

I planted the seed,
Apollos watered it,



But God has been
making it **GROW**

(1 Cor. 3:6)



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Pentecost 4

Good morning and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

Family Worship: 9:00 A.M.

Today's Worship

"My word will not return to me empty" (Is. 55:11).

Greeting and prayer

Hymn 500: Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Invocation:

- 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 deserved 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 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




☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;




as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

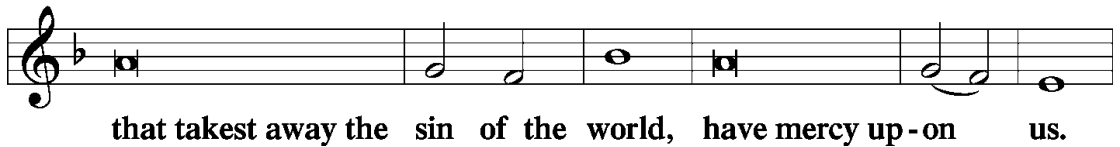


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



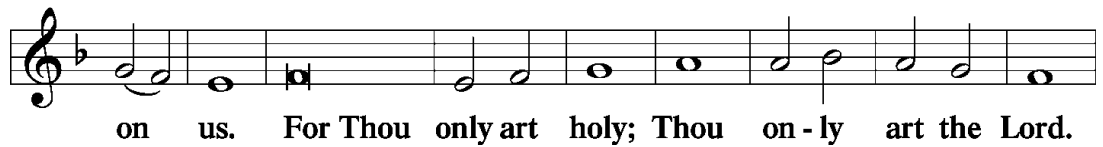
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



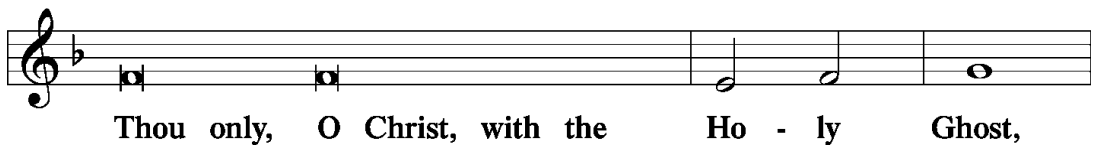
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



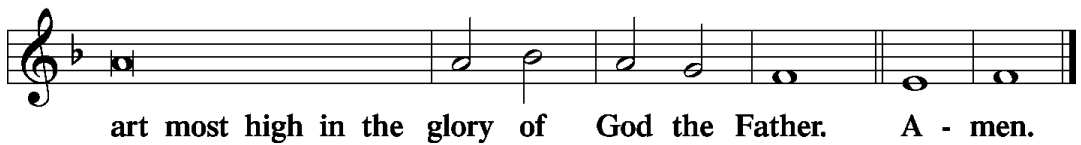
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



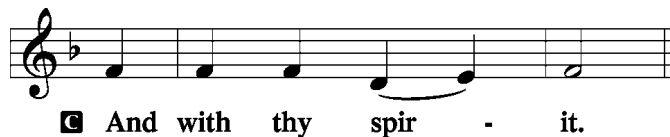
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

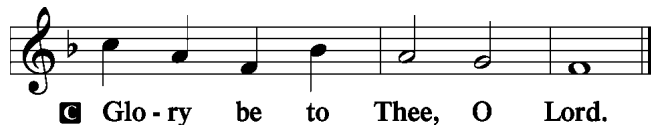
P The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir-it.

Epistle Lesson:

P: The Epistle lesson is recorded in 2 Corinthians 5:1-10



In which would you rather live long-term: a tent or a solid house? On judgment day we can look forward to receiving and living in our heavenly home forever.

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

Hymn 830: *Spread the Reign of God the Lord*

Sermon: 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.

The Power of a Seed

I. It doesn't look like much.

II. Nothing does more.



Offertory

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*



Offering

Hymn 652: *Father, We Thank Thee*

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Plain type. Cong: Underlined, boldface type

Dear Lord of the Church: We praise You for the powerful seed of the Word which is planted in hearts to sprout and grow into living faith in Jesus, our Savior from sin and death. **We thank You, Holy Spirit, for working faith in us.** We ask that You would plant the Word in many more hearts. **Use us to plant the seed wherever we are, and to trust that it will accomplish Your will.** Lord, You provide pastors and teachers to publicly proclaim Your message of salvation in Christ. Please guide Pastor Bernthal as he prayerfully considers his call to serve Messiah congregation. **If it be Your will, lead him to accept the call to be our spiritual shepherd.**

Bless the spread of the Word among our fellow believers in Pakistan. **According to Your will, make it possible for our missionaries to visit them later this year and encourage them in person.** Grant safe travel to the pastors, teachers, and delegates

attending the CLC Convention later this week. Strengthen and refresh them through Word and Sacrament. **Guide them in planning our work for the furthering of Your kingdom.**

