

# PENTECOST 4

## PRIDE SUNDAY



Sunday, June 25, 2023

### *Welcome to United in Faith!*

*Welcome to all! We hope you feel God's presence here.  
May the Spirit guide you into faith now and in the days ahead.*

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

*For the benefit of all who are gathered here together for worship, we ask that you please silence all electronic devices before entering the sanctuary. Thank you.*

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*C = Congregation, P = Presiding Minister, A = Assisting Minister(s)  
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ELW No. is for the Hymns in back of the cranberry book*

## PRELUDE

*(Please Stand in Body or Spirit)*

## + GATHERING +

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

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Most merciful God,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

**GATHERING SONG** *"Ten Thousand Reasons: Bless the Lord, O My Soul"* SEE INSERT

## GREETING

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

C And also with you.

## KYRIE

music on ELW page 165

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

music on ELW page 167

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. R
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. R
- 3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Glory to God in the highest,  
Amen, amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count  
the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to  
labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*(Please Be Seated)*

+ WORD +

## FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:7-13

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and  
you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks  
me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all  
around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for  
me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and  
take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my  
persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for  
they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts,  
you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution  
upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 *(read responsively)*

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

**<sup>8</sup>I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen  
upon me.

**<sup>10</sup>I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.

**<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.

### SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can  
we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been  
baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been  
buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united  
with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so  
that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

<sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe  
that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will  
never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he  
died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must  
consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

*(Please Stand in Body or Spirit)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39**

P The holy gospel according to Matthew. **C Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**SERMON**

Pastor Jeanine Reardon

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Canticle of the Turning"*

ELW Hymn #723

## APOSTLE'S CREED

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

A Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.  
You entice your church,....

A God, in your mercy, **C receive our prayer.**

*("for whom else do we pray this morning...")*

A Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **C Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

## + MEAL +

*(Please Be Seated)*

## OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

**C God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Please Stand in Body or Spirit)*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

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P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

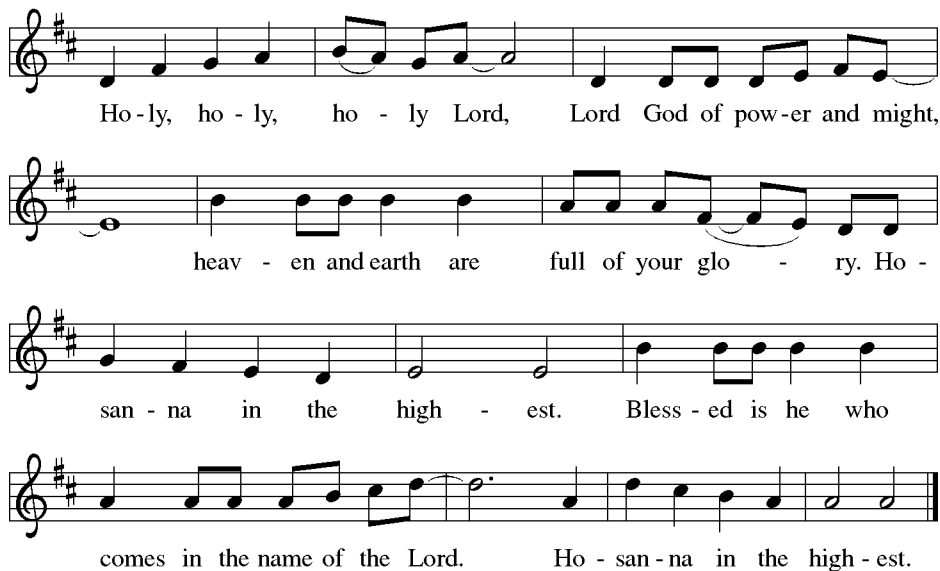
## PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus

Christ; Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy....

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving....

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. C Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*(Please Be Seated)*

## LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION *ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOD'S TABLE OF GRACE.*

*(Please discard your plastic communion cup into the basket or empty tray.)*

*(Please Stand in Body or Spirit)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

C O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give our selves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## + SENDING +

*(Please Be Seated)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C Amen.

SENDING SONG *"God, We Gather as Your People: For All the Children"* SEE INSERT

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you. C Thanks be to God.