

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 5, 2020

Service Notes:

Hymns: 568, 696, 703, 634, 633, 620, 643, 851
Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21
Epistle: Romans 12:14-21
Holy Gospel: Luke 6:36-42
Sermon: "Good Measure" Luke 6:36-42

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Day		Date	Time	Attendance
Tuesday	Matins	06/23	8:00 a.m.	<i>livestreamed</i>
Wednesday	Matins	06/24	8:00 a.m.	<i>livestreamed</i>
Thursday	Matins	06/25	8:00 a.m.	<i>livestreamed</i>
	Divine Service		7:00 p.m.	61
Friday	Matins	06/26	8:00 a.m.	<i>livestreamed</i>
Sunday	Divine Service	06/28	8:00 a.m.	66
	Divine Service		10:00 a.m.	33
	Confirmation Service		12:00 p.m.	38

FLOWERS are given by Gerri Simko.

DIVINE SERVICE AND COMMUNION For the next few weeks, we ask that you call the church office at (414) 282-8220 to sign up to attend Divine Service with communion on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. We will also continue to take appointments for communion during non-service times. Please call the church office or email Pastor at prfabrizius@ourfatherslutheran.org to establish a non-service appointment for communion. You can always leave a message on Pastor's phone, and he will return your call as soon as he is free.

MATINS will continue Tuesday through Friday at 8:00 a.m., which will be livestreamed at the Our Father's Ev. Lutheran Church Facebook page, but are also available on the church website, ofls.org. Join us in daily prayer and the Word of God.

THANK YOU to Pastor Ficken for preaching on Sunday, July 5.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS for the church and school are Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	07/05	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	07/07	Matins	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	07/08	Matins	8:00 a.m.
Thursday	07/09	Matins	8:00 a.m.
		DIVINE SERVICE	7:00 p.m.
Friday	07/10	Matins	8:00 a.m.
Sunday	07/12	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
		Scrip Order Due	

WE PRAY for Mary Ankerberg, Karen Awe, Mike Bice (brother-in-law of Todd Pfander), Kathleen Brook, Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Sandy Damms, Keith Domagalski, LaVerne Edenfield, Dave Felber, Ricky Feller, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Maynard Georgson, Mark Gerloff, Richard Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Michelle Johnson, Sally Kais, Clarence Laube, Rhonda Lesniewski, Lawrence Lindenberg, Joan Miles, Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Brianna Pfennig (granddaughter of Sharon Pfennig), Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, Dave Sievert, and Becky Thompson (niece of Gina Collins).

SCRIP ORDER due date is next Sunday, **July 12**. Order forms are available in the church narthex or in the church/school office. You may drop them off in the box at the church OR in the church/school office. Summer Office hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL REVIEW – YTD TOTAL OFFERINGS

YTD Offerings for Last Year (7/1/18-6/30/19)	\$646,298.58
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/19-6/30/20)	\$569,469.56
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$618,900.00
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$49,430.44)

ADOPT-A-BILL PROGRAM list includes: Gas Bill, Electric Bill, Front of Church Landscape, Health Insurance, High School Arrearage, Mortgage, Office Supplies, School Air Conditioner, School Boilers, School Storage Building, and Water Bill. Consider supporting this worthy cause. Envelopes are on the narthex bulletin board.

WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

**THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15-21 (ESV)

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."

¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died,

¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?

²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:14-21 (ESV)

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.

¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:36-42 (ESV)

³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;

³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

³⁹ He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?

⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

⁴² How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 138:1-8 (ESV)

¹ Of David. I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

³ On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

INTROIT

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,*

my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;*

though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days | of my life.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up-
| on a rock.

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.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

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THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

“Good Measure”

July 5 through July 11, 2020

Last week we heard of the Father’s mercy toward sinners. This week Christ calls us to the life of mercy, that is, the forgiveness of sins. The Father bestows mercy purely out of grace. The way of faith is to trust in this bounteous mercy and pray for it continually. It is then that this mercy spills over from us to those around us. That is what Jesus speaks about as running over and poured into your lap. As a student of Christ, His Word will not only teach us, but actually bring forth mercy in us. All of this is part of the proper understanding of justification, the declaration that our sins are forgiven for the sake of Christ by the merciful Father. Faith rests firmly upon this declaration and nothing else. Faith does not regard this mercy as something in the past which frees us to go forward and move on to something better, but as that which is the basis of all that we need for life. Daily we take the plank out of our own eyes, that is, confess that we are poor miserable sinners. Daily we return to the declaration of the Father in our baptism that we are His forgiven children. Through this we are able to speak of the need for repentance and forgiveness of sins to those around us.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. **Luke 6:36 (ESV)**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 138