There are many who are sick, many who are hospitalized, many whose lives are difficult because of other burdens and needs. With Your promises, plant the seed of hope. **Give them faith to trust Your power to help and patience to wait for Your time.**

Receive our offerings. **Help us use them in kingdom work for Your glory and the salvation of precious souls.**

We especially thank You today for the gift of fathers. **You have appointed them as Your representatives and entrusted them with the care of the family.** Above all, they are to provide for the spiritual wellbeing of their children. **May they reflect Your love in the raising of their children.** Help them to plant the seed of the Word in their children's hearts. **Grant that they may see fruits of faith in their children's lives.**

Lord, throughout this week cause Your kingdom to come to us and many others as we look forward to our heavenly dwelling where we will rejoice before Your throne with the entire Holy Christian Church. **In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 586: *Preach You the Word*

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing hymn 921: *On What Has Now Been Sown*

Announcements

Pastor called

At a special voters meeting last Sunday, Pastor Luke Bernthal from St. Stephen, Mountain View, CA was called as pastor to serve after Pastor Eichstadt's retirement in September. The following letter was received from Pastor Bernthal:

Dear Members of Messiah, Greetings in the name of our Savior Jesus! I wanted to acknowledge that I have received the call to serve as pastor of your congregation following Pastor Eichstadt's retirement in September. I will be prayerfully considering the call over the coming weeks and having discussions with my wife and a number of people in the congregations I am currently serving, as well as with a number of members in your congregation. I very much appreciate your prayers for the Lord's guidance, clarity, and that above all, His will be done in regard to this call. If you would like to share any thoughts you have please feel free to contact me via email, text, or phone call: LBernthal@live.com (email), or 402-389-2147 (cell) God's blessings in Christ, Pastor Luke Bernthal.

Support, not avoidance

Wednesday's Bible class will conclude our study of what God says about homosexuality. Rather than avoid those struggling with sinful desires, we want to be ready to support them with the strength God provides in his Word. Everyone is welcome to join us either in person or via Zoom: Meeting ID: 818 1508 8511. Passcode: 372328.

CLC Convention

The CLC Convention will be held this Thursday through Sunday. Delegates Adam Brown and Joel Gerbitz, along with Pastor Eichstadt and Principal Tiefel will be attending. Copies of the Prospectus are available on the hall counter. It can also be viewed online at: tinyurl.com/2024CLCProspectus.

New on the "free shelf"

More items have been placed on the "free shelf" in the copy room: Several devotion books, Luther's Table Talk, Sing the Faith CD (Small Catechism set to music), DVD: Luther and the Reformation.

There's still room!

Even though the VBS signup sheet was filled, there is still plenty of room for additional students. More adult helpers are also welcome. An additional signup sheet has been added to the bulletin board. VBS will be held July 15-19.

Time to renew

Subscriptions to *The Lutheran Spokesman* expire with the June issue. The renewal sheet is on the bulletin board. The cost is \$15 due by June 30. It's a good way to receive devotional and topical articles, as well as to stay up to date on news around the synod. It also makes a great gift.

Help for the "helpers"

The CLC Mission Helper team will be using Messiah as a staging area before heading overseas to East Africa via Chicago. Several drivers are needed to drive the team to Chicago on Monday, July 8, and then pick them up on Friday, July 26. A light lunch will be served on Monday, July 8, and a sendoff devotion around 2:00. Speak to Mr. Quade if you are able to help.

Firecracker Four

The village has asked if we could provide a water table for the July 4th Firecracker Four race as we have done for many years. A signup sheet for volunteers is posted on the bulletin board. It is always a lot of fun to either hand out water or run the race. It is also a good way to show our support for the community.

The July-September Activity Committee will meet after church on June 30.

Bible Readings:

6/16	Nehemiah 4-6; Acts 2:14-47
6/17	Nehemiah 7-8; Acts 3
6/18	Nehemiah 9-11; Acts 4:1-22
6/19	Nehemiah 12-13; Acts 4:23-37
6/20	Esther 1-3; Acts 5:1-16
6/21	Esther 4-6; Acts 5:17-42
6/22	Esther 7-10; Acts 6



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June Ushers

John Mueller
Richard Davis
Vaughn Morris

June Slideshow
Dave Albrecht

Cleaning Team 6/21-6/28

K/M Winters
A/L Hart
P/E Tiefel
E. Gurgel
M/T Mueller

Fruits of Faith

	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$6,084.33	\$389,186.91
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$425,370.49
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$2,295.88)	(\$36,183.58)
Kinship:	\$100.00	\$2,457.56
MDF:	\$30.00	\$1,985.00
MSAF*:	\$25.00	\$2,024.75

*Offerings in memory of E. Bernthal
Attendance Last Sunday: 134

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