

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SONGS OF ASCENSION**

June 16 & 17, 2018

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



AS WE GATHER

“Now the green blade rises from the buried grain” is the first line of a well-known Easter carol. The wonder of God’s handiwork can be seen in the smallest things of God’s great creation. Even in a grain of mustard seed there is the promise of new life and fruitfulness. God provides for all of our needs out of love for His creatures. And He rejoices in the growth that occurs. As the “rolling seasons in fruitful order move” (*LSB* 893:1), we celebrate that in Christ we have a central role in God’s amazing plan as we grow in love.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN “We Praise You and Acknowledge You” *LSB* 941 Tied for #20

**We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”**

**The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”**

**You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ry one:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.**

**You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!**

(Please Stand)

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 150*

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens!

People: **Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
praise Him according to His excellent greatness!**

Pastor: Praise Him with trumpet sound;
praise Him with lute and harp!

People: **Praise Him with tambourine and dance;
praise Him with strings and pipe!**

Pastor: Praise Him with sounding cymbals;
praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

People: **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!**

ALL: **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.**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark.)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

(OR)

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

People: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

SERMON SERIES HYMN “When In Our Music God is Glorified”

LSB 796, v. 1, 3, & 5

**When in our music God is glorified
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!**

**So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in evr’y tongue:
Alleluia!**

**Let evr’y instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning,

People **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;**

Pastor through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT *Ezekiel 17:22–24*

(The Lord promises a new planting in Israel.)

²² 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. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 5:1–10*

(God promises a house eternal in the heavens.)

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

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 205

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 4:26–34*

(Jesus teaches the parable of the mustard seed.)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 207

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 Be Seated)



CHILDREN'S TIME "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LSB 790, v. 1

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Song of Ascension"

Ranked #8

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LSB 770

**What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'ry thing to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear -
All because we do not carry Ev'ry thing to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged - Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness - Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge - Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.**



SERMON

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs. For the whole Church throughout the world, that as people united in faith and active in love we witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all nations of the earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there be times of peace and reconciliation, and for our own nation that it be an ensign of hope, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our families as on this day we honor our fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers, that they be supportive of and caring toward each person, seeing Christ in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the special needs of this day, remembering those who are ill and those who mourn and for all those matters on our hearts this day, [*including . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

(Special Petitions)

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

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

(Please Stand)



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS — Holy, Holy, Holy *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9* LSB 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:
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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 209

PAX DOMINI — *The Peace of the Lord* John 20:19 *LSB 209*

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI — *Lamb of God* John 1:29

LSB 210

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

(Please Be Seated)

(Please Note: Communion will be distributed in a continuous line during our 8:15 am worship while broadcasting on KFUE radio)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB 575 Tied for #16

**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

***Refrain:* On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain***

**His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain***

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne!
*Refrain***

“Jerusalem the Golden”

LSB 672 Tied for #28

**Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest—
The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest—
We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!**

**Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.**

**Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight.
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.**

**O sweet and blessed country, The home of God’s elect!
O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.**

**Songs of thankfulness and praise Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar.**

**Branch of royal David’s stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan’s stream. Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow’r divine, Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil’s might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav’ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.**

(Please Stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS - *Song of Simeon* Luke 2:29–32

LSB 211, v. 1

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**



BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION *Psalm 103:1*

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: 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.

Numbers 6:24-26

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” *LSB 660*

Tied for #26

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss.
From vict’ry unto vict’ry His army He shall lead
Till ev’ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, The next the victor’s song.
The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS 8:15 AM

POSTLUDE

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