

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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Third Sunday After Pentecost  
June 10/13, 2021

Serving Us Today:  
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(To Our Guests: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymn and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. Please note that there is a cup of white grape juice in each tray which contains a drop of wine for those who prefer grape juice. Thank you!)

**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.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPS...** Please know we have two children's worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the church.

## **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **WELCOME**

### **Confession and Absolution**

## **584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing**

- 1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,  
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,  
Seed to life eternal sowing,  
Scattered on the wind abroad.  
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,  
Like a barren field be found,  
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,  
Shallow earth or stony ground.
  
- 2 May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing  
Bring to life the hidden grain,  
Daily in our hearts increasing,  
Bearing fruit that shall remain.  
So in Scripture, song, and story,  
Savior, may Your voice be heard.  
Till our eyes behold Your glory  
Give us ears to hear Your Word.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### **Service of the Word**

**Introit** *Ps. 92:12–15; antiphon: Ps. 92:1*

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

**The righteous flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

They are planted in the house of the LORD;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.

**They still bear fruit in old age;  
they are ever full of sap and green,**

to declare that the LORD is upright;  
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.**

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

**Kyrie** *LSB 152*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** "This Is the Feast" *LSB 155*

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P 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. Amen

**C Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Ezekiel 17:22–24 (The Lord promises to plant a sprig and make it grow.)*

<sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** *Psalm 1 (antiphon: v. 6) (Congregation speaks bold verses)*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,

and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

**<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**Epistle** *2 Corinthians 5:1–10 (We walk by faith and not by sight.)*

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. 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 are of good courage, 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 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**

**All Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** *Mark 4:26–34 (The Kingdom of God is like a seed.)*

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

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

<sup>26</sup>And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the

seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>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."

<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 without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Children's Message

### 654 Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

1 Your kingdom, O God, is my glorious treasure,  
My pearl of incomparable worth.  
Its value exceeds every standard of measure,  
Surpassing the wealth of the earth.  
Lord, give me Your grace and the power of the Spirit  
To value this treasure aright  
That, never allured by the world, I inherit  
Your kingdom of glory and light.

2 Your kingdom, O God, is alive with the power  
Your Word and Your Spirit bestow.  
Like yeast, they affect the whole measure of flour,  
Enabling Your kingdom to grow.  
Empower me, Lord, as I live Your commission,  
Though humble my service may be,  
And bring every planting to perfect fruition,  
A mustard seed grown to a tree.

3 Your kingdom, O God, is a field for the growing  
Of seeds that Your mercy has sown;  
But still in our midst is the enemy sowing  
The weeds that imperil Your own.  
Sustain me, O Lord, till Your day of returning  
And harvest me homeward at last,  
To shine in the homeland that quiets all yearning,  
Where sorrow and danger are past.

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**Sermon** "The Kingdom and the Mustard Seed" (Mark 4:30-32)

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C 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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P:** 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; and when hearts are tempted to anxiety and fear, grant that we know the fullness of Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** 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, and church workers who serve us in Your name that their ministry to us bear good fruit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** 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. Bring the nations to peace, and equip us to be good and responsible citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**



P: 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.**

P: Help us to be good stewards of Your creation, to share what You have supplied with those in need, and to support the work of Your Church in her mission here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P: hear our prayer.**

P: 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.**

## Offering

### Offertory *LSB 159*

**C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface *LSB 160*

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day

overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**Sanctus** *LSB 161*

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 162*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 163*

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.**

**Agnus Dei** *LSB 163*

- C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Distribution Hymns**

## 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

- 1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast  
Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend  
And righteous fruits abound.
- 2 Let not the sly satanic foe  
This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart  
To bring forth fruits of love.
- 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares  
The rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundredfold  
The fruits of peace and joy.
- 4 So when the precious seed is sown,  
Life-giving grace bestow  
That all whose souls the truth receive  
Its saving pow'r may know.

