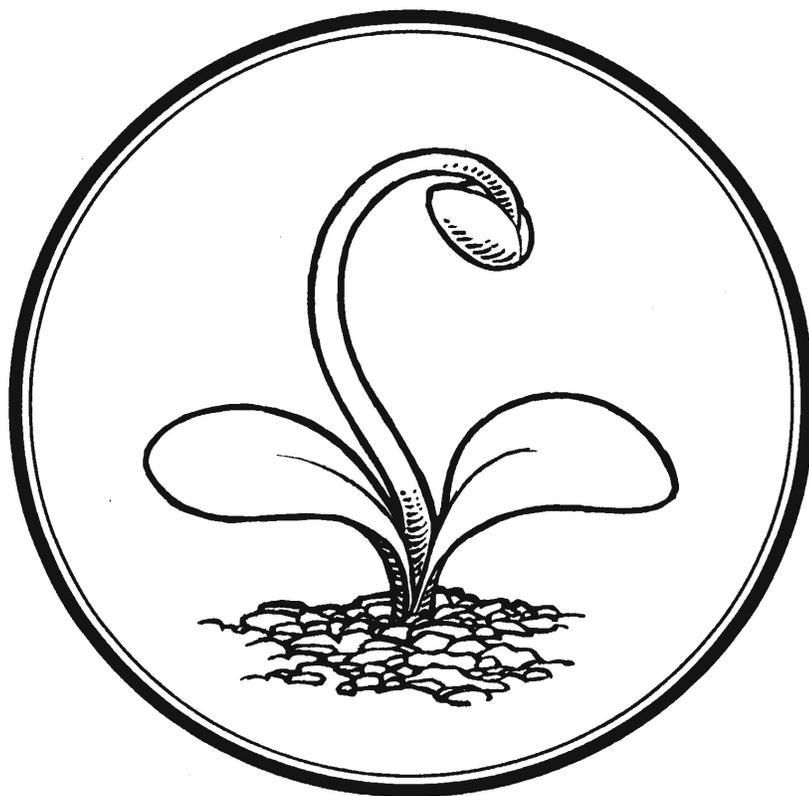


**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

Come, my  
Light, and illu-  
mine my dark-  
ness. Come,  
my Life and  
revive me from  
death. Come,  
my Physician,  
and heal my  
wounds.  
Come, Flame  
of divine love,  
and burn up  
the thorns of  
my sins, kin-  
dling my heart  
with the flame  
of your love.  
Come, my  
King, sit upon  
the throne of  
my heart and  
reign there.  
For thou alone  
art my King  
and my Lord.  
Amen.

~ *Dimitri of  
Rostov, 1651-  
1709 A.D.*



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**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

June 17, 2018 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** Our Lord Jesus Christ frequently uses images from farming or nature to describe the kingdom of God. He especially points to how crops or plants will grow in unexpected or hidden ways, emerging from seeds in the ground to produce great harvests. In the same way, the kingdom of God begins in a humble way with the sharing of words and the kindling of a new hope. By this hope, God will raise up a harvest of countless believers and a whole new creation.

## **Sharing God's Blessings Today**

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Esther Beckman by her family.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored for blessings received on the occasion of Adeline Brandenburg's 102nd birthday on June 14 by her family.
- Today's bulletins are sponsored by Delores Kottke, in loving memory of her husband, Orlin.

## **What's the Use of Praising God?**

[The modern] climate of mistrust makes it hard for the church to speak the gospel to people. What it offers is too good to be true. Pastors cannot truly communicate the mystery of Christ, except by praising him. Yet when they resort to praise, we suspect they are out to manipulate and con us with their promises of heavenly bliss. And we become even more suspicious of God and his promises. Yet at the same time this suspicion of praise provides the church with a new opportunity. Mistrustful people do listen to right praise, the praise of what is truly good. It stands out like a bed of flowers in an ugly slum. It rings true in contrast with the hollow sound of advertising and self-promotion. But it must be true. The praise of God is heard most clearly when it rings true to his word and to human experience.

