

June 17, 2018
Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost

Worship Guide



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HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We welcome all people to join us in worship and fellowship. Children are welcome in worship, we also have nursery care during our worship service. Please ask an usher to direct you. Please join us after the service in the Fireside Room for refreshments and time to visit.



WORSHIP GUIDE

Our worship is participatory. This guide will help you. The text that follows is called “liturgy.” Some parts are spoken or sung by worship leaders. Other parts are spoken or sung by the whole assembly. The parts spoken or sung by the whole assembly are identified with **bold text**.

We will also sing some songs (or hymns). These songs are identified with a title and a song number. These songs may be found in one of three books or printed in this bulletin. These books are identified as follows:

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – the red book

With One Voice (WOV) – the blue book

Worship and Praise (WP) – the purple book

Other instructions (when to stand) are printed in *italic text* or will be provided by a worship lead.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

We are now in the season of Pentecost also called “Ordinary Time.” This reminds me that while God does indeed appear and act in the miraculous events of incarnation and resurrection, God is also present and active in the ordinary; ordinary days, ordinary people, ordinary events of daily living. God is present and active to us and through us.

On this Third Sunday of Pentecost, at the beginning of this long season of Ordinary Time, we read texts from the prophet Ezekiel, Psalm 92, and the Gospel according to Mark. Using the metaphor of a tree, Ezekiel speaks God’s promise of restoration for ancient Israel. The Psalm also uses images of planting, celebrating God’s care for God’s people. From Mark we hear Jesus telling two parables concerning the kingdom of God.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Before the prelude, speak to one other. During the prelude, speak to God. During the service, listen for God to speak to you. During the week, let God speak through you.

The Invitation of the Bell

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator, in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

Amen.

(please be seated)

WORD

Time with the Kid's

Pastor Peggy White

First Reading:

Ezekiel 17:22-24

AM: 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.

²³On 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.
²⁴All 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. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (*read responsively*)

AM: ¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

**C: ²to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**

AM: ³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

**C: ⁴For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

AM: ¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

**C: ¹³Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

AM: ¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

**C: ¹⁵that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 4:26-34

P: The holy gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

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

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples. The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

(please be seated)

Sermon:

Pastor Peggy White

Hymn of the Day: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631
(Usher will come by and pick up your Prayer cards)

Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

AM: O Most High, your divine realm is like a noble tree whose boughs and branches give shade and rest to the peoples of the earth. Make your church a nesting place for all who need your peace and healing. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: O Most High, all the world is a garden for your creativity. Refresh places of drought with abundant rains. Strengthen and keep safe those who fight fires in your forests. Help us tend your mountains and plains, oceans and rivers with loving care. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: O Most High, you speak and your word is accomplished. Speak to the leaders of the nations so they might end cycles of violence, giving people everywhere tranquility and peace. We pray for Malawi and Zambia. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: O Most High, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Bring the abundant healing blessings of the new creation into the lives of those who suffer illness or deprivation of any kind (*especially those we name silently and aloud*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: O Most High, your steadfast love and faithfulness sustain your people. Bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children flourish and grow in uprightness and joy. Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: O Most High, just as the earth produces of itself and the harvest comes, you gather up your people from all times and places. Bring us along with those who have died into the lasting harvest of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: and also with you.

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray . . .

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. 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.

C: 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.**

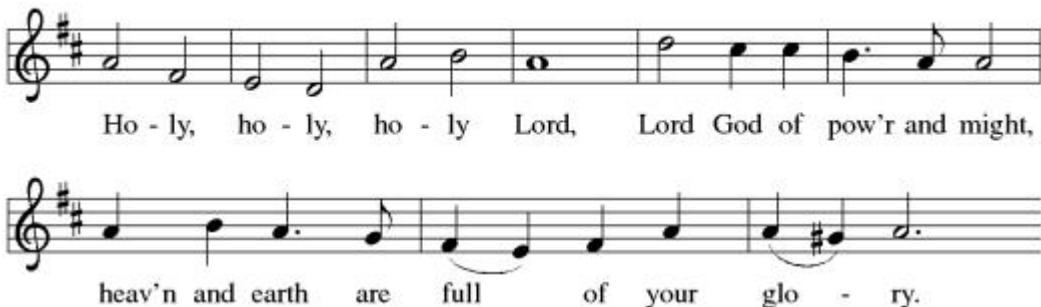
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry." The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

Words of Institution

P: 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.

