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**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 20, 2023**

**The Service of Prayer and Preaching (LSB 260ff.)**

**The Preservice Music, Call to Worship & Welcome**

**The Opening Hymn: 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

**The Opening Versicles** *LSB 260*

**The Old Testament Canticle** *LSB 261*

**The Collect of the Day**

**The Old Testament Lesson:** *Psalm 91:1-10*

**L** A reading from Psalm, the ninety-first chapter.

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." <sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. <sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. <sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, <sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. <sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. <sup>8</sup>You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—<sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Lesson:** *Romans 6:1b-11*

**L** A reading from Romans, chapter 6.

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live 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>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, 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 shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now 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>For 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.

**L**This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**Thanks be to God.

### **A Song: "Brothers and Sisters in Christ" (AGPS #78)**

#### **The Gospel Lesson:**

*Matthew 10:5a, 21-33*

**P** A reading from Matthew, chapter 10..

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . . <sup>21</sup>"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. <sup>24</sup>"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his 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 that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And 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? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

## The Common Responory

LSB 263

### The Catechism: What is Baptism? Part 1 and 2 From Small Catechism

**P:** What is Baptism?

**C:** Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

**P:** Which is that word of God?

**C:** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)

**P:** What benefits does Baptism give?

**C:** It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

**P:** Which are these words and promises of God?

**C:** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

### The Sermon Hymn: 566 By Grace I'm Saved

**Sermon** (During the sermon, children who are ages 3 through grade 2 are invited to participate in KIDZ Time. Children can make their way to the back of the sanctuary where the KIDZ Time teacher is waiting. The children will return to the service following the sermon.)

**Offering** (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

### A Canticle: 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

### The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

### A Hymn: 603 We Know That Christ Is Raised

### The Collect for the Word

LSB 265

### Luther's Morning Prayer

### The Blessing

### The Closing Hymn: 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

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## This Week at St. James

<b>Today (6/25)</b> .....	Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM <b>Worship – 9:30 AM</b> Bible Study – 11:00 AM
<b>Monday (6/26)</b> .....	Evening Service – 6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday (6/28)</b> .....	Darrell’s Bible Class – 10:00 AM
<b>Friday (6/30)</b> .....	Pastors Day Off – 9:00 AM
<b>Sunday (7/2)</b> .....	Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM <b>Worship – 9:30 AM</b> Bible Study – 11:00 AM

## Looking Ahead

### Serving Today (6/25)

Officiant .....	Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer
Lector .....	Cherie Hood
Organist.....	Beth McKay
Deacon(s) .....	Craig Popma
Ushers.....	Kim & Hayden Urbanski / Derren Kippen
Video/Sound/Recording.....	Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
June Altar Guild.....	Lois Delano and Mary Ward

### Serving Next Sunday (7/2)

Lector.....	Cindy McAuliffe
Organist.....	Beth McKay
Deacon(s) .....	Jerry Talen / Bryan Ensing
Ushers.....	Walt and Karen Kryzanowski / Caleb Butler
Video/Sound/Recording.....	Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
June Altar Guild.....	Lois Delano and Mary Ward

## Financial Discipleship: June 11, 2023

General Fund	\$6,230.00
<u>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (+\$461.00)</u>	
<b>TOTAL Contributions</b>	<b>\$6,230.00</b>

### Announcements

**“We preach Christ Crucified”** is the five-week Bible study that Pastor Schaeffer begins today. In today’s lesson we will answer the question, *“What is the Gospel?”* and *“How is the Gospel of the Power of Salvation?”* All are welcome to attend. If you happen to miss one or two weeks of the study, no worries! The Holy Spirit will bless you every time you study His Word! And you will receive a handout with all five lessons so that you can work through the material on your own if you are unable to attend in person.

**Monday Evening Services are held at 6:30 p.m.** Pastor leads a small group (usually 5-10 people) through abbreviated liturgy and the singing of hymns. Holy Communion is celebrated at every Monday evening service when Pastor Schaeffer is present. If you miss a Sunday morning service, please attend the Monday evening service. NOTE: that there are several Monday evenings when we will NOT have a service – July 3; July 31; August 21; and September 4<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day Weekend).

**ISJ Searching for a New Principal and staff:** ISJ Academy is actively seeking applicants to join the ISJ Community for the 2023-2024 School Year. Open positions include Principal (Part or Full Time), Elementary Teacher (K/1), Preschool Lead Teacher, and several Preschool Aides. If you know of an individual(s) that you feel would be a good fit within our ISJ family, please encourage them to reach out to the school by July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 with their Cover Letter and Resume for review to [careers@mychristianschool.com](mailto:careers@mychristianschool.com) . Thank you!

**ISJ Academy needs more students:** Tell your family, friends, and neighbors about our school. The tuition for our early childhood education is highly competitive with other early childhood options. The tuition for our elementary school (K-through Grade 8) is also very competitive with other options. And best of all: the children who attend ISJ Academy are taught from a biblical, Christ-centered perspective which provides them with a solid foundation upon which to build their lives. For more information, visit the ISJ Academy website: <https://www.mychristianschool.com/>.

**Pastor Schaeffer has been appointed:** Pastor Schaeffer has been appointed by the ISJ School Board and approved by the St. James Governing Board to be the interim ISJ administrator as the school continues to search for a new principle. Please pray for Pastor Schaeffer as he assumes this roll.

**Hearing Aids:** a pair of hearing aids have been found in the coat room. If you are missing a pair, they are in the church office.