

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 7, 2019

Worship Focus

Service Focus

**The Christian Life of Faith
is a Life Lived in Repentance**

*I will forgive
their iniquity,
and remember their sin
no more.*
Jeremiah 31:34, NIVB



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OPENING HYMN

304 - Jesus Sinners Does Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the
4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his
5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way
in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope
Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -
Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms
Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

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: A - men.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By your blood and bitter passion,
For these words I do believe—
Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
Even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave—
Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädisches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1699, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray. O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15

God used David's faithful friend Nathan to lead David to repentance. Note how wisely Nathan used both Law and Gospel.

² SAMUEL 11:26 When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. ²⁷ After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.

^{12:1} The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³ but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

⁴ "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."

⁵ David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! ⁶ He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹ Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

¹³ Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. ¹⁴ But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die."

¹⁵ After Nathan had gone home, the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became ill.

PSALM

Psalm 32

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Pastor will sing the first line of each verse. The congregation is invited to respond with the second line and the refrains.

Refrain

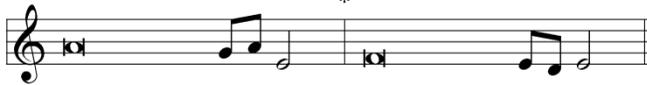


Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;



re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Psalm tone



Blessed is he whose transgressions are for | given,*
whose sins are | covered.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy up | on me;,*
my strength was sapped as in the heat of | summer.

Then I acknowledged my | sin to you*
and did not cover up my in | iquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions | to the LORD,"*
and you forgave the guilt | of my sin.

Refrain

You are my | hiding place;,*
you will protect me from | trouble.

Many are the woes of the | wicked,*
but the LORD'S unfailing love surrounds those who | trust in him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Galatians 2:11-21

God used Peter's faithful friend Paul to lead Peter to repentance. Paul, like Nathan, was skilled in applying Law and Gospel.

GALATIANS 2:11 When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. ¹²Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

¹⁵"We who are Jews by birth and not 'Gentile sinners' ¹⁶know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷"If, while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy.
Alleluia. (Psalm 132:9)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL Luke 7:36-50

Jesus, our faithful friend, wisely used the Law with Simon, the Pharisee, to bring him to repentance... but Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of forgiveness to the contrite woman.

LUKE 7:36 Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, ³⁸and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹"Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii and the other fifty. ⁴²Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

⁴⁴Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

⁴⁸Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

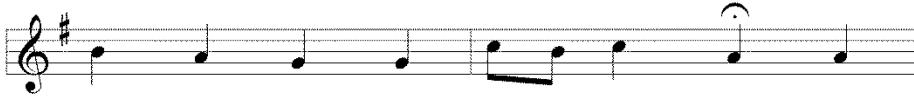


HYMN OF THE DAY

739 - Baptismal Waters Cover Me



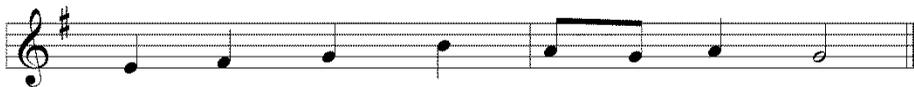
1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His
3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part Your
4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; Your
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's



I ap - proach on bend - ed knee; My
bod - y bro - ken there for me; I
heal - ing to my bro - ken heart; Your
Shep - herd speaks, but you are heard; Through
wound - ed hand has set me free. Held



Fa - ther's mer - cy here I plead, For
lay be - fore him all my sin, My
love a - lone can form in me A
him your hand now stretch - es out, For -
in my Fa - ther's strong em - brace, With



griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
dark - est se - crets from with - in.
heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.
giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
joy I praise him for his grace.

The vital relationship between Holy Baptism and daily repentance and absolution is vividly described in this hymn.

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SERMON

Galatians 2:11-21

Listen to the Trinity's Conversation

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Before Your majesty we come, O Triune God, not presuming our place but responding to Your promise. Hear Your people, and grant our supplications.

