

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

Powerfully Weak – A Tent or A House



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OPENING HYMN

417 - I'm But a Stranger Here



1 I'm but a stran-ger here; Heav'n is my home.
2 What though the tem-pest rage, Heav'n is my home.
3 There at my Sav-ior's side— Heav'n is my home—
4 There - fore I mur-mur not; Heav'n is my home.



Earth is a des-ert drear; Heav'n is my home.
Short is my pil-grim-age; Heav'n is my home.
I shall be glo-ri-fied; Heav'n is my home.
What - e'er my earth-ly lot, Heav'n is my home.



Dan-ger and sor-row stand Round me on ev-'ry hand.
And time's wild, win-try blast Soon shall be o-ver-past;
There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best.
And I shall sure-ly stand There at my Lord's right hand.



Heav'n is my fa-ther-land; Heav'n is my home.
I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.
And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.
Heav'n is my fa-ther-land; Heav'n is my home.

Text: Thomas R. Taylor, 1807-35.

Tune: HEAVEN IS MY HOME (64 64 6664) Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900.

INVOCATION

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



Congregation A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

Musical notation for 'LORD HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)', consisting of two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Musical notation for the Absolution, consisting of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The piece ends with a double bar line.

C: A - men.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
They are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
As he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee,
Saying, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Jesus loves me, he who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He has washed away my sin,
Let this little child come in.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

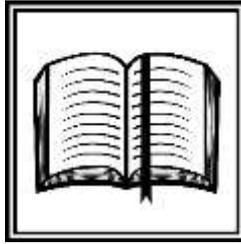


C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray. O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.



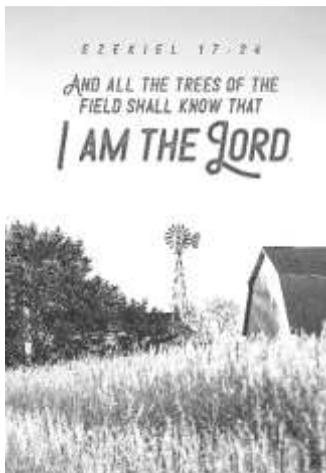
THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord builds his Kingdom from the shoot of the Messiah.

EZEKIEL 17:22²² “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the field will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

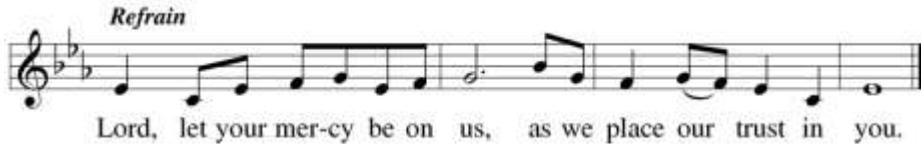
“ ‘I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.’ ”



PSALM

Psalm 92

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How great are your | works, O LORD,*
how pro | found your thoughts!

The senseless man | does not know,*
fools do not | understand,

that though the wicked spring | up like grass*
and all evildoers | flourish,

they will be forever | destroyed.*
But you, O LORD, are exalted for | ever.

Refrain

The righteous will flourish like a | palm tree,*
they will flourish in the courts | of our God.

They will still bear fruit | in old age,*
they will stay | fresh and green,

proclaiming, “The LORD is | upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no wicked | ness 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.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Our life in God's Kingdom is a matter of faith, not sight.

²CORINTHIANS 5:1 Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ We live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

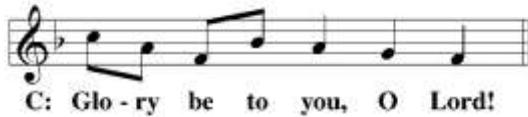
VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy.
Alleluia. (Psalm 132:9)

WALK BY
Faith,
NOT BY
sight.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

Jesus pictures the internal and external growth of his Kingdom in two parables.

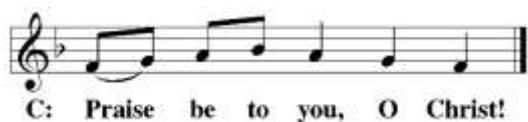
^{MARK 4:26} He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain--first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade.”

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**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 him 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 fully 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 and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.



HYMN OF THE DAY

188 - Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's
 2 O Source of light, our Coun - sel - or, The Fa -
 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high In an -
 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame, At - tend



foun - da - tions first were laid, Come, vis - it
 ther's help to us as - sure, Come down, as
 swer to our ear - nest cry. Help us e -
 th' al - might - y Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior -



ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come, pour your joys on
 prom - ised, with your fire, And hearts with heav'n - ly
 ter - nal truths re - ceive And prac - tice all that
 Son be glo - ri - fied, Who for all hu - man -



hu - man-kind, From sin and sor - row set us
 love in - spire, Your sa - cred, heal - ing mes - sage
 we be - lieve, Give us your wis - dom that we
 kind has died; And e - qual ad - o - ra - tion



free; May we your liv - ing tem - ples be,
 bring To sanc - ti - fy us when we sing.
 see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
 rise To you, O Spir - it, in the skies.