PSALMODY PRAYER: We praise You, O Lord, for the precious gift of faith to trust in You above all the gods of this earth. Revive us in the midst of all our troubles. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Hebrews 5:12-6:8
Tuesday	Judges 4:1-24
Wednesday	Judges 5:1-31
Thursday	Judges 6:1-11
Friday	Judges 6:12-27
Saturday	Luke 5:1-11

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK:

How Christians Should Be Taught To Confess

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent. *Where is this written?*

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” *John 20:22-23*

Luther, Large Catechism, Third Commandment: The plain sense of this commandment, then, is that since we observe holidays in any case, we should use them for learning God’s Word. For the sake of young people and the neglected masses, the ministry of the Word should be the special concern of this day. However, the observance of the day of rest should not be so narrowly restrictive that it forbids incidental and unavoidable work. If, then, someone asks the meaning of “Thou shalt sanctify the holy day,” then reply, “To sanctify the holy day means to keep it holy.” But what is “keeping it holy?” It is nothing else than to reserve it for holy words, holy works, and holy living. For the day as such requires no sanctifying, for it was created holy in itself. But God wants it to be holy for you. It is through you that it becomes holy or unholy depending on whether what you do on that day is holy or unholy. How, then, is such sanctifying accomplished? Not by sitting cozily in a corner and avoiding hard work, nor by decking oneself with flower garlands and putting on one’s best clothes, but, as stated, by our being occupied with God’s Word and putting it into practice. Indeed, we Christians ought to observe an ongoing holy day and be totally involved with holy things, that is, daily occupy ourselves with God’s Word, carrying it in our hearts and on our lips. But because not everyone has the time and leisure for this, we must, as was pointed out, use several hours during the week for the young and at least one day of the week for the whole community, solely in order to focus on these things, especially on the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer. In that way our entire life and being will be under the direction of God’s Word.

Be the time slot what it may, wherever there are such activities and exercises, there a true holy day is kept. Wherever these are lacking, it cannot be called a Christian holy day. ...The treasure that sanctifies all things is the Word of God, by which the saints themselves were all sanctified. In whatever hour one uses, preaches, hears, reads, or thinks about God's Word, it sanctifies the person, his day, and his work, not because of the external act, but because of the Word that makes saints of us all. Therefore, I keep repeating that if our life and labor are to be God-pleasing or holy, they must be conducted in the light of the Word of God. Where that happens, there the Third Commandment is being observed according to its full intent. ...So much depends on God's Word that without it no holy day is sanctified. We should therefore realize that God wants this commandment to be strictly kept and will punish all who despise God's Word and do not want to hear or learn it, especially at the times set aside for it. (LC, 26-28, St. Louis: Concordia, 1978)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB 696 "O God, My Faithful God" (stanza 1)

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 12, 2020

"Catching Men"

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 589, 682, 636, 688, 618, 619, 631, 681

READINGS

1 Kings 19:11-21

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Luke 5:1-11

During the last century, this text has taken a beating. It has been completely removed from its context and used to speak of everyone in the church as a missionary. Such thinking clearly runs contrary to the fact that there are two basic vocations in the Church: preaching and hearing. This text is a direct reference to the task of those who preach in the Church. The proclaimers of the Gospel are called out from the congregation, even as Simon and his fellow fishermen were drawn out. The two boats are a reminder of the Church, both the Old and New Testament. As the Gospel is preached, the nets are cast out into the world and fish are drawn into the boat. On their own the disciples would catch nothing, but at the word of Christ the nets were filled to the breaking point. Those who preach the Gospel must learn this lesson. No preacher is able to catch fish. Only the pure Gospel and Sacraments, the Word of Christ, yield a full net. The Church follows the Word and will of Christ by setting aside men to preach the Gospel. These men then do the will of Christ by offering the pure Gospel alone. The hearers are the fish whom Christ brings to life in the waters of baptism and drags into the boat of the Church. The preacher confesses with Peter that he is only a sinful man like all his hearers. Yet, Christ sets him apart and tells him not to fear for he will fish for men through the proclamation of the Word of life.

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