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**Worship:**

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (*Located in the church basement*)

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

**Office Hours:**

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; (*12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch*)

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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**From the Pastor**

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

### **For younger children**

*Word Search [underline or highlight]: Law*

5<sup>th</sup> graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place.

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

### **For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism**

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

### **Adults/parents**

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring.

For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another excise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service.

Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use "Text Box" that is a good way to do it. You may also go to "References" and use "Foot Note" to record your thoughts or insight.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

## Pass It On

In preparation for Proper 8 – June 28, 2020

Have you ever told a child, “Don’t step in that puddle?” What did the child do?

We all want forbidden things. Knowing that something is forbidden makes us want it all the more. This applies even – especially – to what we would be better off without. So perverse is fallen human nature that it does not even recognize what is good for it!

What is the solution? Rules may restrain the body, but they do not change the heart.

Even God’s own commandments can backfire. In one of his letters, St. Paul recalled that God said in the Ten Commandments, “You shall not covet.” But sin, he went on, “seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of coveteousness . . . when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me” (Romans 7:7-10).

Sometimes people think that rules and regulations can make people good and upright. They might also figure that any Law from God will move people along toward being good and upright. But it turns out that the God’s Law finally shows people their sins and rebellion against Him. And as Paul noted, it can even make us worse!

God’s Law itself is not the trouble. His commands are holy and righteous and good. The problem lies within us. No wonder Paul ended up this chapter of Romans saying, “Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?”

Suddenly, Paul answered his own question. He wrote: “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 7:24-25).

The only deliverance people can have from the Law’s condemnation is through Christ. By His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus brings blessing. Find out more on Sunday, from our church service.

### WORSHIP FOLDER

#### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 8

With Eyes Wide Open

June 27 & 28, 2020

#### AS WE GATHER

Without the truly good news of the Gospel we cannot see the hard truth that we and all people are poor sinners who deserve nothing but punishment from almighty God. It takes the Gospel to open our eyes wide to the severity of God’s Law, which our Savior took on Himself in our stead. In Jeremiah’s day, and our own, false prophets proclaim an easy peace that requires little change in our daily living. Now, as when Paul was writing, some people in the Church think the freedom Christ won for us can mean a disregard for God’s Law. And when Jesus was calling disciples, He had to warn them (and us) that some of their own family members would actively oppose their following the Lord. But the Gospel announces what is real and good: God has kept all His promises in our Savior Jesus Christ. His death shows the enormity of the punishment we deserve, and His resurrection assures us of eternal life.



Because our Lord gave His life for us, with eyes wide open we can lose ourselves in service to Him and with the psalmist “sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever” (Psalm 89:1).

## **ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE IV LSB 203**

### **OPENING HYMN “*Today Your Mercy Calls Us*” LSB 915**

- 1        Today Your mercy calls us  
          To wash away our sin.  
          However great our trespass,  
          Whatever we have been,  
          However long from mercy  
          Our hearts have turned away,  
          Your precious blood can wash us  
          And make us clean today.
  
- 2        Today Your gate is open,  
          And all who enter in  
          Shall find a Father’s welcome  
          And pardon for their sin.  
          The past shall be forgotten,  
          A present joy be giv’n,  
          A future grace be promised,  
          A glorious crown in heav’n.
  
- 3        Today our Father calls us;  
          His Holy Spirit waits;  
          His blessed angels gather  
          Around the heav’nly gates.  
          No question will be asked us  
          How often we have come;  
          Although we oft have wandered,  
          It is our Father’s home.
  
- 4        O all-embracing Mercy,  
          O ever-open Door,  
          What should we do without You  
          When heart and eye run o’er?  
          When all things seem against us,  
          To drive us to despair,  
          We know one gate is open,  
          One ear will hear our prayer.

