

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 16, 2024 – 9:00 AM
Thursday, June 20, 2024 – 6:30 PM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 834
O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

Divine Service Setting Four

Lutheran Service Book pg. 203

The Introit (Sunday 9:00 am)

Psalm 92:12-15; antiphon v. 1

The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

Antiphon: It is good to give thanks to the LORD.

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.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Antiphon: It is good to give thanks to the LORD.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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The Old Testament Reading

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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia and Verse (Sunday 9:00 am)

2 Peter 3:18a

Verse setting by Stephen P. Johnson

Congregation:



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Congregation:



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Alleluia and Verse (Thursday 6:30 pm)

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

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

C Glory to You, 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 to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

The Sermon

“By the Hand of God”

Text:

Mark 4:26-34

Prayer of the Church

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The Preparation of the Altar (Choir - 9:00 AM)

For the Fruit of All Creation

Hal H. Hopson

Liturgy of Holy Communion

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Announcements

Closing Hymn

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Father, We Thank Thee

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

Visitors, we welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the () if you will be communing with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	6/6/24	6:30 p.m.	36
Sunday	6/9/24	9:00 a.m.	103

FLOWERS are given by Sandra Schopf in memory of her loved ones.

WE PRAY for Joe Ananias (nephew of Lori Bolger), Adriana Besaw (sister-in-law of Amos Besaw), Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Melissa Brunner (daughter of Estes Grober and niece of the Gerloffs), Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Kevin Coerper, Anna Rose Consigny, Sandy Damms, Harriet Davidson, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Randall Gray (brother of Linda Goetz), Elaine Howe, Paul Howe, Michelle Johnson, Patricia Kattner (aunt of Amanda McGraw, sister of Pam Coerper), Marilyn Kolter, May Lindenberg, Barbara Linder, Konnie Otto, Angeline Pence, Laurelle Rendon (cousin of Linda Goetz), Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), Sherri Syta, and Glen and Jeff Wolffersdorff (brothers of Donna Metzfeld).

***NEW* PRAYER LIST** Beginning in June, there will be a change in how the prayer list is managed. Names will be on the list for one month. At the end of the month, names will be removed if no change or updates are received by the church office.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held in the church on Sunday, June 23 after the church service. At this time, the Board of Directors will present to the congregation a budget for discussion and approval. Please plan to attend.

LYAL INVITATION The Lutheran Young Adult League is offering free tickets to the Chinooks Game on June 26 at 6:30 p.m. See the flyer in the Narthex for more information. LYAL is a social organization within the SWD working to foster friendships and comradery amongst LCMS young adults.

INSTALLATION The installation service for Rev. John Schober, as pastor of Risen Savior Lutheran Church, will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, 2024. All are invited to join in the reception that will follow the service.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS for the church and school will be Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. starting **June 3**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on **Sunday, July 28**, 2024 for a Ministry Anniversary Recognition at the 9:00 am worship service. Rev. Mark Nuckols observes his 35 years of service in the ministry on June 25, and Rev. Karl Fabrizius observes his 40 years of service in the ministry on July 15. A reception with lunch will follow the worship service in the school gym to thank our faithful Shepherds for their years of leadership to our congregation and others. The Fellowship Committee will be looking for volunteers to help at the reception. A sign-up sheet will be coming out soon. We have received some Thrivent funds to support this fellowship event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact LeAnn Lagerman (414)333-7994 or Linda Hojnacki (414)427-5949 and leave a message. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	6/16	Choir Rehearsal DIVINE SERVICE	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	6/19	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Thursday	6/20	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	6/23	DIVINE SERVICE Voters' Assembly Meeting	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.