We Christians are called to praise the triune God. That, in fact, is the main purpose of our life here on earth (1 Pet 2:9). It is part of our vocation as members of God's royal priesthood. We have been redeemed from a life of suspicion and mistrust to be praise singers. This is no occasional task, something we do once a week, or every now and then when we feel moved to do so. Nor is it something that we do by ourselves. Since we belong to the church, we have joined God's heavenly choir here on earth. This means that our whole life is, in some way, caught up in praising God. We are well-placed to do so, because we, like the holy angels, have access to God and grace. Since we stand in the light of his presence, we can reflect that light in our rejoicing.

~ Pr. John Kleinig, "What's the Use of Praising God?"

## **Announcements**

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers.



## PRELUDES

“Faith of Our Fathers”

... Gerhard Krapf

“Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices”

... Paul Manz

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please kneel. Silence for reflection.*

*In a world where everything has gotten to be so transitory and “throw it away tomorrow,” is there anything that they can count on as lasting, that they can be sure will be there tomorrow, next Sunday, next year, and when they die? The liturgy delivers the answer, “Yes!” Same old liturgy every Sunday. You can count on it like it’s been there for a thousand years and more...The liturgy was there before you were. That’s the marvelous thing!  
~ Norman Nagel,  
“Whose Liturgy is it?”*

*God himself  
has revealed  
and opened to  
us the most  
profound  
depths of his  
fatherly heart  
and his pure,  
unutterable  
love. For this  
very purpose  
he created us,  
so that he  
might redeem  
us and make  
us holy, and,  
moreover,  
having  
granted and  
bestowed  
upon us eve-  
rything in  
heaven and  
on earth, he  
has also given  
us his Son  
and his Holy  
Spirit,  
through  
whom he  
brings us to  
himself...*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church, and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

*Please stand.*

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

“Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices” green hymnal #560

### **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

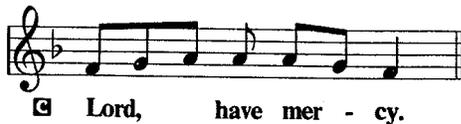
### **KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

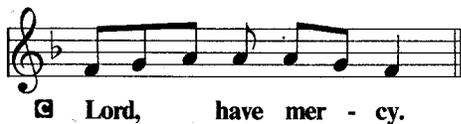
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

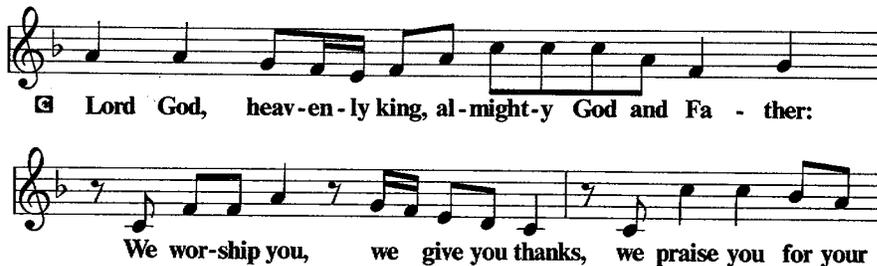


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## GLORIA

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



... For we could never come to recognize the Father's favor and grace were it not for the Lord Christ, who is a mirror of the Father's heart. Apart from him we see nothing but an angry and terrible judge. But neither could we know anything of Christ, had it not been revealed by the Holy Spirit.  
~ Martin Luther's Large Catechism II: 64-66

glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a -  
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

☒ And al - so with you.

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 be seated.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT** Ezekiel 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup>Thus 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. <sup>23</sup>On 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. <sup>24</sup>And 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: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 1**

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel 'of the wicked,\*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats 'of the scornful!

**C: Their delight is in the law 'of the LORD,\*  
and they meditate on his law 'day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, |  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that 'do not wither;\*  
everything they 'do shall prosper.

