

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 16, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 10)

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The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOF = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

Hymnals we do not have in the pews but use their resources in our bulletins:

ACS = All Creation Sings (purple; the new hymnal supplement of the ELCA)

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green)

TFF = This Far by Faith

SBH = Service Book and Hymnal (1958)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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. Those who wish to may kneel.

*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.

Please rise.

***Processional Hymn**

As Rain from the Clouds

All face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

ELW #508

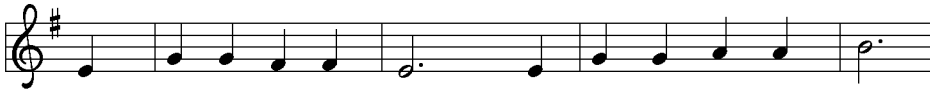
*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*Kyrie

ELW p. 203



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*Hymn of Praise

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

ELW p. 204



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

***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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading: Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus 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.

²³On 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.

²⁴All 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



The tone is played once; all hum the tone once; then the psalm is chanted responsively.

- ¹It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;
²**to herald your love | in the morning**
and your faithful- | ness at night;
³on the psalter, and | on the lyre,
and to the melody | of the harp.
⁴**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;**
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.
¹²The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.
¹³**Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD**
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit | in old age;
they shall be | green and succulent;
¹⁵**that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,**
my rock, in whom there is | no injustice.

Second Reading: Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

- ⁶So we are always confident; even though 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 do have confidence, 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 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.
¹¹Therefore, 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. ¹²We 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. 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 urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And 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.

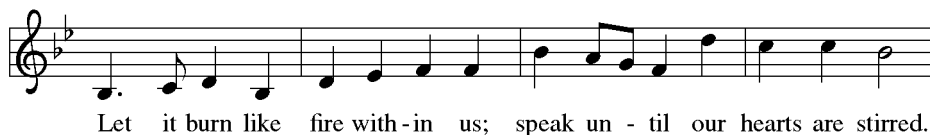
¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW p. 205



Gospel Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

***Gospel: Mark 4:24-34**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark...

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet 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."

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

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Rev. Stephanie White

***Hymn of the Day**

Lord, Your Hands Have Formed

ELW #554

***Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,**

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of the Church**

...Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

Offering

*We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! As our tithes and offerings are being collected, **please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it down to the next person.***

***Offertory**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #181
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***Offering Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life,
**you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.**

Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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*Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

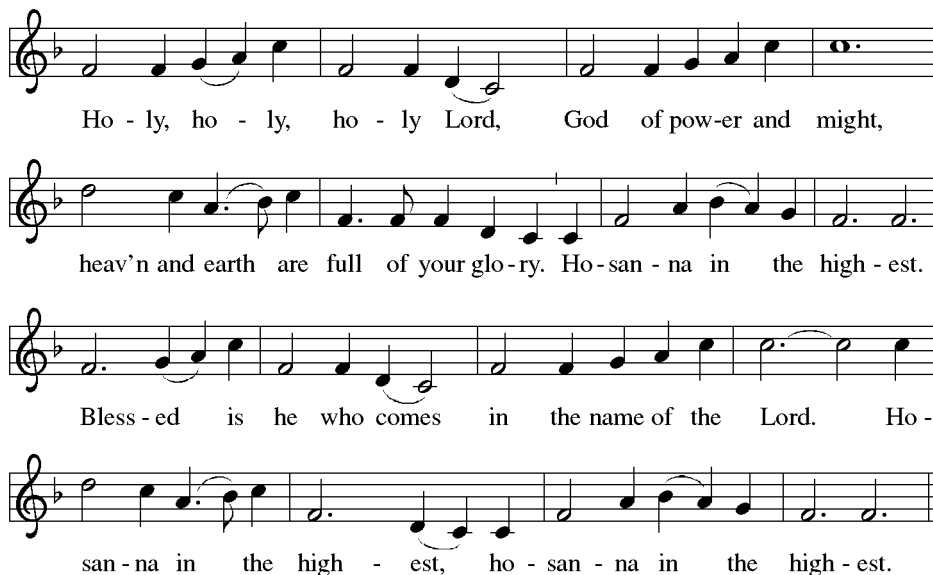
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*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



*Agnus Dei

ELW p. 208

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Distribution

If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we invite you to join in celebrating at Christ's table wherever you are, with bread and wine, grape juice, or water, as we remain physically separated yet "together met, together bound by all that God has done" and "the love that makes us one." ("I Come with Joy", ELW #482)

If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. After receiving the Bread of Life, please take an empty cup before approaching the wine

station; if you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please take one of the pre-filled cups of white grape juice from the center of the tray.

