



# Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Cambridge, Nebraska

## Christ the Eternal Lord: We Are A Message From God

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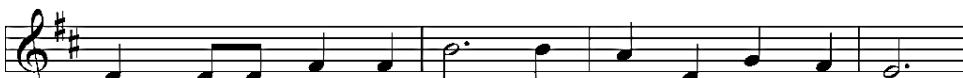
### AS WE GATHER

Our words and our actions mean something to others. As a child of God, what do they say about our Father? In our Gospel reading this morning Jesus tells His followers they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. They are to spread the message of God's love and salvation. That mission is passed on to us. This is the final of a three-part sermon series on witnessing our faith called "Christ the Eternal Lord". We are so glad you joined us for worship this morning!

### \* PREPARATION \*

### WELCOME

### HYMN "Christ the Eternal Lord" LSB 829



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;  
Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture's page;  
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;

With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,  
  
 In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

(stand)

## INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

## OPENING VERSES

Psalm 1:1-4, ESV

P: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**C: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

P: but his delight is in the law of the Lord,

**C: and on his law he meditates day and night.**

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water

**C: that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.**

**All:** In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

## CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our merciful Father.

*(Silence for meditation)*

P: O Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds, both those things that we have done, said, and thought, and all that**

we have neglected. Our lives have not always given You glory nor shown your love and grace to those around us. On our own we deserve only Your wrath. We pray You of Your abundant mercy and overflowing gifts in Jesus Christ, our Lord, to forgive us and raise us up with Christ to live before You in His holiness and confess the praise of Your name to the whole world.

P: Upon your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained Oservant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. 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.

C: Amen. (*sit*)

### HYMN OF THANKS "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

5Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

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## \* WORD \*

(stand)

### SALUTATION

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray ... God of Grace, Your people are commanded to be the salt and light of the world, drawing others to You. Strengthen us in the spirit and guide us so that our lives bring You glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(sit)

### OLD TESTAMENT READING      Micah 6:6-8, ESV (What The Lord Requires)

<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup> He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM** Psalm 5:7-8, ESV

P: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

C: I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

All: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

## **EPISTLE** Ephesians 5:1-9 , GNT

## (Be Like Christ)

<sup>1</sup> Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him.<sup>2</sup> Your life must be controlled by love, just as Christ loved us and gave his life for us as a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice that pleases God.<sup>3</sup> Since you are God's people, it is not right that any matters of sexual immorality or indecency or greed should even be mentioned among you.<sup>4</sup> Nor is it fitting for you to use language which is obscene, profane, or vulgar. Rather you should give thanks to God.<sup>5</sup> You may be sure that no one who is immoral, indecent, or greedy (for greed is a form of idolatry) will ever receive a share in the Kingdom of Christ and of God.<sup>6</sup> Do not let anyone deceive you with foolish words; it is because of these very things that God's anger will come upon those who do not obey him.<sup>7</sup> So have nothing at all to do with such people.<sup>8</sup> You yourselves used to be in the darkness, but since you have become the Lord's people, you are in the light. So you must live like people who belong to the light,<sup>9</sup> for it is the light that brings a rich harvest of every kind of goodness, righteousness, and truth.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM** Psalm 5:11-12, ESV

P: let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy,

C: and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

All: For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

(stand)

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 5:13-20, NIV  
(You Are The Salt And Light)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.  
**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

(sit)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** “I'm Watching, Aalways Watching”

## HYMN OF THE DAY "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" LSB 685



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

**SERMON**    Christ the Eternal Lord:  
                  We Are A Message From God

(stand)

**CREED**    Apostle's Creed

**All:** 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.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We thank You, heavenly Father, that though we have failed to live fully faithful and righteous lives, You have given us a Savior, Your Son Jesus, with whom You are well-pleased. Through Him we are blessed to be Your salt and light to the world. In Your Word and Sacraments and with the help of the Holy Spirit, help us to grow in our faith and live to Your glory so that others see Your work in us and are drawn to You. Lord of glory and grace ...