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.**

Communion

All are invited and welcome at this table. We come together and kneel or stand as we desire. Gluten free bread is available upon request. Red wine or white grape juice is served in individual cups. If you choose not to receive the bread and wine you are invited to come for a blessing, or stay in your seat in silent prayer. (For those who cannot come to the table, we will come to you.

Communion Music:

Ian Langga

(please stand as you are able)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: May 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.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

On What Has Now Been Sown

ELW 550

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Please join us for refreshments in the Fireside Room after the service.

IMPORTANT

PLEASE, IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON TO LEAVE ON SUNDAY, BE SURE THAT ALL DOORS ARE CLOSED TIGHT. THEY WILL ALREADY BE LOCKED.

Those in service today

Leader:	Pastor Peggy White
Organist:	Ian Langa
Ushers:	Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
Lector:	Jim White
Altar Care	Linda Perez
Flowers:	Bob Zeiher in memory of wife's birthday
Refreshments:	

Prayer List

Jim White	Mario Chissesi
Les Grundy	Dottie Chissesi
Thelma Spaziani	Sharon Biller
Eunice Phillips	Nathan Crall
Doris Wacker	Alice Abbing
Marie Hughes	Bob Balcomb

Nazanine Bain and her Mother Sussan Mousavi and family on the death of
Sussan's sister

Financials/Attendance for June 10, 2018

Attendance: 19

Offering: \$1005.00

SCOM: \$85.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCIAL CONCERN OF THE MONTH LORD'S PANTRY AND FAMILY SHELTER SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

During the school year, 22 million children nationwide receive free or reduced-priced meals through the National School Lunch Program. When school is out during the summer months, however, only 3.9 million receive free or reduced-price meals. This gap of 1 in 6 summer to school-time participants is the result of various barriers experienced only during the summer, including a lack of access to meal sites, insufficient program awareness, and limited resources when schools are closed.

Our local food banks operate several summer food service programs during the summer that seek to close this gap. These programs help meet the needs of low-income children and their families who face hunger in the summer by providing them with nutritious meals and snacks when school is not in session.

Our June Social Concern of the Month is supporting the Lord's Pantry and San Jose Family Shelter in their participation with the Summer Food Service Program as well donating to the nationwide Feeding America Summer Food Service Program.

Faith Lutheran's Hospitality Credo

Mission: By the Power of God: Caring, Sharing, Praying, Growing Caring & Growing

1. All are welcome
We are inclusive
We value you being here

Caring & Praying

2. We expect to meet Jesus
Every Sunday when we gather
Communion/ Lord's Supper is open to everyone without restrictions

Praying & Sharing

3. Service
Worship on Sunday is when we gather to receive God's service to us, and to thank and praise God.
Serving our neighbor and the stranger is what we are sent out to do.
4. Grateful and Thankful
We know all of life is a gift and blessing from God.
We are sent out to be a blessing to everyone we meet.

Sharing

5. Sharing our resources
Financial: One of God's many blessings is our financial gifts
FLC shares 15% of all our offerings, plus the social concern of the month offerings with:
The broader Lutheran church
The world
Our neighbors
Energy: We give our time and passion to 6 local community charities

Praying & Growing

6. We are human
We struggle with our lack of faith & human condition
We confess our sins
We repent – that is turn around to Jesus
We accept forgiveness, sometimes
We are blessed with God's love and forgiveness
As Lutherans, we live daily as both saint and forgiven sinner.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle – This Week
June 17, 2018

Pray for: Malawi and Zambia

We Pray for:

- greater food security for those most vulnerable, especially in times of climate change
- an end to political and economic corruption
- rising standards of living, particularly for those most poor
- an end to exploitation of resources and of the people, especially those who are young and/or female.
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