

Morning Prayer
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 16, 2024 at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
John Werren, Officiant



WE SEEK TO UNITE ALL PEOPLE WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE.

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

PRELUDE: Sarabande Handel
Leslie Redmon, piano, with organ

PROCESSIONAL: Hymn 383: Fairest Lord Jesus St. Elizabeth

OPENING SENTENCES:

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

CONFession OF SIN:

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God,
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER:

All Stand

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

All: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia**

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

All: **Come let us adore him.**

Venite: S-35 (sung by all)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

All: **Come let us adore him.**

THE PSALM Psalm 92:1-4,11-14

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.

- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.
Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

THE LESSONS

A reading from 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

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.

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.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

Canticle 13: A Song of PraiseBCP, p 90

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

A reading from 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

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

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 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. 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. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Canticle : The Song of SimeonBCP, p 92

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory 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 reading from Mark 4:26-34

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

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

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

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 589: Almighty God, Your Word is Cast Walden

HOMILY Anne Coen

THE APOSTLES CREED BCP, p 358

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrage

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. **And grant us your salvation.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect for the Day:

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Peace Among the Nations

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Support All the Day Long

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

For the Departed

Remembering Arlene Merickel, let us pray in silence for all those we love but see no longer.

Heavenly Father, grant us grace to entrust them to your never-failing love; receive them into the arms of your mercy, and remember them according to the favor which you bear unto your people. *Amen.*

PARISH NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS.....BCP, p. 830

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIESBCP, p

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, we thank you for those among us whose lives together are a sign of Christ's love to the world, and we thank you especially this day for those who are celebrating their anniversaries. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. In Christ's name we pray. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

OFFERTORY DUET: Rondeau in D Minor Henry Purcell

Leslie Redmon, piano, with organ

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING: The Doxology

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and lovingkindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSTOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL: HYMN 421 All Glory Be to God on High.....Allein Gott

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Altar Flowers Today

In Memory of Arlene Merickel – Bruce and Judy Hixon

In celebration of Kirk and Beth Bletzacker's Anniversary – Derek and Emily Gordon

BOB'S MUSIC NOTES

"Fairest Lord Jesus" was compiled from various German sources by one Seiss, a Lutheran pastor with some 100 published works including a study of pyramids. The music comes from Silesia in Central Europe, mostly Poland. In 1919 F. Melius Christiansen arranged it as "Beautiful Savior" which is still the signature song for the St. Olaf Choir.

"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" was the work of Cawood, English clergyman. The modern tune is by the late Jane Manton Marshall of Dallas with some 200 publications of church music. She was highly influential in association with SMU. Her 1957 anthem "Awake, My Heart" won an AGO prize (and is a favorite of mine) along with "My Eternal King," among Carl Fischer publisher's best-selling number. The word painting here is remarkable. If you look at the notes, scattered all over the staff, it's just like what the words say - the scattering of God's Word.

"All Glory Be" is by Decius who, although a monk, admired Luther. It is a setting of the angels' song at Christ's birth. The tune was a favorite of Bach.

Today marks the piano debut of our Senior Warden who has been studying online with the former piano professor at Malone, Sandra Morehead Carnes (who spearheaded the eight Extravaganzas at the Palace over several years featuring eight Steinways and 24 players). Sandra moved to Nevada for health reasons. Leslie not only heads the Vestry, and writes articles for our newsletters, but is a valued soprano in the choir and a former staff member of Smucker's in Orrville.



*Please join us in the Family Room
for coffee after the service.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY!

Serving Lunch at Hope Outreach Center

Wednesday, June 19

Evening Prayer, 4 pm - on Zoom

Tuesday, June 17

Yoga w/ Beth, 6:45-8:15 pm

Undercroft (\$10 cost)



Episcopal Church Women

Join Us for Fellowship, Worship, and a delightful Lunch!

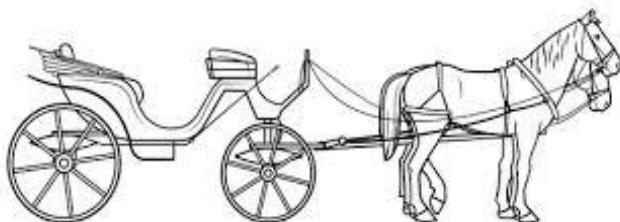
Tuesday, June 25

10:00 a.m. Meet and Greet

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Father R.J.

