holy Communion Holy Communion is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith He has given us His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you. You may still come forward with those communing to receive a blessing by the Pastor or Elders. To help us to know not to offer the sacrament please hold your hands folded on the railing table. Thank you. All children, not confirmed are also invited to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor or Elder with their parent(s) and family.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Sun. June 28 9 am	<u>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</u> Worship Live also via Zoom
Mon. June 29	
Tues. June 30 8 am	Men's Bible Study via Zoom
Wed. July 1 12 pm	Happenings Articles Due
Thurs. July 2	
Fri. July 3 11:30 pm	Lunch Time Romans Bible Study via Zoom
Sat. July 4 9 am	CHURCH CLEANING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Sun. July 5 9 am	<u>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</u> Worship Live also via Zoom

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 5, 2020 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Helper:	Brit Weimer
Lector:	James Fuchs
Ushers:	Bonnie & Robert Nowak
Acolyte:	Jonas Petrie
AV:	Judy Weimer
Offering Counters:	Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS

Responding to God's Grace

Contributions needed each month (General Fund): \$21,982.50
Contributions received May \$15,154.57

Attendance – 06-21-2020

Worship: 34 + Households watching on-line



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