

Family Worship for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 28, 2020

Leader / Response

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the (+)Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.** (*Ps 124:8*)

If you kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand before you?

But with you is forgiveness; therefore, you are adored. (*Ps130:3-4*)

As we gather to hear God's Word, let us open our hearts to God and confess our sins, trusting in his infinite mercy for forgiveness and asking for his Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives.

Almighty God, have mercy on me, hear this my confession, forgive all my sins, and renew me by your Holy Spirit for right living. (*Silent confession*)

In Holy Baptism our merciful God has declared us to be his royal children and forgives our sins for Jesus' sake, our risen Savior and Lord. Give praise now to the Lord of heaven and earth and live joyfully as his witnesses in the world. **Amen**

PSALM OF PRAISE – PSALM 119:153-160

¹⁵³ Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.

¹⁵⁴ **Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise!**

¹⁵⁵ Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes.

¹⁵⁶ **Great is your mercy, O LORD; give me life according to your rules.**

¹⁵⁷ Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies.

¹⁵⁸ **I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands.**

¹⁵⁹ Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life according to your steadfast love.

¹⁶⁰ **The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.**

HYMN [Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus](#) (*with Lyrics*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, our maker and redeemer, you have made a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. **Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make your promises known; through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 28:5-19

SECOND READING – Romans 7:1-13

GOSPEL VERSE (*Spoken/Sung; Stand for Gospel Reading if you can*)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel from St. Matthew, chapter 10. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 10:34-42

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN [Lead On, O King Eternal](#) (*with Lyrics*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

OFFERING PRESENTATION *(Spoken; LBW 4102, st.1&2)*

We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,

And gladly, as thou blesses us, To thee our firstfruits give.

PRAYERS *(See Prayer Sheet)*

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING *(Romans 15:13)*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

CLOSING HYMN [God Be with You till We Meet Again](#)

EXTRA

[Pastor Dave: Fill the Tank](#)

[Who Is Responsible for Evil?](#) *(The days are evil and we hear most often that it's the "other fellows" fault. Two Christian men speak about the Christian view of evil.)*

READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷ Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Second Reading: Romans 7:1-13

¹ Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

⁷ What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." ⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰ The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹ For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42

³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, the world's nations struggle for dominance against one another. In our time mighty weapons of destruction are being forged and words of conflict being spoken. Help us to trust your sovereign rule over the nations, to seek first your kingdom, and to pray for the welfare of your church scattered in every land. Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, the sin within us seizes every opportunity to deceive us and bring us along paths that lead to eternal death. It calls us to transgress your will and to make ourselves into "little gods." Help us daily to remember that in Holy Baptism we have died with Christ and are no longer duty bound to serve sin as our master. Help us to live with you as our loving Master and, by your Spirit's indwelling, guide us along paths of right living and loving service. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Heavenly Father, help us to value you above all things that we may give our complete allegiance to your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill us with the compassion of heaven as you send us out to share the gospel of the kingdom. In conflict and trouble, protect us. In long days and hard tasks, give us strength to endure. But most of all, grant us grace to joyfully share your salvation which is able to make all things new. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Heavenly Father, please help our sister LCMC church Advent Lutheran Church in Boca Raton, Florida to walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have given them. Help them serve one another humbly and grant them a spirit of unity across their campuses that will aid them in their many ministries. Continue to bless their congregation and their pastors, David Franklin, Shayne Spurgeon, and Andrew Hagen. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Heavenly Father, your Son taught us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Give us opportunities to give to others whose needs you lay upon our heart. Let us not be selfish or stingy, but gracious and generous in our giving. Help this nation as it strives to ensure the basic necessities of life to all citizens. Let our justice be the same as yours and keep our leaders from playing favorites or hoarding resources for their own good. Let business be run with integrity and honesty and let profits be shared widely so that all may receive their daily bread. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for Rick Boyd suffering from multiple health problems; hear our prayer for Don Hasty as he undergoes treatment for cancer; hear our prayer for Marcus Zeigler as he undergoes treatment for cancer; hear our pray for your divine help and comfort for all whose needs we lift before you now: (Silent Prayer). Grant mercy, healing and hope to all who call on you. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we have prayed, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers for June 28, 2020

Prayers for Healing, Recovery, Wholeness, Divine Help

Rick Boyd, multiple health issues (C. Boyd, 6.21)

Marcus Zeigler: cancer (son of David & Connie Z, 6.21)

Don Hasty, undergoing cancer treatments (D. Vorel, 6.18)

Pam Moore, surgery after a bad fall (B. Helmly, 6.13.2020)