*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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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 Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

*Who told you about sin?*

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*What does God do with your sin every day?*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT** Psalm 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,

**who walk, O Lord, in the light of Your face,**

who exult in Your name all the day

**and in Your righteousness are exalted.**

For You are the glory of their strength;

**by Your favor our horn is exalted.**

For our shield belongs to the Lord,  
**our king to the Holy One of Israel.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
**I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;**  
**with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**

*Why does God do such wonderful things for us?*

**Kyrie** *LSB 204*

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
A For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind,  
let us  
For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the  
proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith,  
For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us  
all,  
For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth,  
For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who  
travel,  
For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned,  
and for all those in prison,  
For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them,  
For these and for all our needs of body and soul,  
Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB 204*

- C **1 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 heav'nly King.**
- 2 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 pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—

**3 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.**

**Collect of the Day**

Let us pray. 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.**

*We not only want to hear God's Word but we also want to do what?*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 28:5–9**

<sup>5</sup>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.”

*How can we tell if one who prophesies peace is a true prophet?*

**PSALM Psalm 119:153–154**

Look on my affliction and deliver me,  
**for I do not forget Your law.**  
Plead my cause and redeem me;  
**give me life according to Your promise!**

*[Fill in the blank] We can call on God to help us because He has  
\_\_\_\_\_ to do so.*

**EPISTLE** Romans 7:1–13

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? 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. 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.

*How did we come to know about sin?*

**Alleluia and Verse**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 10:34–42

<sup>34</sup>[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. <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.”

*What does Jesus say about those who help fellow Christians, even little babies?*

*Highlight or underline any phrases that describe the work of the Law in our hearts. Put a T by any phrase which describes the work of Christ in our hearts.*

### Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day** “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” *LSB 528*

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!
  
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of Thy name.
  
- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner’s ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.
  
- 4 He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin;  
He sets the pris’ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood avails for me.
  
- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own  
Your God, ye fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
Be justified by grace.
  
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off’ring made  
For ev’ry soul of man.
  
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv’n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav’n.

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## Sermon Title: *"The Law Works In Our Favor"*

Romans 7:1–13

Introduction:

Do you like living under the Law of God?

### I. It is good

It is a good and holy thing God has given us. It shows to us what loving God means. It shows us what loving thought, word and deeds can be done for our neighbor. It describes the Christian life. What is better for us than to have God command us to love Him and our neighbor?

The problem we have with the Law is its binding power. God commands that we love Him and our neighbor and do so perfectly. If it is not perfect, it is not acceptable in the sight of God.

We may be tempted to try to work at loving God and others better than we did before only to find out that we aren't. Just about the time we think we have a handle on living a God pleasing life we see ourselves fall into sin again and again. We lose our temper. We curse God's name. We break His commandment to love one another.

The Law is a hard master to live under. This is why Paul encourages us believers to no longer live under the binding law of God but under His grace. It is not necessary to live under the threat of God's wrath and punishment. God has freed us from the binding nature of the law by having His Son suffer the punishment of our sins. He had His Son die in our place and with it free us from the binding power of the Law.

We are now free to live under the grace of God. All that the Law demands we offer to God as gifts of thanksgiving. The love that we offer to God and to others is not under the scrutiny of God's Law but under His gracious acceptance of our offering. With Christ's death, we are free of the binding nature of God's law to live under His grace.

### II. It shows us our sins

Now, does this make the law is evil? No, certainly not. The Law is good and works to our favor. Does it mean that we go on sinning so God can delightfully forgive us our sins? How absurd! The Law is beneficial to us for it shows us our sins.

What can be good about knowing our sins? It continues to show us our sins and the great need we have for a Savior, Jesus.

The love we have for Christ is based on what He has done for us. And knowing how much Christ has done for us only deepens our love for Him.

The Law opens our eyes to depth of our sins. It opens our eyes to recognize sin. We go our merry way thinking that all that I do is good and right. There is the occasional sin but surely not everything I do is sin. In fact, if I do it, it is not a sin. Yet, when the Law of God comes to me it opens my eyes to see my sin goes deep to the very desires of my flesh. As Paul said, "He didn't know that the desire or covetousness was sinful until he saw it through the Law of God."

The Law opens our eyes to the seriousness of sin. It opens our eyes to understand the volume of sin in our lives. It opens our eyes to see more and more sin. It is as if the Law of God activates sins within us. Before we knew the Law we saw ourselves as being pretty good people. But the Law has opened a flood gate of sin within ourselves and within our lives.

The Law has shown to me that I cannot possibly deal with my sin, clean up my life or in any way appear righteous in the sight of God.