Our bread is gluten- and other allergen-free.

Hymns during Distribution

*Build Us Up, Lord
For the Fruit of All Creation*

ELW #670

ELW #679

***Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

***Post-Communion Prayer**

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 your own life.
In your name we pray.**

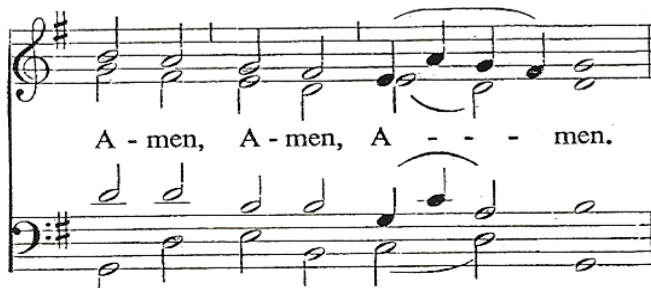
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Benediction and Threefold Amen**

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



***Sending Hymn**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW #547

Please face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Acolyting: Liam Mapes

Ushering: Dave Ulrich

Lector: Deb Jacobson

Communion Assistants: Wenda Sumrall and Scott Pream

Serving at the Altar: Renae Dalen

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Ken and Deb Niemela family, Cory and Dawn Gustafson family, Dave and Bev Thompson family, September Thompson, Dan Elleson, Cindy Hughes, Luke and Sharon Noreen, Hal Kelley, Michelle Kasprick, Neil Erickson, Shari Safranski, Leslie Rogalla, Trevor Sorter, Jamie Elleson, Travis Forsberg, Bob and Barb Horien, Morgan Martell, Rick and Tami Hanson, Dale Folger, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Larry and LaVonne Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, and Jeremy Johnson

**Altar Flowers are given today by
Ken Froschheiser in loving memory
of Joyce. Altar flowers are also given
by Kenny and Marlys Kain in
memory of loved ones.**

June Attendance

June 2 – 44

June 9 – 58

June 16 –

June 23 –

June 30 -

**Financial stewardship 2024
Week Ending—June 9, 2024**

\$6580.12

June 2024 Income –

\$10,745.86

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

WANTED: Ushers for Sunday morning worship ASAP.

Qualifications: know how to smile, hand out bulletins, pass offering plate, and direct the congregation for communion. Adults and youth are welcome. Please let Dianne in the office know if this is an area you could help with. Thank you!



This coming week:

- Monday -** First Look meets at noon. Bring a lunch and join in.
Next Gen Team meets at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday –** Church Council meets at 6 p.m. Please turn in any committee minutes asap.
- Wednesday –** Youth group continues watching “The Chosen” followed by discussion.

Vacation Bible School will be hosted at Redeemer this year from July 21 – July 24 in partnership with Zion and Trinity Lutheran. Watch for more information coming soon.

Fellowship Hour is changing to the second Sunday of the month only. Each second Sunday please stay and enjoy the fellowship of your church family along with coffee and treats.

Pathways Bible camp forms are available in the Narthex. If you are interested in going, there are funds available for all campers. Please let the office know.

June Newsletters are available on line and in the Narthex.

**.New at Redeemer! QR Code giving. Forgot your offering?
No worries – just scan the QR code with your smartphone
and give your offering electronically.**



Silver Creek Lutheran Church is celebrating its 125th anniversary and is extending an invitation to all to come help celebrate. The celebration begins at 10:30 a.m. with a church service followed by a dinner and a 1:30 program. The celebration will end with dessert and yard games. Everyone is invited to join in all or part of the day's activities. Cookbooks, embroidered dish towels, a history/directory, a quilt raffle, and memorabilia will be available during the day.