Blessed Father, from You comes all that is, and we are forever indebted to Your grace for the gift of life. Receive this day our special thanks for the redemption You have provided in Jesus Christ, Your Son, and for the work of the Spirit in bringing us to know You by faith and to be adopted as Your children by Baptism into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father, You guard Your world as Your own possession and have established governments and leaders to serve Your purpose. Bless our president, our governor, and all elected

and appointed officials, that in their stewardship of the nation and state they may be faithful and serve honorably for our benefit. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father, You bring us into relationships and supply them with blessing and love. On this Father's Day, give to parents and children the courage to love as You have loved us. Unite friends into a common life by Your Spirit to know Jesus and serve Him. Enrich the lives of Your people by the various associations they keep at home, at work, and in recreation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father, You have suffered fully the cost of love through Your Son. Give healing and peace to all the afflicted, and give Your peace to the grieving and dying, especially those who have requested our prayers [*including...*] and those we name in our hearts. [*Brief silence.*] Give them all that is needful so that they may endure their illness confident of Your presence, and supply them with grace sufficient for their every need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father, we worship You not as we ought but as we are able, within the frailty of our hearts that still struggle against sin and unbelief. Guard us by Your Spirit, that we may not grow weary nor lose sight of the goal before us. Work in us to display the good works of Him who has called us from darkness into His marvelous light. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things we pray to You, pleading the merits of Christ alone, for You live and reign as one eternal God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, even to the end of the ages. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

390 - Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace
2 What God does in his law de - mand And none to him
3 It is a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God his law
4 Yet as the law must be ful - filled Or we must die
5 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us



and fa - vor. Good works can - not a - vert our doom;
can ren - der Brings wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand
has giv - en That sin - ners can them - selves re - deem
de - spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled,
sal - va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad



They help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to
For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has
And by their works gain heav - en. The law is
Our hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for
And build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a -



Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
us the law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
lone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is the one Re - deem - er.
law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
venge - ance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
life in - deed, For you have paid my ran - som.

6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace—
All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Standing on the Promises

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The congregation is invited to join the small group in singing.

1 Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.

[Refrain]

**3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.**

[Refrain]

**4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.**

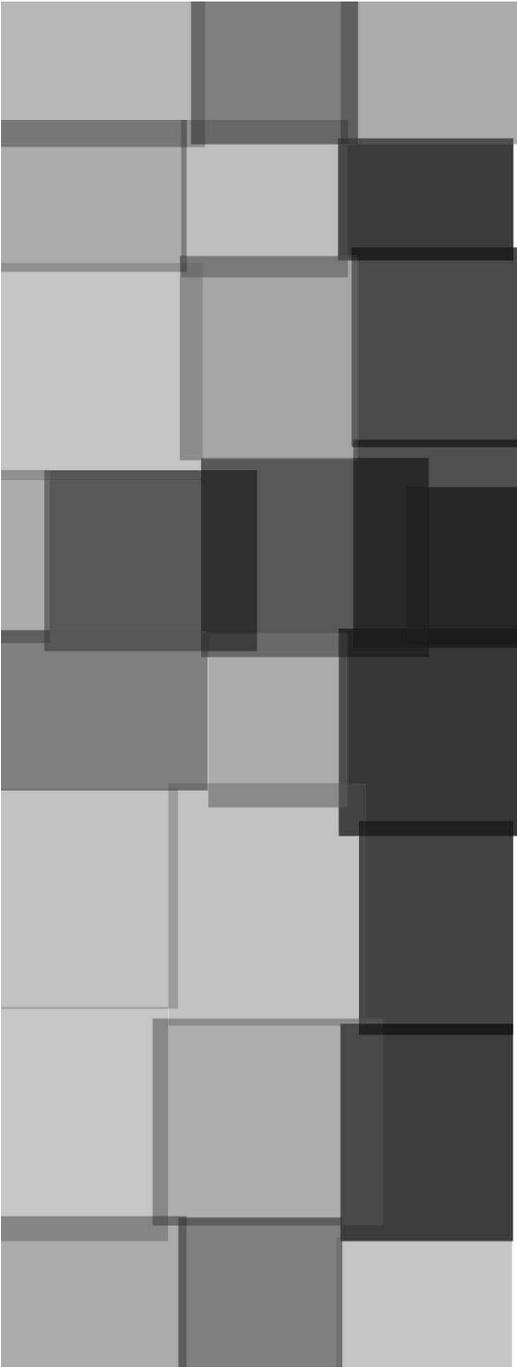
[Refrain]

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.



**I have been crucified
with Christ. It is no
longer I who live,
but Christ who
lives in me.**

GALATIANS 2:19-20, ESV



...the life
I now live
in the flesh
I live by
faith in

the Son
of God,
who
loved me
and gave
himself
for me.

Galatians 2:20, NRSV