

# Trinity Lutheran Church



June 16, 2024  
Pentecost 4

**PRELUDE: *As We Gather* (M. Fay & T. Coomes)**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING SONG:**

***Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* (ELW 512)**



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**LITANY**

Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

**The kingdom of God is growing.**

While we sleep and rise night and day:

**The kingdom of God is growing.**

The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

**The kingdom of God is growing,**

**its large branches are home to all kinds of people!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God will not count our trespasses against us,  
longing instead for us to be reconciled.

We come before God, then,  
in honesty, humility, and hope.

Let us pray together,

**Gracious God,**

**we so often miss your kingdom at work among us.**

**Captivated by power and prestige,**

**we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around.**

**Forgive us for failing to notice**

**where and how you are at work.**

**Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes—  
fostering divisions**

**when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation;**

**beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs;**

**building walls to keep people out**

**when your branches offer generous nests.**

**Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray,**

**so that we might reach our fullest height of faith.**

**In Christ's name, amen.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away;

see, everything has become new!

**We are ambassadors for Christ,**

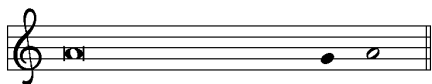
**for God has reconciled us through him!**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



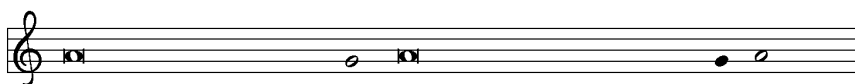
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



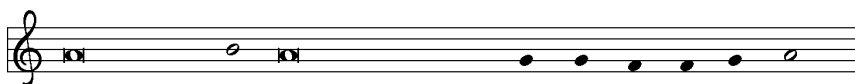
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



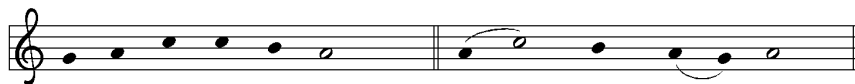
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Assisting minister*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

*All*



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**God, Sower of seeds,**

**be at work among us, we pray,  
that your church may thrive in faithfulness.**

**Whether we are the size of a tall cedar**

**or are a small sprig,**

**it does not matter.**

**You are able to put us to good use.**

**Not by our efforts,**

**but by your power and grace**

**we bear fruit,**

**produce boughs of spacious welcome.**

**You can make even a dry tree flourish!**

**Even we can become a new creation!**

**Urge us on, then, in the love of Christ.**

**In his name we pray. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

<sup>22</sup>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.

<sup>23</sup>On 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.

<sup>24</sup>All 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 91:1-4, 12-15**

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre,  
and to the melody of the harp.

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

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how upright the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17**

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

<sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

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

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

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



# SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

### *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.  
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.  
rus-tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

## **APOSTLE’S 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**

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

*As the reader closes each petition:*

Merciful God,

*The people respond:*

**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.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, and  
may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# OFFERING

*Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.*

## OFFERTORY SONG: *As the Grains of Wheat* (ELW 465)

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.  
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
*Refrain*  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Life-giving God, we give thanks you in word and song,  
because of all that you have done.**

**You make us glad and give us joy.**

**We know that you will accomplish everything you purpose.**

**Accept, we pray, these offerings from our hands.**

**May they contribute to what you are doing  
so that life may flourish.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*White grape juice is available, and all altar bread is gluten-free..*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION SONGS:

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (ELW 693)*

*What Feast of Love (ELW 487)*

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

This blessing is for fathers who held  
the hands of their wives during childbirth.

This blessing is for all the fathers who held  
soft babies in their calloused hands.

This blessing is for our dads who have red, tired eyes,  
who forgot to make sure the diaper is on tight at 3am.

This blessing is for fathers who hold  
babies and children that are not their own.

This blessing is for dads who loudly support their children at games  
and for those who hold their children when disappointment comes.

This blessing is for those who have had  
to say goodbye to their own dad.

This blessing is for our dads who fall  
to their knees beside their child's grave.

This blessing is for all our fathers who sat down  
with their children and explained about making babies.  
And for all the fathers who turned to their wives for help.

