
✠ FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

ORDER OF WORSHIP • JUNE 16, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ HYMN

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD
LSW #554

✠ INVOCATION

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

All: **Amen.**

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

WL: God, our Father and our Creator,

All: **This is your world. So often we act as though it were our own world, our own world to do with as we please.**

You are our creator. So often we act as though we were our own creator, willing to give thanks only to ourselves.

Forgive us, God. Forgive us and turn us, so that we may live as your children – as brothers, sisters, and siblings to each other.

Renew us, God. Renew us and inspire us, so that we will care for both ourselves and your world as the precious creation and gift that you have given. In Jesus' holy name, we pray.

WL: Beloved children of God, our Heavenly Father, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. For his sake God forgives us all our sins. By grace we have been saved. The God who created the heavens and the earth has called us by name and made us anew. Secure in the all-encompassing love of God, we have been set free to love with wild abandon, to serve with joy, and to live as a neighbor to all who are in need.

All: **Amen.**

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. 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.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

EZEKIEL 17:22-24

R: Our first lesson on this Fourth Sunday after Pentecost is from the seventeenth chapter of the prophet Ezekiel.

“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. 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. All the trees of the forest 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.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10

R: The Second lesson is from the fifth chapter of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

For 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. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

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

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (FROM ARGENTINA)

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, Lord.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 4:26-34

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

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

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

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

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

TAKE, OH, TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, oh, take me as I am

Summon out what I shall be

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

All: **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.

✠ PAX DOMINI

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

All: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

LBW #406

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with the gifts you have given to us. In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

✠ BLESSING

WL: 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.

All: Amen.

✠ SENDING HYMN

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING
LBW #409

✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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