

**4th Sunday after Pentecost  
ELW Service of the Word  
Sunday, June 28, 2020 CLC 10am**

**GATHERING**

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 211)**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister leads in the following prayer of preparation.*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these words.*

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.**

*The service continues with gathering song.*

**GATHERING SONG *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (ELW 623)**

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
 when mine eyelids close in death,  
 when I soar to worlds unknown,  
 see thee on thy judgment throne,  
 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
 let me hide myself in thee.

### Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
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Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778  
 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

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## **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.**

## **KYRIE (ELW p. 213)**

*Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ, have mercy: Christ, have mercy.*

*Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.*

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (ELW 779)**

- 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 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.
- 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.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

## 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

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 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
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 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The assisting minister leads the prayer of the day.*

E pule, Kakou. Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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: Acts 9:1-20**

*Bishop Andy Taylor will read.*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him

so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL: John 9:39-41**

*Bishop Andy Taylor will read the Gospel.*

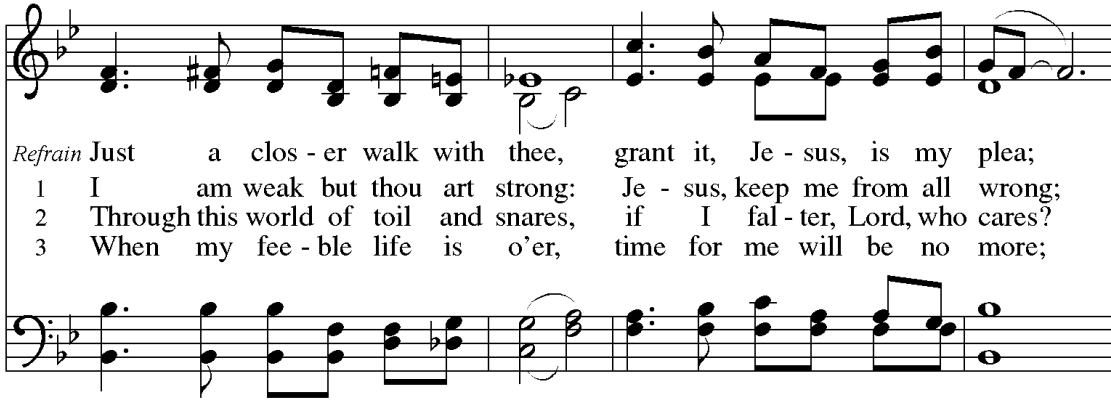
The holy gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON - BISHOP ANDY TAYLOR**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (ELW 697)**



*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;  
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

Text: North American traditional  
 Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

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**Refrain**

Just a closer walk with thee,  
 grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
 daily walking close to thee,  
 let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong:  
 Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
 I'll be satisfied as long  
 as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 Refrain

2 Thru this world of toil & snares,  
 if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
 Who with me my burden shares?  
 None but thee, dear Lord, none but  
 thee. Refrain

3 When my feeble life is o'er,  
 time for me will be no more;  
 guide me gently, safely o'er  
 to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.  
 Refrain



## **APOSTLES' CREED (P. 217)**

**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**

*The prayers are led by the assisting minister.*

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. E ka Haku,  
**E aloha mai.**

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. E ka Haku,  
**E aloha mai.**

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. E ka Haku,  
**E aloha mai.**

God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned, especially all those whom we name in our hearts and whose names we now speak aloud .... Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. E ka Haku,  
**E aloha mai.**

God of community, we give thanks for this congregation, Christ Lutheran Church. 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. E ka Haku,  
**E aloha mai.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died, especially Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon and early church father. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. E ka Haku,  
**E aloha mai.**

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

## **THE PEACE**

Friends and neighbors, sisters and brothers,  
the peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **OFFERING**

*Offerings may be sent via mail (check only, no cash). Or you may give online by going to our website and clicking on the “Donate” button.*

# Create in Me a Clean Heart

## Offering Song

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It features a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases marked with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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 to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948  
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Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)**

*The presiding minister leads in the following prayer.*

E pule, Kakou. Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kin-dom and teach us to pray.

**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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG *On Our Way Rejoicing* (ELW 537)**

1 On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety;  
Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy?

### Refrain

On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!

2 Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore. Refrain

## On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,  
hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.  
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

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**DISMISSAL (ELW p. 222)**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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