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## 4th Sunday After Pentecost

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*Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.*

*Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.*

### Pre-Service Music

### Welcome/Worship Instructions

*Stand as you are able*

### Gathering Music

*There in God's Garden*

ELW 342 (red book)

### Greeting

*The pastor and the assembly greet each other.*

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** **And also with you.**
  
- A** As in one body we have many members,
- G** **so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.**
  
- P** Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord,
- G** **I am there among them.**
  
- A** Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
- G** **with humility and gentleness.**
  
- P** Let us make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit,
- G** **in the unity of the Spirit's bond of peace.**
  
- A** Let us pursue what makes for justice and peace,
- G** **for mutual upbuilding of the body of Christ**  
**Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us Pray... O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world.
- G** **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**

*Sit*

## First Reading

## Ezekiel 17:22-24

*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.*

### ☐ A reading from **Ezekiel**:

<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.

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

The right - teous shall spread a -  
broad like a ce - dar of Leb - a - non.  
The LORD gives vic - t'ry to the a - noint - ed one.

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love | in the morning  
and your faithful- | ness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,  
and to the melody | of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands** ☐

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;**  
<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit | in old age;  
they shall be | green and succulent;  
<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is | no injustice. ☩**

## **Second Reading**

## **2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17**

*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*

☩ A reading from **2 Corinthians**:

<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!

☩ The word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

*Refrain*

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.



- 1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
- 2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
- 3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.  
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.  
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

*Refrain*

## Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

*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.*

<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 Holy Gospel, according to **Mark**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Sit*

## Children's Message

*All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.*

## Message

*Silence for reflection*

**Song of the Day**

*As Rains From the Clouds*

**ELW 508** (red book)

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with  
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

*End*

*Kneel or sit as able.*

## Prayers

**A** Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Abba, when we cry to you, your Spirit bears witness with our spirit. Give to your church the confidence of the children of God, so that we boldly share with everyone your world-saving love. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David, Chrysanne and Sarah; our synod companion churches, Hope Lutheran Church, Rockford, Delton Community Church in Delton; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

**C** **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

**A** The whole earth is full of your glory: cities teem, fields flourish, mountains soar, and waters abound. Blot out our sin of spoiling your creation. Send us to go for you, mending what is torn and tattered in your world. Hear us, O God.

**C** **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

**A** You so loved the world that you gave your only Son. In these days, when nation condemns nation, save us. Give us strength and fill us with your justice and peace. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Myrina Clements, Lance and Kayla Champaco, Joshua Wright, Parker Stancil, Tim Krewson, Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley and Tyler Van Houten.* Hear us, O God.

**C** **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

**A** Your people cry out to you, seeking the goodness and hope of your holiness. Let the wind of your Spirit blow into the lives of all who suffer from injustice, want, or anguish of any kind. Hear us, O God.

**C** **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

**A** In our living and in our dying, we belong to you. In loving remembrance, we honor those who live with scars or have died defending our nation. Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, and teach us your ways. Comfort the sick and their caregivers, including

*Steve Kaiser Kogge family, Grandma Ingrid, Aunt Carla, Dennis & Deborah, Kay Ramsey, Newell, Mary Golnek, Larry Hansen, ,* Hear us, O God.

**☞ The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

**A** Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Hear us, O God.

**☞ The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

**A** With affection we remember the saints now departed and rejoice in their faithful witness. Through their example, provoke us to holy lives of loving service in your name. Hear us, O God.

**☞ The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

**P** By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**☞ Amen.**

*Stand as you are able*

### **Sharing the Peace of God**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**☞ And also with you.**

*(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

*Sit*

### **Offering of Gifts and Music**

*Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.*

*Stand as you are able.*

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## Offering Prayer

**A** Let us pray . . . Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.

**C** You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Great Thanksgiving

**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.

**P** 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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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.



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.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

- Ⓟ Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
- ☪ **Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.**
- Ⓟ Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
- ☪ **Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.**
- Ⓟ Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
- ☪ **Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.**
- Ⓟ 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. O God of resurrection and new life:
- ☪ **Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.**
- Ⓟ Bless this feast.
- ☪ **Grace our table with your presence. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.**
- Ⓟ Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.
- ☪ **We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

- Ⓟ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:
- ☪ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

- Ⓟ Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
- ☪ **Thanks be to God!**

### Communion at Grace

*All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.*

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Sit

### Lamb of God



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.

*Seed That on Earth is Dying*

ELW 330

*How Great Thou Art*

ELW 856

*For The Fruit of All Creation*

ELW 679

### Prayer after Communion

☞ Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.

☞ Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

## Congregational Announcements

### Blessing

☞ God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

*All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.*

**Sending Song**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

**ELW 547** (red book)

**Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 97    Weekly Giving: **\$3,848.00**    Budget Amount: \$4,181.22

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of refried beans, Pasta Roni, Rice A Roni, Spam canned salmon, corned beef hash, chili-no bean (yes, meat), Miracle Whip, mayo, sugar, shortening, canned frosting, juice boxes.

### **Fill a Bag For Summer 2018**

### **Food Drive – Barry County Cares**

The people of Grace have an opportunity to help our neighbors by picking up a grocery bag in entry area, filling it with items from the list on the front of each bag. Please return your bag to the Fellowship area on or before JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>. We are also collecting personal care items for Barry County Cares including toilet paper, liquid dishwashing soap, personal hygiene items. Financial donations will also be accepted. Make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church with Food Drive in the memo line.

**Youth Gathering** - Your Houston Team is about to take flight on June 27th! You can help Houston directly is by giving a monetary donation in a labeled envelope "Blast off for Books". We will be ordering books from Amazon. Any questions see Kim Domke or Jana Bishop. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Meeting** is scheduled to take place on Sunday, **July 15, 2018**.

**4<sup>th</sup> annual car show and church service** Remember to mark your calendar for one service at 10:00 AM which will be “under the tent”. Plan to attend the GLC car show beginning at 9 am. This is open to anyone with classic or antique car, truck or motorcycle. After worship an open luncheon will be held from 11:30 to 1:30 PM for car show attendees, spectators and worshippers alike.

**Worship schedule is 8:00 am and 10:45 am**

**Adult Forum – this week our study focuses on our identity in God. How does God’s grace change our identity? Jesus calls us to align our path with his way, reflecting in word and deed God’s love for the world.** *Next week our study focuses on God’s change makes our purpose. Followers are called to embody and reflect compassion and service toward “the least of these” in our midst.*

**VBS needs** – a person with a sports background who loves to play and have fun! If interested, please talk to Pastor Ken about helping Joe Longcor with games. We are also in need of some crafting talent. If that’s up your alley, come show your craftiness.

**Carpet Removal and Top Level of Dias** – We are thankful that Ed Domke has stepped forward to help lead this project. If you are willing to be helping hands, please speak to Kim or Ed