



## About the Cover

God's Law, written in stone and given through Moses, is "holy and righteous and good" (Romans 7:12). Sinners living under this Law deserve the death that lies under every tombstone. Yet, for the Christian, death with Christ is a different matter. He who is holy and righteous and good willingly took our trespasses against God's Commandments upon Himself, died on the cross, and rose from the dead to forgive us and rescue us from eternal death. The promise of eternal life in Him is rock solid.

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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."

## Epistle: Romans 7:1-13

<sup>1</sup>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.

## 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."

THE COMMANDMENT  
*is holy and righteous and good*

ROMANS 7:12



# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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### Welcome to Our Visitors

We pray all will be spiritually enriched by your visit to this "House of God." Here Christ breaks the silence that surrounds mortal man in his sin and death. Here in Christ Jesus, we hear the voice of the Eternal One, and hear the voice of the Father, and that He loves us, that He forgives us and that in the resurrection of Christ, He has made us His Children and has given us victory over death itself.

In our Worship, this Morning, we celebrate the Holy Communion. As Lutherans, we believe and teach that in the Sacrament we receive Christ's true body and blood, thus it is our duty to examine ourselves to our worthiness before reception of the Lord's Supper, (see pages 329-330 of the hymnal, Christian Questions and Their Answers). We ask that if you are not a member of our Congregation or a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation, that you speak to Pastor or an Elder before the Service.

### THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

C: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,

P: Who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

C: For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

P: For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

C: 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.

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

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The Children's Message

The Hymn of the Day LSB#685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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