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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk ()*

GATHERING

Prelude

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

* **Hymn** *For the Fruit of All Creation* **ELW # 679**

* **Greeting** *ELW page 203*

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

C: And also with you.

* **Kyrie** *Have Mercy On Us, Lord* *ELW page 203*

C: Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out your grace and make us whole
that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.

Renew us with your saving power, create in us new hearts!

* **Canticle** *Glory Be to God in Heaven* *ELW page 204*

C: Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

we exalt you, we adore you,

we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you;

here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

Son of God and gracious Savior,

you have come from heaven above;

on the cross you died to save us;

now you reign at God's right hand.

Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;

in your promise firm we stand.

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

*** Prayer of the Day**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

L: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

²² Thus 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. ²³ On 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. ²⁴ And 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." [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 92:1-4, 12-15

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 faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, 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 cedar 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 upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

Second Reading: *II Corinthians 5:6-17*

L: A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

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.

¹¹ Therefore, 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. ¹² We 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. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and 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.

¹⁶ From 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. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel Acclamation**

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C: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us,
speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*** Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Thomas Mosbo

* **Hymn**

As Rain from the Clouds

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* **Nicene Creed**

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P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

Prayers of Intercession

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Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Marilyn Fulfs, Richard Frietag, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Michelle, Maci Diffenderfer, Madilyn Yeager, Jim DeMontigny Jr., Anita, Eric, Roger, Larry, Linda Kruger-Kleckler and Libby Wuethrich.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

MEAL

Peace

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Setting the Table

Great Thanksgiving

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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.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ...
be all honor and glory now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

Lamb of God

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**C: O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save:
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave:
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made:
give us your peace, we pray.**

Communion

*All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing*

Post-Communion Prayer

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P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name .

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* **Hymn**

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

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* **Dismissal**

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P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Karen Niemeier

Happy Father's Day

To our Dad's who make everything look easy!

Piece Corps Quilters

Every Wednesday 8:00-11:30am

Praise in the Park

June 21st, Krape Park Band Shell, 7:00-8:00pm
Entertainment by East Gate Christian Center.

In case of inclement weather tune to WFEN 88.3

Good Shepherd at Le-Win Food Pantry

June 22nd

Men's Group

Saturday, June 22nd

Attendance June 2nd

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