**C: It is not so 'with the wicked;\*  
they are like chaff which the wind 'blows away.**

*Some might say, "Where's the message?" That's a very good question when we look at texts but not as easy as it appears. Like rite itself, and like all the words of our rites, the words of our songs are not intended to be snappy slogans advertising this spirituality or that gospel-based politics. The good words are those that shape us in light of the gospel and its liturgy, shape and form us in this way: that over the many, many times we sing them they do not wear out but become our own dear and cherished vocabulary. ~ Gabe Huck, How Can I Keep from Singing*

*For by baptism our Lord made new your old age – He, the Carpenter of life, Who by His blood formed and built a temple for His dwelling. Do not allow that old man to dwell in the renewed temple. O body, if you have God live in your Temple you will also become His royal palace. ~ Ephrem the Syrian, Hymns on Virginity (306-373 A.D.)*

L: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,\*  
nor the sinner in the council 'of the righteous.

**All: Glory 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**

**EPISTLE** 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup>For we 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. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For 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. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For 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: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

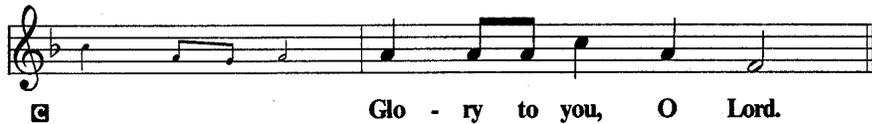
**VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.



<sup>26</sup>And [Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup>And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet 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." <sup>33</sup>With many such parables [Jesus] spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

*Even our believing is a thing that God has granted to us.  
~ Augustine,  
The Spirit and the Letter  
(354-430 A.D.)*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*Please be seated.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast” green hymnal #234

## **SERMON**

“Small Beginnings”

*Please kneel.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all creation according to its needs.

**P:** . . . Lord in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**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**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.

## VOLUNTARY

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" ... David Cherwien

Please stand.

## OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the



hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and



give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

By singing the **Sanctus**, the congregation acknowledges that through Jesus it stands together with the angels as 'saints' in the heavenly sanctuary and joins with them in their adoration of the Holy Trinity.  
 ~ John Kleinig, "Liturgics Handbook"

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Lord,

C: **we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. Grant us so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

☐ We lift them to the Lord.

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

☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS ("Holy")

☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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**

### ACCLAMATION

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

God's city: that image has long gathered to itself massive human hopes. Would that there were a city, with all the intensity and vigor of the great cities that have centered human life and attracted human imagination and made order out of the human experience of geography, but now whole, sheltering and welcoming all, healing, luminous with God's presence, with the Spirit of God.

Such a city would be where God dwells . . .

## AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

*The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.*

*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.*

*The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

“For the Fruit of All Creation” blue hymnal #760

“O Bread of Life from Heaven” green hymnal #222

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

... To taste the meal is already to find oneself [brought] into the city. The exchange of the meal – we bring wretchedness and are given blessedness – is the commerce of the city.

But is it for us? Come to the table. The gift of the meal is the word of Christ – “My body, my blood for you.” In the visible word which is the bread and cup, you are gathered with all the redeemed little ones into the city of the Lamb.

~ Gordon  
Lathrop  
(Gabe Huck,  
Gail Ramshaw, Gordon  
Lathrop, eds.,  
An Easter  
Sourcebook:  
Fifty Days)

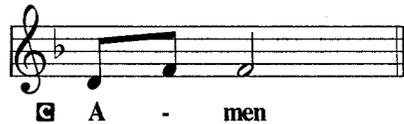
**A Prayer  
As You Go**

Help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go – let me preach you without preaching, not by words but by my example – by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to you. Amen.

~ John Henry Newman,  
1801-1890  
A.D.

**BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

“Trumpet Tune”

... Albinoni/Wolff

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**  
*To God alone be glory*

## **Serving at Worship**

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Rod Riese

Lector: (9:00) Lynn Budnik

(11:00) Dave Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Rob Kittel

Acolyte: (9:00) Anna Gjerde

(11:00) Mitchell Steinke

Elder: (9:00) Robb Halverson

(11:00) Karla Westcott

Ushers: (9:00) Mark Gehrke; Jane Janz; Grace Mueller;

Frank and Tammie Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Lois Jarosz; Joe Pinzl; Vicky Radunz

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Dave Gisselman; Joe Pinzl

Altar Guild: Bonnie Glasel

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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