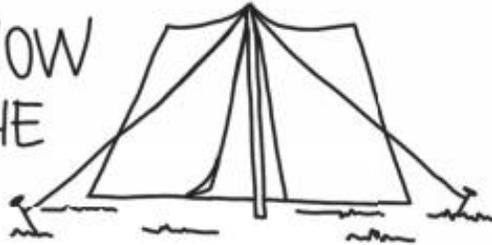


Christ Lutheran

June 13, 2021

FOR WE KNOW
THAT IF THE
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that is our
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IS DESTROYED,
we have a BUILDING

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eternal



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in the heavens

2 Corinthians 5:1

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Song/Hymn

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LSB 901
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" LSB 700 (Online)

Invocation, Confession, & Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Gloria Patri

LSB 186 (in person only)

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen.

Kyrie

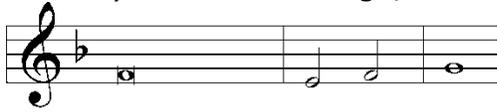
LSB 186 (in person only)

**C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Song of Praise

"Gloria in Excelsis" LSB 187 (in person only)

P Glory be to God on High,



P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 17:22-24

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. 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. 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:1-17

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For 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. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For 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.

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

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. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Children's Chat

The Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

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

And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 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." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!**

The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Message Song/Hymn

"On What Has Now Been Sown" LSB 921

Message

We Go to God in Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

The Lord's Supper

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus

LSB 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P The gifts of God for you, God's people.

C **Amen.**

We Ask God's Blessings on This Holy Meal

- P** The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season.
- C** **We praise You, Father, and ask Your blessings on this meal, for You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen.**

Distribution Songs

"How Firm a Foundation" LSB 728
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LSB 686
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" LSB 700

The Post Communion Prayer

- P** Lord God, our Heavenly Father:
- C** **Thank you for this holy meal. Live in us, Lord Jesus, that we may always live in You. Amen.**

Sending

- P** Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping
- C** **that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.**
- P** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
- C** **My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:**
- P** a light to reveal You to the nations
- C** **and the glory of Your people Israel.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- C** **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping
- C** **that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.**
- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Song/Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LSB 686 (Online)

Postlude

The service is over...the worship begins! Romans 12:1

What was the most important thing I learned today?

Who can I share Jesus with this week?



Find Words from the Scripture Readings

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DESTROYED	HEAVENS	GRAIN
DISCIPLES	COURAGE	SIGHT
BRANCHES	HARVEST	FAITH
KINGDOM	EARTHLY	LOVE

Dear God,

The Hymnal Project

"In early 2017, a group of artists, arrangers, and liturgists, led by Peter Prochnow, were commissioned through the Michigan District, LCMS to create several new hymn arrangements, based on the original music, intended to facilitate enhanced worship in a multitude of modern musical contexts.

The spirit of the project is simple: Hymns are arranged with various instrumentations and made available free of charge, in the form of a lead sheet and reference recording, so whether you learn by reading or by hearing, you can easily implement these arrangements and modify for your context without cost.

We are grateful for the generosity of the donors, Carl and Patsy Fabry, in partnership with the Michigan District, LCMS."

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