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4th Sunday after Pentecost



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*At Abiding Word
We gather around the Word (worship)
We grow in the Word (education)
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*



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Welcome!

To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) As a safety precaution there will be no after service coffee or refreshments. If you would like to socialize responsibly before and after the service, please use the fellowship hall. To allow for social distancing, please don't linger in front of the kitchen and bathroom.

Lutheran Worship

The Lutheran church is a liturgical church. Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. Through the sermon, Lord's Supper, in specially selected Bible readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and confessions, the liturgy points to Jesus as the Savior of all.

HYMN: OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty;
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;



Zi - on, let me en - ter there, Where my
 Come thou al - so un - to me. Where we
 Here thy seed is du - ly sown. Let my
 Let me keep thy gift di - vine, How - so -
 Let thy will be done in - deed. May I



soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for him who
 find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on
 soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious
 e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; May thy Word still
 un - dis - turbed draw near thee While thou dost thy



an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed is this
 earth must be. To my heart, oh, en - ter
 sheaves a - lone, So that all I hear may
 o'er me shine As my guid - ing star through
 peo - ple feed. Here of life the foun - tain



place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
 thou; Let it be thy tem - ple now!
 be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 life, As my com - fort in all strife.
 flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
 Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER (87 87 77) Joachim Neander, 1650-80, alt.

Stand

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics underneath. The second line continues the melody and lyrics. The third line continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth line continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth line continues the melody and lyrics. The sixth line concludes the piece with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

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Be seated

FIRST LESSON

EZEKIEL 17:22-24

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 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.’”

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 92

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



How great are your works, O Lord,
how profound your thoughts!
The senseless man does not know,
fools do not understand,
that though the wicked spring up like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they will be forever destroyed.
But you, O Lord, are exalted forever.

REFRAIN

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.
They will still bear fruit in old age,
they will stay fresh and green,
proclaiming, “The Lord is upright;
he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”
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.

REFRAIN

SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10

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. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed 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 with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 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.

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 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, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Verse of the Day:

C: Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia. (Psalm 132:9)

GOSPEL

MARK 4:26-34

He 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 seed you plant in the ground. 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.”

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.

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: CREATOR SPIRIT, BY WHOSE AID



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's
 2 O Source of light, our Coun - sel - or, The Fa -
 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high In an -
 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame, At - tend



foun - da - tions first were laid, Come, vis - it
 ther's help to us as - sure. Come down, as
 swer to our ear - nest cry. Help us e -
 th' al - might - y Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior -



ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come, pour your joys on
 prom - ised, with your fire, And hearts with heav'n - ly
 ter - nal truths re - ceive And prac - tice all that
 Son be glo - ri - fied, Who for all hu - man -



hu - man-kind. From sin and sor - row set us
 love in - spire. Your sa - cred, heal - ing mes - sage
 we be - lieve. Give us your wis - dom that we
 kind has died; And e - qual ad - o - ra - tion



free; May we your liv - ing tem - ples be.
 bring To sanc - ti - fy us when we sing.
 see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
 rise To you, O Spir - it, in the skies.

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856, abr.; tr. John Dryden, 1631–1700, alt.

Tune: ALL EHR UND LOB (88 88 88) *Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder*, Strassburg, 1541, alt.

Do you see what I see?

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord God, our Joy and our Redeemer, in your Son Jesus Christ you have provided forgiveness for all sin and the strength to overcome evil and win the victory over temptation. Grant that we may confess our sins, repent of them and forsake them. Pardon our iniquity. Turn your anger away and comfort us by your compassion.

Give the riches of grace to your Church, O God, to the end that she may seek the lost, raise the fallen, comfort the broken-hearted and heal the afflicted. Enable her pastors and missionaries to proclaim with courage and understanding all the words of life which her Lord has given and to declare your mighty deeds and mercy.

Be the heavenly Guest in all our homes, and move the hearts of all who dwell there to trust wholly in you and to have a perfect love toward one another, until the day when you will call us from our earthly homes to live together in heaven.

Bless all who are in any need of body or soul, and grant that they may humble themselves under your mighty hand, so that you exalt them in due time. Lead them to cast all their burdens on you, and assure them of your infinite and understanding care.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

O God of grace, who has called us to eternal glory by the mercies of Christ, strengthen and perfect us. Hear our prayer in the name of Jesus, to whom be glory and dominion now and forever. Amen.

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.

HYMN: ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST



1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the foe of Christ and man This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And right - eous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, abr., alt.
Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

HYMN: ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN



1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be -
 2 To you our wants are known; From you are all our
 3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore you



stow; The pow'r is yours a - lone To make it
 pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own And par - don
 here May meet to - geth - er thus When you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
 what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
 yours ap - pear And fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise And you a - lone shall have the praise!
 ceive And to your Word a bless - ing give.
 home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, abr., adapt., alt.
 Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 88) John Darwall, 1731–89.