

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 16th, 2024 – 8:30 AM

WELCOME

FATHER'S DAY



beyond our understanding.

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power

- Preacher – The Rev. Wes Smith
- Officiant – Pr. Brian Griswold
- Worship Leader – Earl Hem

WORSHIP

HYMN: Move with the Cloud

The Cloud of Glory is Moving, Move with the Cloud,
Move with the Cloud (repeat)

Let your Spirit arise, your strength be renewed.
Come let us move on together.
As we follow where He leads, new life we will receive.
Move with the Cloud, Move with the Cloud

HYMN: Lord, I need You

1. Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowling here, I find my rest
Without you I fall apart,
You're the one
That guides my heart

Chorus

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found, is where you are
And where you are, Lord I am free,
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to you,
when temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you,
Jesus, you're my hope and stay

Chorus

My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need you

(soft)

My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need you

Chorus

Lord, I need you, oh I need you
Every hour I need you
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need you

Prayer of the Day - 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.**

GOD'S HOLY WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:1 - 15

¹Now this is the commandment — the statutes and the ordinances — that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.



⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

¹⁰When the LORD your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you — a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, ¹¹houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant — and when you have eaten your fill, ¹²take care that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³The LORD your God you shall fear; him you shall serve, and by his name alone you shall swear. ¹⁴Do not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who are all around you, ¹⁵because the LORD your God, who is present with you, is a jealous God. The anger of the LORD your God would be kindled against you and he would destroy you from the face of the earth.

The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 127: 1 - 5

¹Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

²It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

³Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.

⁵Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them.

He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.



**Unless the
Lord
builds the
house**

HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke 2: 40 - 52; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON – The Rev. Wes Smith

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#824 THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- We recognize those joining us via FaceBook Live, and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests submitted for our worship.

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. Remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises. Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. We especially remember those from our families and community in greatest need of our prayers and your blessings. (*Please name silently or out loud*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With gratitude, we remember the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: Salvation Belongs to our God

Salvation belongs to our God, Who sits upon the throne:
And unto the Lamb, Praise and glory,
Wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

Chorus

And we the redeemed shall be strong,
In purpose and unity, declaring aloud,
Praise and glory, wisdom, and thanks,
Honor and power and strength.

Chorus

Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
Honor and power and strength.

Chorus

Chorus

Be to our God, forever and ever,
Be to our God, forever and ever,
Be to our God, forever and ever, Amen

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Dismissal: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**



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