

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
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Christ Church

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**Prelude**

**Moments of Concern**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 134

Behold, bless the LORD,

All you servants of the LORD,

Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,

And bless the LORD.

The LORD who made heaven and earth

Bless you from Zion!

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 25 (page 21)

*Q. You confess that by faith alone you share in Christ and all His blessings: where does that faith come from?*

A. The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel, and confirms it through our use of the holy sacraments.

*Q. What are sacraments?*

A. Sacraments are holy signs and seals for us to see. They were instituted by God so that by our use of them He might make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel, and might put His seal on that promise. And this is God's gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone because of Christ's one sacrifice finished on the cross.

*Q. Are both the word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?*

A. Right! In the gospel the Holy Spirit teaches us and through the holy sacraments He assures us that our entire salvation rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.

*Q. How many sacraments did Christ institute in the New Testament?*

A. Two: baptism and the Lord's supper.

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 336 "O Worship the King"

**Call to Confession:** Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

**Prayer of Confession:** Father in heaven, forgive us for our faith is weak and often polluted. We fail to persist in trusting Your promises, and we do not persevere in applying ourselves to the means You have given us for our faith to be strengthened. We fail to properly prepare ourselves to hear the preaching of Your Word and to participate in the Lord's Supper. We live many days without intentionally setting our hope and affection on our Savior who has promised blessing. Have mercy on us and forgive us, make right what is corrupt, and strengthen what is weak within us.

We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Kyrie:**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Assurance of Pardon:** 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gloria Patri:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Collect of the Day:** Father in heaven, You have loved us with a love that we struggle to comprehend. Teach us to grasp its depth and height, its breadth and length. And pour out Your Spirit on us so that

we might learn to love others with the love we have received. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*First Gospel Lesson:** John 9:1-12 (page 949)

**\*Second Gospel Lesson:** Luke 15:11-32 (page 925)

**Missions Moment**

**Children's Sermon**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** Psalm 118A (back of bulletin)

**Sermon:** "All About Love – Part 2"

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer (unison):** Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Response:** 468 "Be Thou My Vision"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**