



# Fourth Sunday After The Pentecost

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"Defining Discipleship"

*Matthew 10:34-42*

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**Opening Hymn – "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake**

LSB 688 alt tune

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake, "All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.
- 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;  
And gracious words My lips express, With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation,  
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal."
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1John 1:8

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** John 20:21-23

**Kyrie** (Lord, have mercy) *Mark 10:47*

Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy

**Gloria in Excelsis** *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth

Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus birth

We praise and bless you Father Your holy name we sing

Our thanks for Your great glory Lord God our heavn'ly king

To You, O sole begotten the Father's Son we pray O Lamb of God, our Savior You take our sins away

Have mercy on us, Jesus Receive our heartfelt cry

Where You in power are seated At God's right hand on high

For You alone are holy You only are the Lord Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored

You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Collect for The Fourth Sunday After The Pentecost** (short prayer before hearing the Word)

P 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. **C Amen**

**Readings From Holy Scripture**

**Old Testament Reading -**

**Jeremiah 28:5-9**

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, <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> 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."

A This is the Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading -**

**Romans 7:1-13**

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? <sup>2</sup> Thus 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> But 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. <sup>7</sup> 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. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." <sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup> I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup> The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. <sup>13</sup> 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading -**

**Matthew 10:34-42**

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>40</sup> "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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."

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

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

**Sermon Hymn - Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

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- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To the\_unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."

Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

4 Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

**Sermon** – Defining Discipleship

Matthew 10:34-42

**Hymn** – All for Christ I Have Forsaken

LSB 753

1 All for Christ I have forsaken And have taken up my cross;  
Worldly joy, its fame and fortune, Now I count as worthless dross.  
2 Who is sweeter than Christ Jesus? No good thing in Him I lack!  
Hand to plow, at peace I follow Where He leads me . . . why look back?  
3 Gone the past, unknown the future— Grace supplies my daily breath;  
Strong in Christ through death's dark valley, Firm and faithful unto death.  
4 When God takes me home to heaven, Should this be the day I die,  
God will keep my spouse and children As the apple of His eye.  
5 Though the road ahead be thorny, Though dark clouds all light obscure,  
Though my cross-shaped path grows steeper, With the Lord, I am secure.

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### Prayers of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who while he was with us, walking among us, taught us to pray:

**C 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.**

### Benediction Song

(based on Numbers 6:24-26)

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father And the grace of Christ the risen Son  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit Keep our hearts and minds within His love

#### Chorus

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain Christ eternal the King of kings

May this peace which passes understanding And this grace which makes us what we are  
And this fellowship of His communion Make us one in spirit and in heart - *Chorus*

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"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27

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