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"LISTEN NOW TO THIS WORD."

JEREMIAH 28:7, NRSV

10:45 a.m. Sunday, June 28, 2020



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School
- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:45 a.m. Sunday, June 28, 2020

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Praise Team Accompanist: Doris Hill

Ushers: Jack Smith Team

Missionaries: Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

Reader: Coleen Reich

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER A battle has been raging over the centuries between those who ignore the hard truth that we are sinners, hopeless by ourselves, and those who have realized the real good that our Lord has graciously won for us. At the time of Jeremiah, self-proclaimed prophets such as Hananiah preached a false peace even as Israel was in exile in Babylon. In Paul's day, members of the Early Church thought freedom from God's Law meant they could ignore it. And when Jesus was calling new disciples, He warned that following Him would mean "a sword" coming between them and even members of their families. In Christ, the peace that only God can bestow has been given to us by grace. Because of the truly good news of Jesus' death and resurrection, we can face the hard truth of our sinfulness and then sing with the psalmist of the real good, "the steadfast love of the Lord, forever" (Psalm 89:1).

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Hand of Fellowship

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Song

“This is the Day”

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it,
This is the day that Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.
(Music by Les Garrett, AGPS, used by permission, CCLI #11440148)

First Lesson Jeremiah 28:5–9 (Jeremiah condemns Hananiah for preaching peace while God has exiled most of the people to Babylon.)

⁵Then 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, ⁶and 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.

⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As 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 Lesson Romans 7:1–13

(The purpose of the Law is to show the gravity of our sin.)

¹Or 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? ²Thus 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. ³Accordingly, 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.

⁴Likewise, 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. ⁵For 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. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

⁷What 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. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead.

⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came,

sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and

good. ¹³Did 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.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel Matthew 10:34–42 (Jesus warns that following Him must take precedence over every relationship.)

³⁴[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For 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. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever 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. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever

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. ⁴¹The 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. ⁴²And 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.”

Confession and Absolution *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Because we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition and have sinned in thought, word, and deed, let us employ the faith the Holy Spirit has given us and go to our gracious heavenly Father, asking His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God has given His only Son to bear the punishment of our sins on the cross so that we might know the peace of His presence now and the joys of heaven hereafter. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Baptism: Anastasia Marie Morgan-Baker

The Song of Instruction “Knowing You”

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres and wars to own.
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,
spent and worthless now compared to this.

Refrain: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
 There is no greater thing.
 You're my all, You're the best,
 You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You, and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All surpassing gift of righteousness. (refrain)

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
So with You to live and never die. (refrain)

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The Word

“A Prophet or A Salesman?”

Jeremiah 28:5–9

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

To our guest: We are glad that you are with us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

Luke 16:11 — If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth (money), who will entrust to you the true riches?

Offertory **“I Love You Lord”**

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

(Words & music by Laurie Klein, 1980 House of Mercy Music, used by permission CCLI #11440148)

The Prayer of the Church

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including: Jennifer Barnes, Jayce Frank, Daniel Martin, Kristen Zediker, Isabel Hannemann, Mia Schroeder, Richard Sulzbach, Brooks Wagner. Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “The Heart of Worship”

Verse 1 When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart.

Chorus: I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart. I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

Verse 2 King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath. (Chorus)
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

Worship Services	Traditional (Sat., 6:00 p.m. & Sun., 8:15 a.m.) Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m.)
Youth & Adult Bible Classes	9:30 a.m.
Pastor:	Rev. Kenneth Hsu
Christian Day School:	Preschool through Grade 5 (before and after school care)
Principal:	Mrs. Alyce Strong Davis
School Financial Consultant:	Mr. Lon Stuhr
Other Ministries for Children:	Vacation Bible School
Other Ministries for Youth:	Lutheran Youth Fellowship, Juniors in Fellowship Confirmation Program
Other Ministries for Adults:	Young at Heart Club (Dinners on 3rd Sunday noon) Friends of Christ Fellowship Club Women's League, Women's Circles, Sewing Group Prayer Chain, Soup Kitchen Volunteer Church Library, Lamplighters Evangelism

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A Prophet or A Salesman?

Date: 06/28/2020

Text: Jeremiah 28:5–9

Verse for Meditation

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.” Jeremiah 28:9

Points to Ponder

1. What is a prophet?
2. How can we tell a prophet is from God?
3. Hananiah vs. Jeremiah
4. What is the will of God?
5. What do we do with the message from a real prophet?