Hiland & Rye, life problems (R. Stephenson, 6.7.2020)

Mary Jane Duff, hospitalized for heart problems (K. Hall, 6.7.2020)

Thomas Owens, hospitalized St. Joes (C. Garner, 6.1.2020)

Greg Hall, hospitalized in Charleston (J. Hall, 5.31.20)

Robie Hester, recovering from bypass surgery (M. Reiser, 5.31.20)

Amy Holcomb, health (S. Hobbs, 5.31.20)

Charles DiSalvo, hospitalized at Memorial. (K. Disalvo, 5.31.20)

Eddie Helmey, Covid-19 diagnosis (G. Helmey & A. Lowe, 5.24)

Darius Prescott, Cutter & Cassie, recovering from auto accident (5.17.2020)

Jason Pridgen, liver troubles, friend of Betty Robinson (5.17.2020)

JW Porter, multiple health problems, cousin of Brenda Dasher (5.17.2020)

Sheila Saxon, hospitalized with blood problems (Aunt to Karen Hall, 5.17)

Izzy Wilkins, had a tumor removed from her stomach (friend of Halls, 5.17)

Marcus Zeigler: cancer (son of David & Connie Z, 3.17.2020)

Clyde Johnson, pneumonia (Father of Natalie M, 5.10)

Children and Parents in families that are stressed to breaking points of violence and despair (5.3)

Judi Zipperer, recovering at home from a heart procedure (4.26)

Jason Patterson (friend of S. Everett, 4.19)

Betty Weathers (sister of Mary Dasher): whose daughter Tina died this past week. (4.19)

Prayers for Comfort in Bereavement

Bobby Exley and family on death of daughter, Teresa (J. Arnsdorff, 6.7.2020)

Stacey York and family upon death of her mother Annette (A. Terry, 6.6.2020)

Family of Franklin Davis killed in vehicle accident on Zittrouer Rd (S. White, 5.17.2020)

Family of Karen Hall's Great Aunt, Katherine who went to be with the Lord. (5.17.2020)

Family of Laura Brown (S. Smith, 4.20)

Family of Rosemary Atkinson (Dot Zipperer's Sister, 4.19)

Military, Fire, Law Enforcement Personnel

Fire: Kenny Whitten, Jimmy Thompson; Law Enforcement: Warren Blanton

Military: Trent Zeigler, Christopher Zeigler(C.Zeigler); Ryland Hampton, Michael Hubbard(A.M.Hubbard); Stephen Strickland(B. Dasher)

Long Term Support

Audrey Zipperer(Lakeview Manor); Helen Zeigler (Eff Care Center); Sarah Smith (Home); Dorothy Zipperer; Betty Greenwood (Home), Charles & Virginia DiSalvo(Home)

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” -Matthew 10:39
Within their immediate context, these words of Jesus have meaning for our family and friends. In the preceding verses, Jesus says that he did not come to bring peace but a sword. His law and gospel will produce division between people, and this is by design. Indeed, he says that he came to set family members against each other. Since our love for Jesus should exceed our love for all others, he tells us that we must choose him over family and friends in such cases. The one who finds his life (in his family and friends instead of Christ) will lose it.

However, the reverse is also true. The one who loses his life (among family and friends) for Christ’s sake will find it. Then, in the very next verse, Jesus tells us that our new life in him will include a whole new set of relationships. “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.” While we will lose some relationships, we will gain others. Some will reject us, but others will receive us!

Many of us have experienced this reality first hand. There are issues in our society that divide. Close friendships can be suddenly severed in anger and bitterness. Following Christ has never been easy, and as time goes on it seems that we still have to discern his holy will for his people since people with varying political views, scriptural views, and theological understandings don’t always agree or get along. What one calls “orthodox” another calls “heretical.” As Jesus told us, he did not come to bring peace but a sword. And his word is the sword that divides. (Hebrews 4:12)

In the theology of the cross, we view the events of our lives through the paradigm of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Our conversion at baptism is a death of our old self and a rising of our new self. In our return to baptism, our old self is drowned through daily repentance so that our new self can arise. And since this has social implications as well, we must sometimes die to old relationships so that new ones can arise.

Prayer: For your sake, O Lord, we must sometimes lose family and friends. In such cases we pray that you might bring our estranged family and friends back to you and to us. Amen.

