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"Equipping Disciples to Make Disciples for Jesus"



THIRD SATURDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, June 12, 2021 6:00 p.m.

As We Gather

Though much is made of the smallness of the mustard seed, the focus of Jesus is on outcome—the plant that becomes large enough to give nest and shade to all the birds of the air. The kingdom of God seems small and even irrelevant in the face of large problems, challenges, and problems of this mortal life, and yet it is the kingdom of God that is great. God gives to us the forgiveness that makes a clear conscience, the life that is stronger than death, and the joy that is greater than every joy this world can deliver. In this way, the small seed makes for a great plant, large enough for us to find refuge and a home in its shade. How the kingdom of God grows may seem part of the mystery, but we know that it is a seed planted in the good soil and fed and nourished by God's grace to the day when the harvest delivers us into His presence forevermore.

PREPARATION

Opening Hymn

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

LSB #584

Invocation

- A** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 1:5–6

- A** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- C** **for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Silence for self-examination.

- A** Holy and gracious God,
- C** **I confess that I have sinned against You, in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have not done. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, I ask forgiveness and pray You to deliver and restore me by Your mercy. Amen.**

- A** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. In Christ Jesus, we have been forgiven of all our sins. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

WORD

Introit

Psalm 92:12–15; antiphon: v. 1

- A** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
C **to sing praises to your name, O Most High.**
- A** The righteous flourish like the palm tree
C **and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**
- A** They are planted in the house of the LORD;
C **they flourish in the courts of our God.**
- A** They still bear fruit in old age;
C **they are ever full of sap and green,**
- A** to declare that the LORD is upright;
C **he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- A** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
C **to sing praises to your name, O Most High.**

Prayer of the Day

- A** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- A** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 17:22–24 (ESV)

The Lord promises to plant a sprig and make it grow, that it may be a noble tree and bear good fruit

²² 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. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:1–17 (ESV)

We walk by faith and not by sight

¹ 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. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ 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. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26–34 (ESV)

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The kingdom of God is like a seed

²⁶ And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² 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." ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

G 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.**

Sermon Hymn

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

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Sermon

God's Reign Like...

Mark 4:26-34

Offering

Prayer of the Church

- A** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people as they have need.

Give patience to Your Church, to her ministers, and to all of us, Your people, that we trust in Your Word and promise when eyes do not see Your hand at work;

- C** **and when hearts are tempted to anxiety and fear, grant that we know the fullness of Your peace.**

- A** Make us to be good soil so that the seed of Your Word planted in us may grow, flourish, and bear the good fruit You desire. Bless the work of all pastors, missionaries including the Ferry's and Chelsea Irwin, and church workers

- C** **who serve us in Your name that their ministry to us bear good fruit.**

- A** Give to our president, Congress, and all leaders the wisdom to govern according to Your Word and commands that they prove worthy of the trust we have placed in them.

- C** **Bring the nations to peace, and equip us to be good and responsible citizens.**

- A** Bless the married that they be faithful, bless the single that they be chaste and enjoy the company and support of Christian friends,

- C** **and bless the aged and infirm that they know the loving care of family in their time of need.**

- A** Give relief to the suffering, healing to the sick, peace to the troubled, and comfort to those who grieve, *especially . . . , and those we name in our hearts . . .* and bless them with patience and endurance until You deliver them from their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Help us to be good stewards of Your creation, to share what You have supplied with those in need,

- C** **and to support the work of Your Church in her mission here and throughout the world. Lord.**

- A** All things are Yours, heavenly Father, and You have promised to supply them to us as we need and when we need them. Help us to pray with confident hearts, trusting that You will provide for us all things needful and deliver us from all things harmful, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

A As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn

On What Has Now Been Sown

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Gideon Presentation

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