

3rd Sunday after Pentecost | June 13th, 2021

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Announcements

- Update regarding worship:
 - We'll continue wearing masks so we can continue to sing and we'll receive communion in our pews. Consecrated elements will also be available to use at home.
- We are again collecting things for layette kits and personal care kits.
- We'll be sending our messages of love to Pastor Dave this week. Please get cards/notes to the office by Tuesday.
- Cottage Gatherings | A time of fellowship and feedback
 - Tuesday, June 22nd @ Church (10:00 w/ Pastor)
 - Tuesday, June 22nd online (7:00 w/ Pastor)

*Confession + Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn | *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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*God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.*

*Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.*

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading | Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord God proclaims: I myself will take one of the top branches from the tall cedar. I will pluck a tender shoot from its crown, and I myself will plant it on a very high and lofty mountain. On Israel's mountainous highlands I will plant it, and it will send out branches and bear fruit. It will grow into a mighty cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it and find shelter in the shade of its boughs. Then all the trees in the countryside will know that I, the

Lord, bring down the tall tree and raise up the lowly tree, and make the green tree wither and the dry tree bloom. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, Most High;
to proclaim your loyal love in the morning, your faithfulness at nighttime
with the ten-stringed harp, with the melody of the lyre
because you've made me happy, Lord, by your acts.

I sing with joy because of your handiwork. The righteous will spring up like a palm tree.
They will grow strong like a cedar of Lebanon.

Those who have been replanted in the Lord's house will spring up in the courtyards of our God.

They will bear fruit even when old and gray; they will remain lush and fresh in order to proclaim:

"The Lord is righteous. He's my rock. There's nothing unrighteous in him."

***Gospel Acclamation** [*setting 10, pg. 205*]

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***Gospel Reading | Mark 4:26-34**

Then Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvesttime."

He continued, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade."

With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day | *O Jesus, I Have Promised* ELW 810

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.*

*Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.*

*Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
Now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.*

*O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
That where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.*

***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially Deloris Streich, Darleen Ganfield, Pastor Dave, Nancy Gjerde, Lori Roemhildt, and Jane Lorsung as well as the family and friends of Harriet Schmidt. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musician. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **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.**

***Communion Distribution + Blessing**

May the body and blood...

***Final Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** | *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* ELW 545

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

Oh, refresh us; oh refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.

May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,

Let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**