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856, abr.; tr. John Dryden, 1631-1700, alt.
 Tune: ALL EHR UND LOB (88 88 88) *Gesangbuch ... Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder*, Strassburg, 1541, alt.

SERMON

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Home Away

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to praise His name. And so we come to You, kind Father, with our prayers and petitions for all who are in need.

Brief silence

God of grace and mercy, we praise You for establishing Your Church through Your Son and for calling us to faith and life as Your people. Ever plant the seed of Your Word among us and feed us at Your table, that what You have begun in us may be brought to completion in the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace and mercy, we bless You for all earthly fathers through whom You have given us the gift of life. Make them examples to us of Your fatherly love, and help them to proclaim to their children Your mighty deeds in Christ, bringing them up in the nurture and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace and mercy, bless our nation and all nations with faithful leaders who will act with justice to protect the weak, promote virtue and seek peace. Be with the members of our armed forces, protecting them and upholding them in honor. Bless the police, firefighters, emergency and medical personnel, and all through whom we experience Your protection and care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

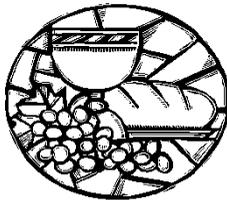
God of grace and mercy, at times in this body Your children groan under the burdens and troubles of life. We remember before You today the troubled, the hurting, the despairing, the anxious and the grieving. Bless them and all who suffer in body, mind or heart [*especially* _____]. Give them Your peace, comfort in their troubles and whatever relief You know to be best for them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace and mercy, we are not worthy in ourselves to stand before You, let alone to come to the table of our Lord to celebrate His supper. Still, at His invitation, we come. Give us Your Spirit, that we may receive His gifts in faith for our benefit. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace and mercy, we offer You praise not as we ought, but as we are able. Hear the humble prayers of Your people, and grant us all such things as are good and wholesome for us. For into Your loving arms, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

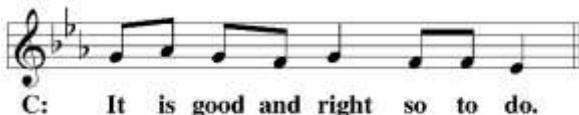
M The Lord be with you.



M Lift up your hearts.



M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

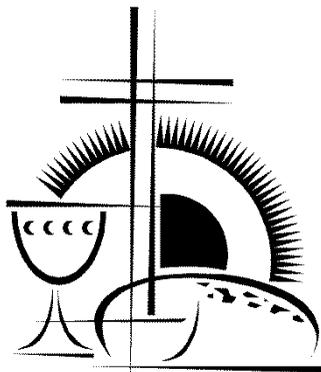
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Christ, Lamb of God'. It consists of five staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - - men.'

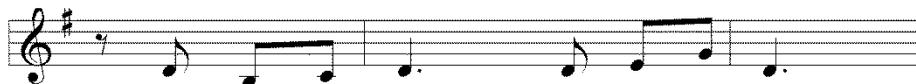
DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

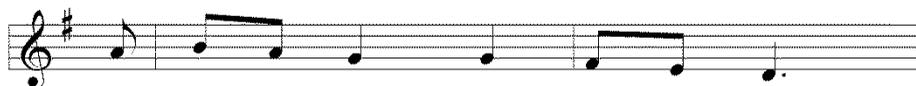
756 - We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



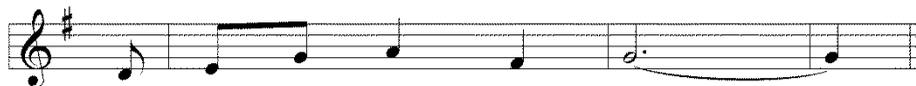
1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
 2 We may not touch his hands and side
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief,
 4 For you, O res - sur - rec - ted Lord,
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,



No gra - cious words we hear
 Nor fol - low where he trod,
 And may our faith a - bound
 Are found in means di - vine:
 In realms of clear - er light,



From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
 But in his prom - ise we re - jice
 To call on you when you are near
 Be - neath the wa - ter and the Word,
 We may be - hold you as you are



But we be - lieve him near.
 And cry, "My Lord and God!"
 And seek where you are found.
 Be - neath the bread and wine.
 With full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

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THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-



pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING SONG

By Faith

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The congregation is invited to sing along with the small group.



1 By faith we see the hand of God in the light of cre - a - tions grand de -
 2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His prom - ise in their
 3 By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap -
 4 By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the
 5 By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre -



sign in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness
 hearts, of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand
 pear with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
 vail, for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



who walk by faith and not by sight. We will
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign.
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. earth.
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the name.
 for all who call up - on His



stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our



soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the work is done,



we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

We walk by faith,
not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

