

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST*



**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**9:00 am**

**Pastor** Becky Sogge

**Organist/Pianist:** Brenda Blanshan

**Lay Reader:** Linda Griffith

**Usher:** Petznick family, Stu Anderson

**Counters:** Russ & Delores Knudson, Steph Perkins

**Sound/Video:** Camden Trenhaile, Mark Willand

**Communion Set-up:** Mary Jo Senne

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**Prelude**

-Brenda Blanshan

**Welcome – Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** .....*As We Gather at Your Table* ELW 522

**Greeting** p. 138

**Kyrie** p. 138

**Hymn of Praise...**This is the feast p. 139

## Prayer of the Day

**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. Amen.**

## Children's Sermon

## Special Music

### First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel, I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**  
on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

**that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13], 14-17

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though 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 do have confidence, 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 all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation...** Alleluia

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The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

<sup>26</sup>Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But

when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The word of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** Pastor Becky

**Hymn of the Day** ..... *For the Fruit of All Creation* ELW 679

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Merciful God, **recieve our prayer.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering**

Offering is received in the pews, or electronically through Vanco.

**Offering Prayer**

**Great Thanksgiving** p.144

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer** p. 145

**Invitation to communion**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

**Lamb of God**

**Communion Blessing and Prayer**

**Blessing**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** ..... *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* ELW 551

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** -Brenda Blanshan

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<b>Sunday Attendance and Giving</b>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
June 9		\$1,148
June 2	72	\$1,979
May 26	53	\$827
May 19	67	\$1,907

<b>Electronic Income</b>	
<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
\$3,368.45	\$13,658.58

**Mission Project for June**  
**Northern Lights Homeless Shelter**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome, we are glad you are here!*

*Join us for coffee in the Fireside room after worship.*

Next Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, worship service will be held at the Fairground's Shelter House at 9am.

Pastor Becky will be gone on a companion Synod delegation to Hungary from June 20<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office if you need pastoral services; 641-324-2984.



## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 16	9:00 am	Service with H.C.
	10:30 am	DCV with H.C.
	3:00 pm	LRH
	6:30 pm	J.H. Youth
Tuesday, June 18		Manna Truck
	6:00 pm	Council Mtng.
	7:00 pm	AA-Al-Anon Mtng.
Wednesday, June 19	11:00 am	Staff Mtng.
	2:00 pm	M. Court Chapel
	7:00 pm	S.H. Youth
Thursday, June 20	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo
Sunday, June 23	9:00 am	Fairgrounds
	6:30 pm	J.H. Youth