**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

“By the Hand of God”
June 16 through June 22, 2024

How should I pray for the mission of the Church? The Church's mission is to send pastors to preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments. Thus, your first prayer is that there would be laborers to send into the harvest. As a member of the Missouri Synod, your contributions support the preaching of the Gospel in this state, in our country, and around the world. In our state, your contributions support those who preach the Gospel on college campuses, in some hospitals, among the deaf, and in new congregations or preaching stations. These efforts are much the same at the national level. When praying for missions around the world, you might develop a pattern to pray for efforts on different continents. There are also many lay workers who assist those who preach the Gospel in the mission fields. Some of these are business people, others serve as teachers, and still others as translators. Include these support people in your prayers also.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

THE CREED

VERSE: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” **Genesis 3:15**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: 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. **AMEN**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 130

PSALMODY PRAYER: My soul waits for You, O Lord, for there is hope in You alone. Do not mark my iniquities, but grant forgiveness that I may live in the comfort of Your mercy. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Acts 2:37-47
Tuesday	Acts 3:1-10
Wednesday	Acts 3:11-4:4
Thursday	Acts 4:5-22
Friday	Acts 4:23-31
Saturday	Mark 4:35-41

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Lord’s Prayer

The Second Petition: Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

The Third Petition: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when he breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Luther, Sermon on Luke 18:9-14 (1522): Now you have heard that a man, before he can do anything good, must by all means first be good. For the truth must always stand: “A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit;” and again, “An evil tree cannot bring forth good fruit.” Thus a man must first be good before he can do good. So he also firmly concludes that the publican smote his breast, which proves the conclusion, that he had been good. This has taken place and has been written to the end that we should open our eyes and not judge the people according to their outward appearance. To do this in this instance, it is necessary to examine the hearts of both and not judge according to mere external works. For when the heart is good, the whole man is good. For if I judged the publican according to his works, my judgment would soon be false. For nothing appears in him but sin. Again, if I judge the hypocrite or Pharisee according to his works, I will also miss the mark. For he stands at the holy place, makes the best prayer imaginable, for he praises and thanks God with grand works, he fasts, gives the tenth of all his goods, harms no one; in short, everything, both outwardly and inwardly, appears well with him. As he judges, all men judge; no one can condemn such an upright and virtuous life. . . . Hence if I am to judge whether

this one is good and the other evil, I must be able to look into the hearts of both. . . . He speaks of the publican as though he must have previously heard a word from God that touched his heart so that he believed it and thus became pious, as St. Paul says, Rom. 10:17: “So faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.” When the Word falls into the heart, then man becomes pure and good. . . . it must previously have been known to him that God is merciful, gracious, and friendly to all those who confess their sins, who call upon him and long for grace. As he heard that God is gracious by virtue of his very nature, to all those who humble themselves and seek comfort in him. But to preach thus is always the pure Gospel. Hence the beginning of goodness or godliness is not in us, but in the Word of God. God must first let his Word sound in our hearts by which we learn to know and to believe him, and afterwards do good works. So we must believe from this that the publican had learned God’s Word. If not, it would certainly have been impossible for him to acknowledge himself to be a poor sinner, as this Gospel reports. Indeed, it has a different appearance here, because St. Luke seems to insist more strongly on external works and appearances than on faith, and lays the emphasis more on the outward character and conduct than on the root and on the faith of the heart within. Nevertheless, we must conclude that the publican had previously heard the Gospel. Otherwise, his smiting his breast and his humble confession would not have occurred had he not previously had faith in his heart. *(Sermons of Martin Luther 4:338-339)*

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 668 “Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You” (stanza 1)*

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE WEEK OF
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

“Do You Not Care?”

June 23, 2024

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 819, 726, 718, 717, 643, 818

READINGS

Job 38:1-11

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus crosses the lake in a boat with His chosen disciples. In this we are to learn of Christ and His Church. Jesus has invited us to cross over from death to life in the ship of the Church. This life takes us on the way of the cross and thus the storms of life beat against the boat and it is even filling. The Church seems to be perishing, yet our Lord has promised that the gates of hell shall not prevail against Her. Sometimes we think that Christ is only sleeping (dead) and do not trust in His resurrection. Just as Christ did after His resurrection, He speaks of peace to His disciples and to His Church beaten down by the storms of this life. The stormy waters of this life are nothing when compared to the still waters of Baptism that the Good Shepherd leads us beside. Faith's object is the Christ, the Word of God, by whom all things were made. The Word proclaimed in the Church and joined with the Holy Sacraments offers peace, the forgiveness of sins. This Word works faith even as it called creation into being. Christ is not sleeping, He is awake for the Risen Lord feeds His Church. In this way Christ makes us a new creation that we might be reconciled to the Father through His death and resurrection. The Job reading speaks of the power of the creative word which called all things into being.

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