

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16 & 17, 2018

5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

The wonder of God's handiwork can be seen in the smallest things of God's great creation. Even in a grain of mustard seed there is the promise of new life and fruitfulness. God provides for all of our needs out of love for His creatures. And He rejoices in the growth that occurs. As the "rolling seasons in fruitful order move" (*LSB 893:1*), we celebrate that in Christ we have a central role in God's amazing plan as we grow in love.

PRELUDE

"Prelude on Rhosymedre"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Please stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

811 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: This is a seed planting time.

People: **This is a time for growth.**

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Pastor: A time to hear God's holy Word.
People: **A time to receive God's holy nourishment.**

Pastor: God plants seeds of faith through His Word.
People: **God's Spirit causes these faith-seeds to grow.**

Pastor: God's Kingdom is revealed in mysterious ways—in the Word, in the water of Holy Baptism, in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion. God comes to us in these very ways.
People: **Thy kingdom come, Lord Jesus!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,
People: **O Lord, who could stand?**

Pastor: But with You there is forgiveness;
People: **therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"To God on High be Glory"



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, You have inaugurated Your kingdom of forgiveness and spiritual power, making us a new creation in Jesus Christ. We pray that Your kingdom will also come through us to others; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

WELCOME

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 17:22–24

(The Lord promises a new planting in Israel.)

²² "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the field will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

"I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 1

Leader: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

People: **But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

Leader: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

People: **Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

People: **For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:1–10

(God promises a house eternal in the heavens.)

¹ Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ We live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

8:30 "Jerusalem"

Paula Stefanovich

*John saw a city that could not be hid John saw a city oh yes he did
John caught a glimpse of a golden throne Tell me all about it go right on
Around the throne he saw the crystal sea There's got to be more what will it be
I want to go to that city he saw New Jerusalem*

Chorus

*Jerusalem I want to walk Your streets that are golden
And I want to run Where the angels have trod Jerusalem
I want to rest on the banks of your river In that city City of God*

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*John saw the lion lay down by the lamb I want to know ev'rything about that Lamb
John saw the day but did not see night The Lamb of God well must be the light
He saw the saints worship the great I Am Crying worthy worthy is the Lamb
I want to go to that city he saw New Jerusalem (Chorus)*

Bridge

*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Sing for the night is o'er
Hosanna in the highest Hosanna forever forevermore (Chorus)*

Please stand

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26–34

(Jesus teaches the parable of the mustard seed.)

²⁶ He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain--first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE WORD

583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please stand

NICENE CREED

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 of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

"Aria (Bist Du Bei Mir)"

J.S. Bach

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

+ + + Special Intercessions + + +

Each concluding: **Leader:** Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** **hear our prayer.**

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

People: **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

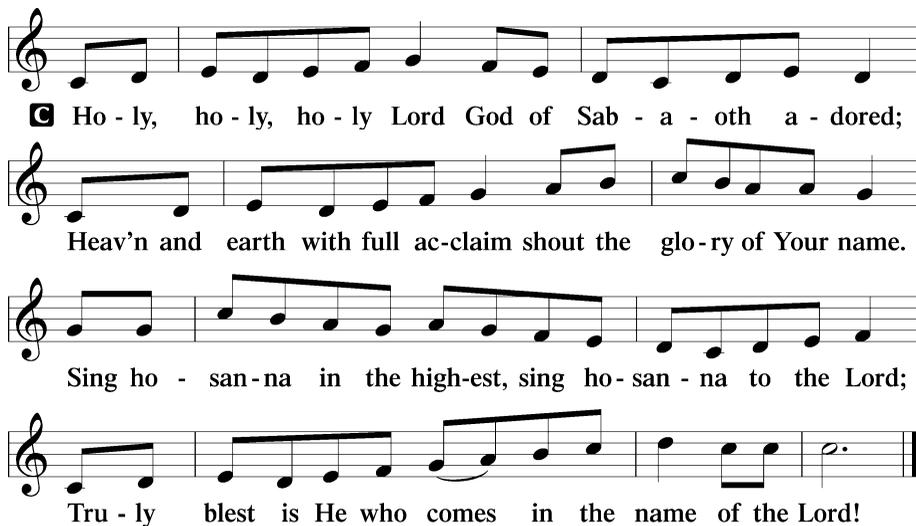
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle.

When the wine is distributed, individual glasses will be offered first, then the common cup. Communicants may take whichever is preferred. If taking the individual glass, please keep the glass visible so that the communion assistant with the common cup will know who has already communed.

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion tray for those who have a sensitivity to the alcohol in wine.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- 863** Our Father, by Whose Name
595 O Blessed Spring
618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Please stand

PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have again welcomed us at Your Table and have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Bless us through this divine gift, that we live with assurance and confidence in Your loving care. Grant Your Holy Spirit to enlighten us with His gifts, that we be people who rejoice in Your promises and wait in joyful expectation of the new heavens and new earth that are yet to come. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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 + give you peace.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

669 Come, We That Love the Lord

POSTLUDE

"We're Marching to Zion"

Anna Laura Page

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Job 38:1-11; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m. Theodore Laesch 8:30 a.m. Clifford Bischoff 11:00 a.m. Norman Meyer
Lectors:	8:30 a.m. Allison Schmidt 11:00 a.m. Matt Gahr
Acolytes:	5:00 p.m. Courtnee Martin 8:30 a.m. Keeley Ambler 11:00 a.m. Darius Johnson
Quartet:	8:30 a.m. Denise Koch, Patrice Skellett Matt McEuen, Mark Petersen
Choir:	11:00 a.m. Summer Choir
Instrumentalist:	Jacob Laesch, Baritone
Director:	Ryan Meyer
Organist & Accompanist:	Carolyn Rusnak
Radio Announcer:	Steve Brutlag
Elder of the Week:	Craig Schlichtmann