



 *Palentine*  
Lutheran Church

Lectionary 13 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

June 28, 2020

*Reaching Out in Christian Love to All*

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The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

\*=Stand as you are able    **Bold Print** = congregation responds

**ELW**=Red Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Ringing of the Bell and Prelude

**GATHERING** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### \***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight  
in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your  
holy name.  
Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG      Baptized And Set Free      ELW 453  
Verses 1,3,4**

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**Baptized and Set Free**



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

**\*GREETING** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God, 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** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28: 5-9**

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup>The 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; <sup>6</sup>and 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. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As 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."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 89:1-4, 15-18**

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

**from age to age my mouth will proclaim your  
faithfulness.**

<sup>2</sup>For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established  
forever;

**you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

**I have sworn an oath to David my servant:**

<sup>4</sup>I will establish your line forever,

**and preserve your throne for all generations.'"**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

**They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.**

<sup>16</sup>They rejoice daily in your name;

**they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength,

**and by your favor our might is exalted.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;

**our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23**

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No 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. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do 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? <sup>17</sup> But 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, <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I 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.

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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

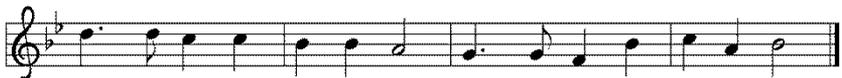
**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever 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; <sup>42</sup>and 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – *Please stay in your pews***

**SERMON**

**HYMM OF THE DAY    *Amazing Grace***

**ELW 779**

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5; Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt. Public domain.

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

TEXT: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

MUSIC: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION**

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, (*especially*):

<b>Prayer Requests:</b>	Laura Aust	Dianne Blackmer
Anita Brendeland	Dick Brown	Joan Carson
Alisha Cox	Bev Echtenkamp	Lowell Elliott
Jane Gordan	Jackie Greene	
Bruce & Sandy Halverson		Warren Johnson
Kevin Klingbeil	Alvina Larson	Ardell Lundgren
Merlin Lyon	Roger Moore	Loree Ness
Deidre Qual	Jody Schuman	Shannon Tope
Marissa Vermeer	Joyce Volz	Nova Lynn Walte
Sarah JoAnn Young	Phil Zeller	
<b><i>Emergency workers, health workers, neighbors</i></b>		

Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died  
(*especially*):

Family & friends of Don Trautner, Wanda Halverson, Bonny Erickson, Angie Claude, Donna Keiser, Arlene Wee, Judy Smith, Sharon Mortenson, Valerie Brendeland, Sue Ihle, Ralph Kalsem, Mark Richter, Dean Simmons, Charles Brendeland, Tanner Houseman, Bruce Cox, Rev. LeRoy Dobbe

Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**Solo by Addyson Siepker “Love Like This”**

by Lauren Daigle. Reprinted under CCLI #2551458

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **\*BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

# SENDING SONG Give to Our God Immortal Praise! ELW 848

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793. Public domain.

## 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

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Ringing of the Bell

#### Postlude

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## Those Serving in Today's Service

Pastor: Eric Klimpel

Accompanist: Mindy DeVries

Youth Liaison: Nels Dovre

*Technicians:* Brent Emerson, Joe Russell, Austin Klimpel

## This Week at Palestine

Today, June 28, 2020 *Lectionary 13 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)*

7:00 a.m. ZOOM Dawn Dialog

9:30 a.m. Worship (livestreamed)

4:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible study

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Blood Drive @ Church

6:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible study

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

12:00 noon ZOOM Prayer time

Sunday, July 5, 2020 *Lectionary 14*

8:00 a.m. ZOOM Dawn Dialog

9:30 a.m. Worship Holy Communion *OUTSIDE weather*

*permitting* (Online service will be pre-recorded unless we can work out Livestream)

Lectionary texts: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### **Thank you for your Gifts for Ministry**

THANK YOU!!! We celebrate your generosity and thank you in advance for your support as we strive to reach our average weekly offering goal of \$4,427 for current expenses and \$68 for benevolence.

### **Prayer from this week's Southeastern Iowa Synod eNews:**

Pray for our global companions, their ministries and the people they serve in this time of sickness and death, economic upheaval, social uncertainty and slow recovery.



**Palestine is hosting a blood drive  
Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 p.m.**

**No walk ins!** Appointments only! You can schedule online at <https://www.lifesevebloodcenter.org> click on “donate” then “get started” (highlighted in green) and use a Quick link on the left-hand side to access the schedule. You can contact Deb Moore with questions as well at 515-460-1037.



**ATTENTION FIRST COMMUNION PARTIPANTS:**

Please stop by the fellowship hall during open hours (Tuesday-Friday 8-1) and pick up a banner kit and bottle of glue to make a personalized banner that will be displayed at church the day of your first communion. The box with the kits and glue is along the west wall. Please have your banner completed and back to church **by July 17<sup>th</sup>** (put in workroom) so they can be displayed for your First Communion on July 19<sup>th</sup>!

**Welcome to Worship!** We're glad you're here (physically or virtually), guests and members alike, and pray that you will find in our worship an opportunity to praise God and hear God's Word.

### **On Being Welcomed (Based on Matthew 10)**

Jesus emphasizes many times that his disciples are his representatives in the world. When people encounter his followers, they encounter Jesus. This is a phenomenal calling that certainly points to God's grace in the lives of Jesus' followers. We couldn't possibly claim to be the presence of Jesus without the Spirit and God's grace poured on us in baptism.

One way the church helps people to know God in Jesus is by showing up, being present, engaging authentically with others. When Jesus sent his disciples out to witness to the kingdom in words and deeds, he sent them out not only to welcome others but to be welcomed.

In a time when many of our human encounters are mediated by electronic social networks and distant forms of communication, we might lose sight of what it means to welcome others and to be welcomed in homes, at meals, or in another person's place of worship. It can be humbling to allow another person to welcome us and to show us hospitality and grace.

When we allow others to welcome us in whatever way they do, we allow some encounter with Christ to occur. Perhaps it is meeting for coffee or going for a walk. Maybe it means going into another person's neighborhood that is new to us. Maybe it's receiving dinner as another prepares it, humbly or extravagantly, in their home, or as we join them at their favorite restaurant.

Have you ever been invited to someone's home or event and turned them down? You may have had good reason, or maybe you just didn't feel like going. What does it mean to allow others to welcome us into their lives by accepting their invitations? It is a blessing to them. It is also, as Jesus tells us, a welcoming of God who sent Jesus and us to show love by letting others show us hospitality.