And here is the benefit. It makes us look outside of ourselves to look for one who can save us from our wretched condition. And that One is Jesus the Christ.

We now have a deeper appreciation for the grace of God. What the Law demands which we cannot fulfill, has been fulfilled for us by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The debt we owe is paid in full. We can go and live our lives according to the grace of God. We are free of the binding power of the Law which leads to death. We have life in Christ and can serve Him and others in freedom. It is no longer because God has commanded us to love Him and our neighbor. It is our desire to do the will of God.

Like a woman whose husband has died is free to marry again. We, too, are free to serve Christ. The old sinful flesh that seeks to rule over us has been put to death. We are free to serve the One Who is the head of our life, Christ.

#### Conclusion:

It is the grace of God that makes us love the Law of God. It is His grace that moves us to delight in living according to the Law. It is His redemption that makes it safe for us to see and know the death that sin brings. It is His forgiveness that comforts us to know we have been set free of this death and can now live our lives for Christ.

Don't hate the law. Hate the sin. The Law is good and beneficial. It shows us our need for a Savior and this is always good. Especially, since Jesus has revealed Himself to be our Savior.

T AMEN T

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, many in this world have rejected Your Son and His grace. Soften their hearts, Lord, that they hear Your Word and receive You with joy and gladness.

Lord, many people in this world are in captivity. In Your infinite wisdom, liberate those who are held by evil and unjust people and systems.

Lord, walk with all those who are grieving and held captive by the power of death, [*especially . . .*]. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Lord, raise up faithful leaders who are committed to liberty and justice. Oppose all those who would use others for their own ambition and pride.

Lord, give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely. Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help, hope, and freedom among Your people.

Look, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will.

Dear heavenly Father, send Your servants to every corner of the earth with Your Gospel message of freedom, that all who do not know the saving power of Your Son's death and resurrection hear the good news of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Hymns

### “The Law of God Is Good and Wise” *LSB 579*

- 1       The Law of God is good and wise  
          And sets His will before our eyes,  
          Shows us the way of righteousness,  
          And dooms to death when we transgress.
  
- 2       Its light of holiness imparts  
          The knowledge of our sinful hearts  
          That we may see our lost estate  
          And turn from sin before too late.
  
- 3       To those who help in Christ have found  
          And would in works of love abound  
          It shows what deeds are His delight  
          And should be done as good and right.
  
- 4       But those who scornfully disdain  
          God’s Law shall then in sin remain;  
          Its terror in their ear resounds  
          And keeps their wickedness in bounds.
  
- 5       The Law is good; but since the fall  
          Its holiness condemns us all;  
          It dooms us for our sin to die  
          And has no pow’r to justify.
  
- 6       To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
          Who from the curse has set us free,  
          And humbly worship at His throne,  
          Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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### “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *LSB 425*

- 1       When I survey the wondrous cross  
          On which the Prince of Glory died,  
          My richest gain I count but loss  
          And pour contempt on all my pride.
  
- 2       Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
          Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
          All the vain things that charm me most,  
          I sacrifice them to His blood.
  
- 3       See, from His head, His hands, His feet

Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4        Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
            That were a tribute far too small;  
            Love so amazing, so divine,  
            Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 211*

**C    1    O Lord, now let Your servant  
          Depart in heav'nly peace,  
          For I have seen the glory  
          Of Your redeeming grace:  
          A light to lead the Gentiles  
          Unto Your holy hill,  
          The glory of Your people,  
          Your chosen Israel.**

**2    All glory to the Father,  
          All glory to the Son,  
          All glory to the Spirit,  
          Forever Three in One;  
          For as in the beginning,  
          Is now, shall ever be,  
          God's triune name resounding  
          Through all eternity.**

**Benediction**

**P    The Lord bless you and keep you.  
          The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
          The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.**  
**C    Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" *LSB 655*

**1        Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
            Curb those who by deceit or sword  
            Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
            And bring to naught all He has done.**

**2        Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
            For You are Lord of lords alone;  
            Defend Your holy Church that we  
            May sing Your praise eternally.**

3           O Comforter of priceless worth,  
              Send peace and unity on earth;  
              Support us in our final strife  
              And lead us out of death to life.

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