This blessing is for all single fathers who cook, do laundry,  
and help their children with homework.

This blessing is for fathers who teach  
their daughters and sons to stand tall.

This blessing is for fathers who learned to tie pony tails and wrestle.

This blessing is for fathers who can't speak to their children.

This blessing is for new fathers,  
and for old fathers whose hands have grown tired and weak.

This blessing is for fathers who teach their kids how to shave,  
how to change oil, drive a manual truck,  
and especially teach their children how to be a good father.

This blessing is for strong fathers, vulnerable fathers, loving fathers,  
and fathers who struggle to be fathers.

This blessing is for all of us who strive to be faithful in our roles of  
being loving and caring with God's children.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**Amen.**

May God bless us with new life,  
✚ Christ tend us in grace,  
and the Holy Spirit guide our steps,  
as we walk by faith  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG:

### *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (ELW 551)*



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim, God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE: *Day By Day* (B. Cantos)

# Serving in Worship

TODAY — June 16, 2024

**Altar:** Lori Johnson

**Reader:** OPEN

**Assistant:**

Jay Johnson

**Fellowship:** Bobbie & Al Schimek

NEXT SUNDAY — Jun 23, 2024

**Altar Guild:** Lori Johnson

**Reader:** Martin Greller

**Assistant:**

OPEN

**Fellowship:** OPEN

## Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Jun 16:	9:00am 10:15am	Father's Day Worship w/ the Piano Fellowship in Gruver Room
Mon, Jun 17:	9:00am 5:00pm	<b>Becoming in Gruver Room</b> <b>TheologyPUB</b> <b>@ Coal Creek Downtown</b>

**Happy  
Juneteenth!**



Remember the  
Church Office  
will be closed!

Sun, Jun 23:	9:00am 10:15am	<b>Worship Service w/ the Organ</b> <b>Fellowship in Gruver Room</b>
Mon, Jun 24:	9:00am	<i>Becoming in Gruver Room</i>
Sun, Jun 30:	9:00am 10:15am	<b>Worship Service w/ the Piano</b> <b>Fellowship in Gruver Room</b>



3RD ANNUAL TRINITY  
**CAMP-IN**  
JULY 25-27, 2023

**CONTACT**

**DENISEGRELLER@YAHOO.COM**

She will hold *dry* camping spots  
(porta potty available)  
but needs to know by Sun the 21st:

- Are you a tent or a trailer?
- How many people are you?
- How many well-behaved dogs?

**CAMPING OR NOT, POTLUCK 7PM FRIDAY!  
BRING FOLDING CHAIRS & A DISH TO SHARE**



Get your  
140th Anniversary  
T-Shirt to wear to  
our next event:  
August 11th  
Worship and  
Picnic in the Park!

ONLY  
\$10

Sizes are selling out, so see  
Lisa in the Office or Lindsay Conyers.



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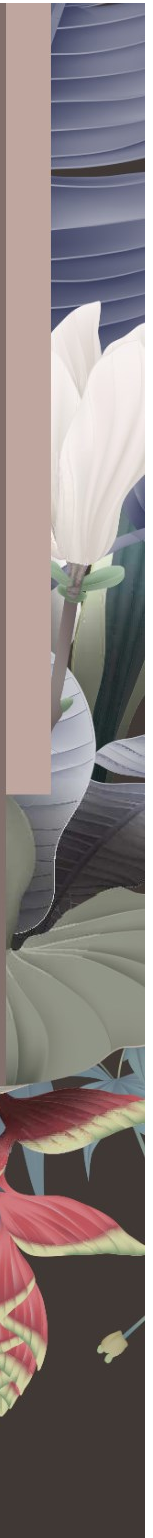
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KRISTIN LARGEN, 1ST INTERN

**ALICE HARDIE CENTER**

BRATS & BYOB

FIVE AND UNDER FREE, \$15 SIX-EIGHTEEN, \$20 ADULTS  
SEE LISA IN THE OFFICE OR KRIS OOLMAN FOR TICKETS!



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**2024 Year-To-Date as of May 31**

**Income** - \$92,083.96  
**Expenses** - \$86,545.69



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