



June 20, 2021

**Fourth Sunday after  
Pentecost**

At Home Worship  
St. Paul's Lutheran  
Church  
Closter, New Jersey

Our service today is taken from *Hymnal Supplement '98*.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PREPARATION

#### INVOCATION

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

**Congregation      Amen.**

#### CONFESSION

Pastor If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

**Congregation      O Lord, who could stand?**

Pastor But with You there is forgiveness;

**Congregation      therefore You are feared.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Pastor O almighty God, merciful Father,

**Congregation      I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

#### ABSOLUTION

Pastor Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation      Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**      *There Is A Name I Love to Hear*

1. There is a name I love to hear;  
I love to sing its worth.  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest name on earth.

*Refrain:* Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus!  
Oh how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!
2. It tells me of a Savior's love,  
Who died to set me free.  
It tells me of His precious blood,  
The sinner's perfect plea. *Refrain.*
3. It tells me what my Father hath  
In store for every day  
And though I tread a dark-some path  
Yields sunshine all the way. *Refrain.*
4. It tells of one whose loving heart  
Can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part  
That none can bear below. *Refrain.*

## **KYRIE**

**Lord, have mercy on us; Christ have mercy on us;  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

## ***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS***

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
Of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heavenly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious victory won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor The Lord be with you.

**Congregation And with your spirit.**

Pastor Let us pray: Almighty God,  
in Your mercy guide the course of this world  
so that Your Church may joyfully serve You  
in godly peace and quietness;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Congregation Amen.**

## READINGS

### *Old Testament Reading: Job 38:1-11*

- 1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:
- 2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
- 3 Dress for action like a man;  
I will question you, and you make it known to me.
- 4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.
- 5 Who determined its measurements---surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?
- 6 On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone,
- 7 when the morning stars sang together  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
- 8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb,
- 9 when I made clouds its garment  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
- 10 and prescribed limits for it  
and set bars and doors,
- 11 and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

*After the reading:*

Lector This is the Word of the Lord

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.<sup>2</sup> For he says,  
"In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.<sup>3</sup> We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,<sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,<sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;<sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love;<sup>7</sup> by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;<sup>8</sup> through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;<sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed;<sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup> We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open.<sup>12</sup> You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections.<sup>13</sup> In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

*After the reading:*

Lector This is the Word of the Lord

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe**

**That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter four, beginning at verse thirty-five.

**Congregation**      **Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "**Let us go across to the other side.**"<sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him.<sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.<sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"<sup>39</sup> And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "**Peace! Be still!**" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.<sup>40</sup> He said to them, "**Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?**"<sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

*After the reading:*

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Congregation**      **Praise to You, O Christ.**



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence 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 *Amazing Grace***

- 1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see!**
- 2. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.**
- 4. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.**
- 5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.**

## Sermon

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*after each portion of the prayer:*

Pastor Lord, in Your mercy,  
**Congregationhear our prayer.**

Pastor Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**CongregationAmen.**

## **LITANY** (Sung)

Pastor In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For Pastor Holsten, our Pastor in Christ, for all the servants of the church and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*(Silence for meditation)*

Pastor Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

**Congregation To You, O Lord.**

Pastor O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

**Congregation Amen.**

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**



## CLOSING HYMN

### *How Great Thou Art*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (*Refrain*)

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; (*Refrain*)

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!" (*Refrain*)

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We remember our nation and many nations, as terrorism remains a threat, and service in Afghanistan continues to be a danger. We pray for the safety of both soldiers and civilians in Afghanistan, and around the world. We pray for peace in the Mideast. We pray for God's help and protection for persecuted Christians throughout the world. We pray for victims of natural disasters throughout the world. We pray for victims of violence (and their loved ones) around the world. We pray for our nation and world as we continue in care in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We pray for our church leaders and their loved ones, and our sister churches and their outreach: Rev. Matthew Harrison, our Synod President; Rev. Dr. Tony Steinbronn, our District President; our newly elected District President, Rev. Stephen Gewecke, and the African Immigrant congregations and missions. We pray for Rev. Dan Fenco and the Camino De Fe mission, Rev. Matt and Nyssa Lytikainen and Mile Square Church in Hoboken, Rev. Matthew Hass (pastor of Village Lutheran Church in Lanoka Harbor, NJ), and Naomi Vogt (serving as a teacher in Shanghai). We pray for Rev. Bob and Kristi Roegner, missionaries in Israel. We pray for the Comfort Dog Ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Old Bridge. We pray for Lutheran Hour Ministries. We pray for St. Paul's families. We pray for St. Paul's youth and their parents. We pray for St. Paul's Sunday School. We pray for St. Paul's Bible Studies. We pray for those suffering from addiction.

We pray for those serving in the military: Capt. John Beddoe, Capt. Mark Buckman, Maj. Jake Butz, Cmdr. Jeff Dermody, Brian Grotz, Rolly Jarmin, Capt. Timothy Kuppler, Cmdr. Jeffrey Morin, T. Sgt. Ruth Presto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Matthew Rojas, Laura Scott, Capt. Rance Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. John Trainor, Lt. David West and Shane Wojnar, serving with the Armed Forces (and all who serve in the Armed Forces).

We pray for our college and graduate students: Arianna Cavalli, Valerie Costeniuc, Sam del Corral, Lauren Graesser, Megan Hamlett, Alison Keil, David Keil, Kylie Keil, Casey and Courtney Luikert, Giulia Nicolai, Brianna Ross, Emily Sposa, and James Steindl.

We pray for help, healing and God's loving care in the lives of our loved ones: Ron Cavalli, Bette Eifert, Jenna Forbes, Janet Holsten, Christopher Huss, June Kuhn, Lois Lake, Doris Lange, Pastor Ed Lazarchak, Fran Lelkendey, Ruth McReynolds, Michael Pierro, George Ross, Gloria Rubner, Richard Ruhl, Irma Schmuck, and Anna Zulli

## NEWS AND NOTICES

**ST. PAUL'S MISSION OF THE MONTH** is the Center for Food Action, Englewood, NJ ([www.cfanj.org](http://www.cfanj.org)).

**ST. PAUL'S SEMI-ANNUAL ELECTION** was held on May 11, 2021. There are still a few vacancies. People are needed to assist in Social Action/Christian Fellowship. And help is needed in Christian Education—especially as we look forward to opening up our Sunday School programs in the Fall. Please prayerfully consider ways in which you might serve.

**THE 2021 FLOWER CHART** is in the Narthex. You can sign up there or complete the form and mail it back to St. Paul's or email Lisa Bujas, Altar Guild, ([LBujas@aol.com](mailto:LBujas@aol.com)) to order online. Be sure to specify date and dedication.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, June 20

10:00 AM – Communion Service

10:15 AM – Online Worship Service

Tuesday, June 22

8:00 PM – Al Anon