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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 15 & 16, 2024

5:30 PM & 8:00 AM

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN TO OPEN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LSB 790, sts. 1-5

Please stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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.

CONFESSION

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C 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 loved 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. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P People of God, I have good news for you! Know with joy that upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.

C Amen.

PSALM 1:1-6 (Spoken responsively)

P ¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

C ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

P ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

C ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

P ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

C ⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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.**

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

PARTS OF THE LITURGY – HYMN OF PRAISE

P On the night of Jesus' birth, the angels let loose their earth-shattering song of praise: "Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

On that specific occasion, their praise gave utterance to the good news that the Son of God had come in the flesh. Heaven had come down to earth! And ever since, the Church has continued to rejoice in this miracle of our salvation.

The opening words of the Gloria in Excelsis are followed by a hymn of praise to the Triune God. One can imagine the faithful singing these words in heaven: "We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give You thanks for Your great glory."

Our focus is on the incarnate Son of God, the only-begotten Son, the Lamb of God, and only Son of the Father. And if that isn't enough to name this One who is the object of our worship and praise, twice we sing, "You take away the sin of the world."

There it is, the heart and substance of the Christian faith. In heaven we will be gathered around the throne and the Lamb, confessing that He alone is holy, He alone is the Lord.

In more recent times, the Lutheran Church in North America has made a significant contribution to the church's liturgy through the alternate Hymn of Praise, "This is the Feast."

Drawing directly from the description of heaven in the Revelation to St. John, our voices are joined to that heavenly throng as we sing with them:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:12)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 204*



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.

SALUTATION**P** The Lord be with you.**C** And also with you.**PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect)****P** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen**Please sit****FIRST READING Ezekiel 17:22-24**

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in

the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

L This is the Word of the Lord**C** Thanks be to God.**SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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

Please stand**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING Mark 4:26-34

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of

all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P 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.

Please sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" LSB 500, sts. 1-4△

SERMON "SEEDS OF FAITH" (Text: Mark 4:26)
The Rev. Peter Gueldner

TITHES & OFFERING

Please stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray.

We pray, O Lord, for Your holy church throughout the world. As at creation You spoke and it was created, so by Your mighty Word spoken into the hearts and through the witness of prophets and apostles, Your church has grown over all the earth throughout the ages. Continue to speak Your blessing and power to and through all pastors and teachers, and inspire the shared witness of all Your people to the joy and salvation of many people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P As nations continue to be disrupted by conflicts, wars, and rumors of wars, send leaders who know and desire the ways of peace. Grant unity of purpose especially to our country that we may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For all Your people here present who have received Your blessed Word, grant the increase of faith and confidence to know that You bless us with Your promise of eternal life both now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hear our prayers for all who are in trouble, adversity, need, sickness, or fear of death, especially [...]. Touch each one who calls on You with Your healing and steady hand, and give them courage even in their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to Your eternal household; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

C **Amen.**

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**

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 ✠ give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Please sit

CLOSING HYMN “Our Father, by Whose Name” *LSB* 863, sts. 1-3

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

Pastor	The Rev. Peter Gueldner
Music	Nancy Simonson
Elder	5:30 – Mark Quinlan; 8:00 – Curt Becher
Soundboard	8:00 – Giovanni Giacomini
Worship Assistants	5:30 – Richard Delaske; 8:00 – Brent Peterson, Dave Simonson
Lectors	5:30 – Jan Zierke; 8:00 – Phil Simonson
Greeters	5:30 – Carol Ciffra, Scott Howard; 8:00 – Gail Solem, Bob Sommers
Ushers	5:30 – Dan & Judy Valentyn; 8:00 – Jim Cross, Steve Mullenex

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