Fill the Tank (of Compassion) - Pastor Dave

The compassion of Jesus for a lost and dying world compelled him to go to the cross to confront and defeat the powers of sin, death and the devil. It was compassion that he felt toward the harassed crowds of Israel during his earthly ministry (Mt. 9:35-38) and for which he asked that the church pray to the Lord of the Harvest for laborers to go into the field. As we look ahead this year to engaging the harvest fields of Effingham, here are four suggestions to help us begin filling our tanks with Christ’s compassion.

- 1) Set an alarm for 12noon on your phone/watch. Say a short prayer asking for God to fill you with divine compassion and to send laborers into the harvest.
- 2) For those who like to blog/write/express themselves, please feel free to write out prayer petitions around the harvest/compassion theme and mail them to blc.rincon@gmail.com. Pastor will use them on Sundays during the Prayers of the Church.
- 3) Evangelism Committee will be running a children’s Art Contest, kicking off on Sunday School Promotion Sunday, August 9. Details to follow...
- 4) Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring a congregational Prayer Vigil before we gather for our congregational planning meeting on Sept. 19. Details to follow...

BLC NEWS & NOTES

ALTAR FLOWERS -- Today's flowers are given by Walton & Sandra White in honor of their 48th Wedding Anniversary.

GRITS YARD SALE NEWS -- We are still collecting for our yard sale – so hold on to your “treasures” or get with Debra Jones about storing them.

PHOTO DIRECTORY REMINDER – Please remember, if you are a new member here at BLC, if your family has changed due to a new addition, if your photo was not in the last directory, or if you just want to update your family picture, we will need those in the office no later than July 19th. You can email your family photo to blc.rincon@gmail.com. If you need someone to take a photo, please let us know and we can do that for you. Also, if you have contact info changes, please send those to the office as well. Thanks.

SPECIAL OFFERING – Please remember our special offering this month has been in support of our adult choir through the purchase of the new chairs, choir robes and stoles. Be sure to mark your offering envelope or check Choir so it will be credited correctly. Thank you.

PASTOR DAVE VACATION

Pastor Dave will be out of town on vacation from June 29 – July 12. In his absence, Pastor Rod Stephenson will provide pastoral care services and will be leading the Sunday morning Bible Study on Zoom and the Sunday Worship Service. Pastor Rod can be reached on the church cell phone (912) 661-8735. Deb Lowe will be in the office on Thursday from 11AM-4PM.

WEDNESDAY LECTIONARY STUDY

The Wednesday Lectionary Study will not meet July 1st or July 8th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REMINDER

Just a reminder, that you can make your tithe/offering donations to Bible online through your bank's bill pay program. To set this up, use the following:

Payee: Bible Lutheran Church

Address: 812 Blue Jay Road, Rincon, GA 31326

Phone number (912)826-2710

Account Number: Use your offering envelope number

You can have your bank send BLC a check weekly, monthly, or however you prefer. What a great way to faithfully give your offering!

WELCOME OUR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

Due to the current health situation, we will not be honoring our new church members at the front of the church, but did want to pass along a little of their information.

Charles “Chuck” and Virginia DiSalvo have come to us from Ruthford Lutheran Church in Bethel Park, PA. They have 2 sons (Karl and Kevin) and two daughters (Debra Thomas and Jennifer Shoenfelt) and have been blessed with 8 grandchildren and 2 great grands.

Elizabeth McLaurin comes to us from The Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Savannah. She was born and raised in Peoria, IL, moved to Savannah after college, worked in the financial field for a while, taught middle school Language Arts and Social Studies, and is now medically retired. She has been married 33 years to her husband Kinny, has two daughters (Lindsay and Lacy) and one grandson (Kash) who is 2 ½ years old. Be sure to ask about her chiweenie dog – Baxter.

Take Up Your Cross

Find the 27 **bold** words from Matthew 10:34-39 (ESV)

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R A G I K O H H U A C I T E I
I U K L M D T O G M O R E H F
N G R G M R F A U X Q S S T E
G H O E O M I V T S T O S O K
W T T W H N S E I M E N E M P
D E T H S T H T R A E H V C N
T R D T I I A I K P L P O W N
N A O N S N Z F E O K S L L G
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U P W U A E V A R S Z J H G B
E K A S P H M C B I X I G X Y
E G W P Y Z P S W M H X K S
Q U D P D I X S X U F T B X R

Do not **think** that I have come to **bring peace** to the **earth**. I

have not come to bring peace, but a **sword**. 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.

And a person's **enemies** will be those of his **own household**.

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. And whoever does not **take his cross** and

follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his **life** will

lose it, and whoever loses his **life** for **my sake** will **find** it.