12:00 noon Luncheon

All women of the church welcome and encouraged to come!



Church Picnic

July 14

following the Sermon on the Mount

Carriage rides!

16 time slots available. § Rides will last ten minutes.

Two persons per carriage ride (small children may ride on a parent's lap).

Sign-up sheet in the lobby.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Judy Hixon
- 3 Carol Popovich
- Ezekiel (Zeke) Gordon
- 6 Paul Sack
- 7 Jamie Heizman
- 9 Jeff Turner
- Tim Turner
- 17 Evan Jenkins
- 23 Kieran Argenti
- 24 Bruce Schutrum



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Ronald and Joyce Rupp
- 17 Charlie and MaryAnn Kiesling
- 20 Beth and Kirk Bletzacker
- Paul and Gail Wetherell Sack

Servers this Sunday, June 16:

- Lectors: Diana Cornell – 8 am
Tom Turner, Colin Jenkins – 10 am
- Acolytes: Karen Violand
- Ushers: Geoff Gordon, Rick Werren
- Altar Guild: Beth Crowl, Pat Silagy-Wesson

Servers next Sunday, June 23:

- Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Sack – 8 am
Bruce Schutrum, Pam McCarthy – 10 am
- Lector: Doug Carey -- 8 am
- Acolytes: Colin Jenkins
- Ushers: John Willoughby, Kent Clark
- Altar Guild: Beth Crowl, Pat Silagy-Wesson

PRAYER CONCERNS

Have compassion for:

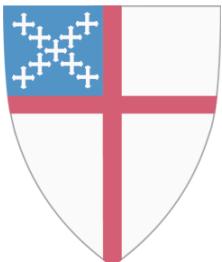
Ten Gall, Vonda Temelkoff, Henry Aegerter, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, and Ron Brookes and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Family and Friends:

Johnny Willoughby & Allison (grandson and friend of the Wiloughbys) • **Jane McBride** (mother of Beth Crowl) • **Kathy Kennedy** (former parishioner) • **Family of John Fortney** (brother of Cindy Brown) • **Bletzacker/Stutz families** (death of Beth's brother, Jeff) • **Joel Harris** (friend of Derek & Emily Gordon) • **Doug** (friend of Marcia Tirpak) • **Joanne C.** (Florida friend of the Kieslings) • **Tom** (brother-in-law of AnJane McConville) • **Rick Schlegel & Jody Shumway** (Co-worker friend of the Rand's daughter) • **Dr. Mallamaci** (acquaintance of Bobbi Zollinger) • **Jolonda Mull, Kirk Schuring, Pam Lagodich, & Bill Allen** (sister-in-law & friends of the Mulls) • **Earl Hoot** (father of Joe Hoot) • **Ashley Stockman** (friend of Katie & Ryan Kuceyeski) • **Scott Jones & Tim Swihart** (friend of the Gordons) • **Larry Aclaska & Judy Heisser-Turner** (acquaintance & sister of Bert Heisser) • **Lee, Theresa, and Chuck Boone** (friends & cousin of the Hixons) • **Mark Osterhage** (friends of the Watters) • **Elaine Campbell** (friend of the Turners) • **Sammy Coates** (friend of Leslie Redmon) • **Melanie & Trish** (friends of Paulette Frech) • **Pat Walter & family** (friend of Barb Whitehouse) • **Alycia Geis** (Karen Violand's friend's daughter) • **Don & Janet Sheatzley-Morgan** (husband & sister of Barb Siegfried) • **DaNay Jackson** (friend of Ron Brookes) • **Allison Cornell-Hood & Anne Higgins** (daughter & friend of Diane Cornell) • **Finnigan Savage** (friend of Pam McCarthy) • **Jimmy Little** (son of Sue Little) • **Yanette Pysher** (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin) • **Tony Donahue** (friend of the Boyds) • **Marc Hostetler** (brother of Susan Hostetler) • **David** (acquaintance of the Nadeles) • **Those in the Armed Forces**

Prayer Chain

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at ggordon24@sbcglobal.net Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Please update Bobbi on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.



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