



8:00AM DIVINE SERVICE

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
16 June 2024

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AS WE GATHER

Once again, the Word of God in our ears this day speaks of the glorious and happy goal that God's salvation promises to all who believe in His saving mercy, grace, and love. From of old, the Lord has promised a secure future in His presence both now and especially in the eternity of life in the resurrection. Though we experience the weakness and maybe even dread of growing old, by faith we are like firm trees planted by the strength of God. That faith is the very creation of God the Holy Spirit, which grows and remains strong regardless of our circumstances. So even though we become discouraged at times, our confidence is always renewed by God as we remain steadfast in connection with His mighty Word.

PRELUDE — *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN — *Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head*

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✠ SERVICE of PREPARATION ✠

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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INVOCATION (*Stand*)

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord
C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.

But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. *[John 20:19-23]*

† SERVICE of the WORD †

INTROIT

Psalm 92:12–15; antiphon: v. 1

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,

to declare that the LORD is upright;
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. pg. 186



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

SENDING

P Go in Peace; Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE — *God Loves Me Dearly*

August Rische

SERMON

OFFERING — *G-minor*

Johann Krieger

OFFERTORY (*Stand*)

Psalm 116:12-13; 17-19; pg. 192

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4] pg. 193

LORD'S PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26; pg. 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

- C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN — *Lord, Help Us Walk the Servant Way*

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
 to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47; pg. 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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- P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:12

C And with thy spir - it.

- 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. (*Sit*)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(A promise of the Messiah.)

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus 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. ²³On 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. ²⁴And 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 This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 6

¹Blessèd is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on His law he meditates day and night.
³He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

EPISTLE READING (*Awaiting the new body and a new creation.*) 2 Corinthians 5:1–17

¹We 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. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For 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. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.
⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him. ¹⁰For 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.
¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE (*Stand*)

2 Peter 3:18a

P Alleluia.
Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL (*The growing seed and the mustard seed.*)

Mark 4:26-34

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet 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.”

³³With many such parables He spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to His own disciples He explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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HYMN OF THE DAY — *My Song is Love Unknown*

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