

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Pentecost Tide
June 15-16, 2024
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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.** (*sit*)

Old Testament *The Cedar Tree* Ezekiel 17:22–24

²²Thus 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. ²³On 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. ²⁴And 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.**

Gradual Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b



Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.

On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare your | greatness.

Epistle *Our Heavenly Dwelling* 2 Corinthians 5:1–10

¹We 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. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For 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. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For 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.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day (*stand*) 2 Peter 3:18a

C **Alleluia, alleluia!**

A Grow in the grace and | knowledge* of our Lord and Savior | Jesus Christ.

C **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Holy Gospel *Parables About Seeds*

Mark 4:26-34

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

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

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

³⁰And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet 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."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He 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.** (*sit*)

Hymn of the Day "Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing"

LSB 584

Sermon "All The Small Things Add Up"

Mark 4:26-34

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Prayer of the Church

congregation responds "Hear our prayer"

Offering (*sit*)

Offertory (*stand*)

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Post-Communion Canticle (*stand*) "Nunc Dimittis"

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