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## 894 For the Fruits of His Creation

- 1 For the fruits of His creation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For His gifts to ev'ry nation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
Thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us,  
Thanks be to God.

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**Post-Communion Canticle** "Thank the Lord" *LSB 164*

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C Amen.**

**Benediction** *LSB 166*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.  
**C Amen.**

## 921 On What Has Now Been Sown

1        On what has now been sown  
          Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is Thine alone  
          To make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,  
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

2        To Thee our wants are known,  
          From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is Thine own  
          And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,  
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3        O grant that each of us,  
          Now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus  
          When Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.  
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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**Attendance Last Week: 136**

**General giving last week: \$14,981.25**

**Budget giving needed: \$ 7,500.00**

## Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

15 Tuesday    Council Meeting

6:00 pm

17 Thursday Worship Service/HC 6:30 pm

20 Sunday Worship Service/HC 9:00 am

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**A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RAY FAY** will be held on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. There is no formal visitation scheduled. Those wanting to attend should gather at the church ahead of the 11 am service time.

**THE LWML WILL BE TAKING A DOOR COLLECTION ON SUNDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>**. The money collected will be used to purchase gift cards for the Concordia Seminary Food Banks in Fort Wayne and St. Louis. We are doing this in conjunction with the LWML National Convention in-gathering. Bonnie Sperberg will be attending the National Convention June 24-27 and she will take the gift cards we purchase. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

**BONNIE SPERBERG WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE MISSION WALK AT THE LWML CONVENTION** in Lexington, Kentucky June 24-27. She is accepting pledges for the Mission Walk. The funds raised will go toward the 2021-2023 Mite Grants. There is a sign up sheet on the LWML board in the card room with an envelope in the top drawer of the file cabinet for the pledges. Please make out checks to LWML with Mission Walk written in the memo line. Thank you for your consideration.

**A RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR MRS. SCHRAM** will be held on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a door collection for her and a cake and juice reception following the 9:00 am worship service.

**THE CHOIR WILL BE SINGING** for the worship service in the park on July 25. We welcome **ALL** singers for this special occasion. There will be practices on Sundays June 27, July 11 & 18 after the 9am worship service. If you can't make it for all practices that is OK. Questions? Please call Cindy Schuett at 920-203-6763.

**FYI – SCHOOL OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:** Someone will be in the school office during the summer from 8am to 1pm Monday through Thursday.

**FLOWER REMINDER:** If you would like to donate or have flowers on the altar at any time for special occasions such as birthday, anniversary, in honor of or memory of for example, feel free to **sign up on the Flower Chart in the card room**. Flowers can be delivered by the local florist or brought in by you and put in the Altar Guild refrigerator. The flowers will be placed on the alter for the worship services."

**LWML CARDS ARE RE-USABLE!** If you receive one of the hand-made cards from the LWML, the designer wishes you to know that they can be re-used if you so desire. The sticker on the front of the envelope is removable and the card's inner liner with the message can be removed, leaving you with a card that you can pass along to someone else to brighten their day if you wish.

## SERMON OUTLINE

June 10/13, 2021

Theme: "The Kingdom of the Mustard Seed"

(Acts 2:32-33)

### **I. The Seemingly Insignificant Mustard Seed**

- A. A mustard seed is so small it's hard to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- B. The Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ can seem small too.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ is that Kingdom.
- D. He looked especially insignificant when He \_\_\_\_\_ on a cross dying.
- E. But the mustard seed grew into a mighty \_\_\_\_\_.

### **II. The Kingdom of Gog is Among Us**

- A. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ today among us.
- B. However, the kingdom might seem insignificant today even among \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. But in \_\_\_\_\_ we see things as they are.
- D. We know and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Good News of Jesus.
- E. We live by faith in the \_\_\_\_\_ of this kingdom of grace.
- F. Our lives now have extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ significance.
- G. It's our \_\_\_\_\_ to tell others about this mustard seed!