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** Mighty Lord, we thank You for the blessing of law enforcement officers. Guide and protect them as they serve. May all in our communities and nation give them honor, respect and cooperation. Keep them, their families, and all those who serve our community safe. This morning we lift up officers Doug Brown, Nicholas Vargas, Jeff Olson, Dallas Helms, Seth Gustafson, Brandon Shimmin, Alex Huntley, Jason Huerta, and Tom White. Lord of glory and grace ...

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

P: Lord of All Creation, we know that all we have are blessings from You. Send favorable weather to let our crops and livestock grow. Keep farmers safe and alert as they work. Lead us all to thank You always for the provision of our daily bread, our families, our friends, our gifts, and our vocations. Lord of glory and grace ...

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious Lord, look in mercy on those suffering from illness [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant them a return to health and strength in Your time and according to Your good and gracious will. Through all trials and tribulations, O Lord, keep before us the great love that You demonstrated in the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may not lose hope. Comfort those with terminal illnesses, addictions, anxiety, depression, poverty, loneliness, and grief. Assure us all that nothing, not even death, will be able to separate us from Your love that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Lord of glory and grace ...

C: **hear our prayer.**

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

C: **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)**

P: As a family of God we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us ...

C: **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.**

### **BENEDICTION      Numbers 6:24-26, ESV**

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. (sit)**

## CLOSING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LSB 411

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with patience, pa - tience, race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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# **4th Sunday of Pentecost**

(June 28, 2020, Series A)

## **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church!**

*We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today as we celebrate the forgiving love of Jesus! We are here to serve you as you live in Christ!*

*Please let us know if you have any prayer requests, would like to visit with the pastor, are interested in becoming a member, or have any other spiritual needs.*

*Our pastor and elders are glad to serve you and can be reached at the following:*

*Pastor- Daniel Wiese: 308-991-6289*

*Elders- Brad Farr: 697-4240; Mark Haussler 655-0048; Bart Deterding: 697-4476; Doug Deterding: 350-1701; Del Schoenfish: 697-4638 (Chairman);*

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*Divine Worship, 9:00 a.m.; Outdoor Worship 10:30 a.m.*

### **Order of Worship:**

Printed Liturgy

**829, 790, 685, 411**

**Hymns:**

Elders:

Del S., Brad F.

**Ushers:**

**Bruce & Sue**

Organist:

Gretchen Kubik

Concordia Organist CD Music:

Vicki Jones

### **Birthday & Anniversary Greetings this week:**

(06-28) Conrad & Teresa Massey,

(06-28) Matt & Patty Volk; (06-30) Holly Mollhoff

(7/1) Karinne Kulwicki; (7/4) Levi Sickels;

***Jesus said, "Is it not written:  
My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'?" (Mark 11:17)***

**Please pray for:**

Family of Jon Carter - cousin to Mark Jones family;(age 35)  
passed away 6/26/2020

Abby Warm - Joy Deterding's daughter; breast cancer

Amy Schroeder – Cousin to Nancy Minnick; health concerns

Austin Ortiz – Family friend of Jim & Joyce Jones, health  
concerns

Bill Haag – prayers for recovery from accident

Cami Hafner - LWML President; cancer

Charlie Martin - health concerns

Charles Moshier - Pastor Moshier's father; health concerns

Dave Dostal – Brother-in-Law of Sue Helms, health concern

Delvin Leibbrandt - Cancer treatment; Health concerns

Doug Remington – Brother to Dee Glanzer; health concerns

Elaine Brannin - health concerns

Judy Huxoll – Beaver City Manor, health concerns

Julie Fitzke – Friend of Gundersons; recurring cancer treatment

Karen Verraneault - Friend of Nancy Minnick; health concerns

Kevin Lockhart - health concerns

Kris Nelson – Friend of Kate Meyers, health concerns

Lily Holen - Tara Gunderson cousin; health concerns after heart  
surgery

Lori Druse - Health concerns

Maxine Hilker – health concerns

Sandy Sowards Jon & Dee Glanzer's daughter (stomach cancer)

Sharon Painter – cancer treatment

Terry Perks - known by many; Bartley resident; health concerns

Shara Osiro, serving in Kenya

Rev. Dale & Suzanne Kaster, serving in Czech Republic

John & Jenn Wolf & family, serving in Kenya

**AND ALL OTHERS NAMED IN OUR HEARTS**

Family of the Week to pray for: Pake Hilker family