Birthday Blessings

June Birthdays –

1 – Ashley Bergerson **2** – Jacinda Zemcik, Peter Ihle, Jodi Rondorf, CeJae Bakken, **3** - Cayda Reiersen, Trevor Bergerson **5** – Nicole Dennis, Maya Johnson **6** – Kiptyn Anderson, Kassidy Mostrom, Dakota Garcia **7** – Dennis Bendickson, Melissa Comstock **8** – Nathan Carlson, Diedre Hodgson **9** – Phyllis Johnson **10** – Vicki Halsa, Pauline Helgeland, Haley Nelson, Joyce Olson, Corlynn Jorde **11** – Kathy Carlson, Laureen Halvorson, Trevor Thompson, Blake Walker **12** – Julie Tjelle, Braylee Weinen **13** – Julie Olson, Cydnee Lystad, Nancy Kirkeide **14** – Kelsi Wilson **15** – Jett Gerardy, Owen McLean, Reid Froiland **16** – Dave Ulrich, Jessica Klemetson **17** – Kimberly Ellefson **18** – Yvonne Wahlbeck **19** – Michelle Walker, David M Ulrich, Ann Bregier, Keadon Kempert, Alison Dennis **20** – Loren Voecks, Kyeser Klaven **21** – Mattea Bugge, **22** – Maryel Anderson, McKenzie Hintz **23** - David Vigen Scott Mostrom, Darlene Kelley, Emerson Carlson **24** – Korbyn Nessen **25** – Kathy Barry, Sharon Forsberg, Kaitlynn Swick, Sheyenne Johnson, Kallie houske **26** – Brock Borchardt, Jenae Johnson, Kim Hiemstra, Brayden Johnson **27** – Chad Berg **28** – Amanda Sjaasheim, Lynn Grahn, Carol Ihle, Don Hejlik **29** – Mary Jo Mugaas **30** – Storm D Camp, Matthew Bauer

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Chris Cuppett, *cantor*
Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, and Dean Dalen,
staff musicians
Dave Ulrich, *videographer*

As Rain from the Clouds

1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
 2 As grain that is the scat - tered shall your word has been sown,
 3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,

as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.
 on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.
 a - wak - ing and warm - ing heal - ing our land.

Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow
 Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow
 Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow

and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
 and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
 and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.

We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
 We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
 We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;

we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.

We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
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for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.
 for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.
 for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.

Lord, Your Hands Have Formed



- 1 Lord, your hands have formed this world, ev - 'ry part is shaped by
- 2 Yours the soil that holds the seed, you give warmth and mois - ture,
- 3 Like a mat you roll out land, space to build for us and



you— wa - ter tum - bling o - ver rocks, air, and sun - light:
too. Sprout-ing blos - soms, crops and buds, trees and plants: the
you earth - ly homes and, bet - ter still, homes for Christ: the



each day's signs that you make all things new.
sea - son's signs that you make all things new.
tru - est sign that you make all things new.

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Build Us Up, Lord

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead-fast and true.

Refrain

Grow-ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!


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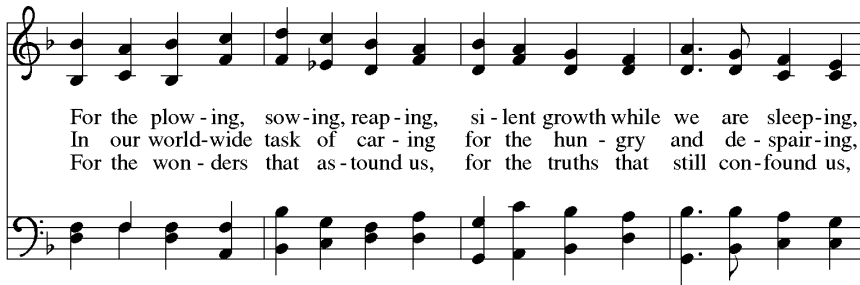
For the Fruit of All Creation



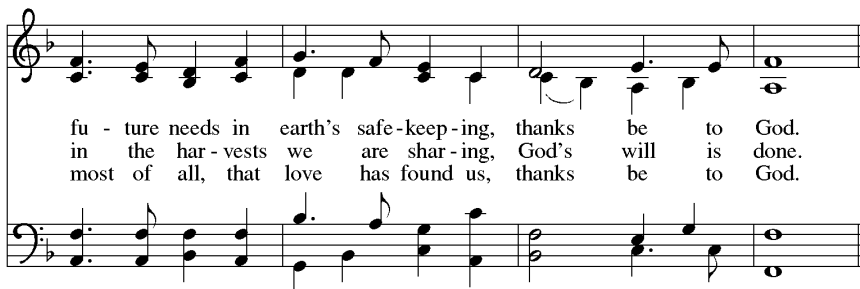
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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