

June 16, 2024
4th Sunday after Pentecost
Lectionary 11, Yr B



PRELUDE *God and God Alone*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING LITANY

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ, we seek God's abundant
mercy.

P: God our Wisdom,

**C: We turn to our own understanding rather
than trusting in you. Turn us again to
you. Where else can we turn?**

P: God, our Truth,

**C: Share with us the words of eternal life,
and feed us for life in the world.**

P: God, our Provider,

**C: In Jesus—the manna from heaven, you
feed and nourish us.**

P: God, our Hope,

**C: Through Jesus—the bread of life, we are
forgiven and loved into abundant life.**

P: God, our Healer,

**C: By Jesus—worker of miracles, there is
always more than enough.**

P: God, our Peace, you show us mercy,
you forgive us, and love us abundantly.

C: Thanks be to God.

1 **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they
fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt
be.**

Refrain **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy
faithfulness! Morning by morning new
mercies I see; all I have needed thy
hand hath provided; great is thy faith-
fulness, Lord, unto me!**

2 **Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their
courses above join with all nature in
manifold witness to thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love. *Refrain***

3 **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide; strength for today and bright hope
for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten
thousand beside! *Refrain***

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**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.**

Please be seated for the readings

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

*The sign of the cedar, planted on the mountain of Israel -
a messianic prophecy.*

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

- L: It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
- C: To herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.**
- L: On the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.
- C: For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**
- L: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- C: Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;**
- L: they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;
- C: that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10, 14-17

In Christ, a new creation

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.

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 No. 516

Almighty God Your Word is Cast verse 1

Almighty God, your word is cast like seed into the ground; now let the dew of heav'n descend and righteous fruits abound.

HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Parable of the mustard seed

²⁶[Jesus] 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.

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE PASTOR KRIS D.H. FERKIN

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 824

This Is My Father's World

1 **This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**

2 **This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.**

3 **This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!**

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 INTERCESSION

P: Merciful God,
C: Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING—OFFERTORY--GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Jesus, Bread of life,
C: 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN No. 879

For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

- 2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*
- 4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n; for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Jesus, Bread of life,
C: 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.

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING SONG No. 881

Let All Things Now Living

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *The Ash Grove*

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Calendar - This Week

Su 6/16	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee
Mo 6/17	<i>NO BAND LESSONS @ 1ST</i>
We 6/19	6 PM OUTDOOR WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP 7 PM Council
Th 6/20	4-7 PM FARMER'S MARKET 7 PM AA
Su 6/23	9 AM WORSHIP @ FIRST – 10 AM Coffee

Calendar - Future Events

6/23 thru 6/27	9 AM – 3 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Holden Park by Goodhue Earth Village Staff. <i>Contact: Bryana Lothert at 507-210-0814 sunrisekids2.0@gmail.com</i>
7/16 – 7-20	ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in New Orleans

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