



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May Christ's Holy Spirit nourish our souls as we graze in the green pastures of his Word.

VISITORS We are pleased that you have joined us this morning to lift your voice with ours in praising the only true God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are from this area and are looking for a church home, please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

RADIO MINISTRY Our congregation has a radio ministry to serve our sick and homebound and to reach the souls of our community. Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE and all other electrical devices to help minimize distractions during Divine Worship. Thank you.

TO ASSIST YOU Just ask an usher! We have six **large print hymnals** available. **Personal public address systems** are available for the hearing impaired. **Children's bulletins** suitable for preschool-age through grade 4 are available. A **cry room with audio feed** and a **window into the sanctuary** is available for parents who find it necessary to carry their children out of the sanctuary during the service. It is located to the left as you enter the narthex. **Family restrooms** are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.

HOLY COMMUNION Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of the pastors before communing with us. We remind you to be sure to fill out a communion registration card and place it in the offering plate. For your personal preparation before communing, turn to pages 156 and 11 in the front of the hymnal. Thank you.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O Lord, in prayer you spent the night, then sent the twelve at morning's light. Our hearts at your request are stirred to ask for heralds of your Word: send preachers forth and each one bless with courage, zeal, and holiness. So may we, when our work is done, together meet before your throne and joyful hearts and voices raise in one united song of praise, with all the bright, celestial host, to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME We are reminded of the vital importance of praying for and equipping faithful public ministers of the Word.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of Word and Sacrament on page 26 in the front of the hymnal

HYMNS OF THE DAY

564; 573; 546; 312; 542

PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 27:15-23

Moses prayed for, and the Lord provided, a faithful successor to shepherd God's people.

Moses said to the LORD, "May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all mankind, appoint a man over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd." So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand on him. Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him. He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the LORD. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in." Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN 6:30 SERVICE

"Stars"

Paul Marino and Jeremy Johnson

He painted us a canvas, a universe of planets, a picture of His majesty.

A perfect invitation, let's join with all creation and be a light for all to see.

Refrain: We're like Stars, shining all through the night, shimmering in the sky, showing the world that we love Jesus. Stars, burning with love so bright, blazing with hope and life, bringing Him glory, we will shine like Stars!

Our hearts are full of wonder as we are standing under His never-ending masterpiece. A perfect inspiration, let's join with all creation and be a light for all to see.

Refrain, Refrain, Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

With a pastoral heart, Paul prayed for God's flock, and longed for the flock to pray for their shepherds.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

VERSE OF THE DAY

page 30 in the front of the hymnal

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-10:8

In compassion for his sheep, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, appoints under-shepherds to care for the flock.

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

Sheep WITH a shepherd go...

Luther Zuberbier

1. To those without a shepherd.
2. To those who've lost their shepherd.