

# CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 4

June 17, 2018

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## A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, bless all the fathers in the world. Help them to be a father like you are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them with a spirit of respect and love. Amen.

## Our Worship

### OPENING

P: O Lord, teach us your ways,

**C: That we may walk in your truth.**

P: You comfort and help us day by day.

**C: We trust your loving care.**

P: You are the King of heaven and earth.

**C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!**

### PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, you invite us to pray and promise that where two or three come together in your name, there you are with us. Answer our prayers, and fulfill our desires according to your wisdom and love. Strengthen us in the knowledge of your truth, and grant us life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN – *“I Love Your Kingdom Lord”*

CW 533

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**ALL:** We thank you, Lord God the Father, that you have given us your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have born in your sacred body all our sins, and by your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, that you have created in our hearts true faith, and that we trust nothing else for our salvation, except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

P: O God, grant us your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven through the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may put off sin and never forsake our Lord Jesus Christ, until we see him face to face in life eternal.

**ALL:** We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

## SONG OF PRAISE – *"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"*

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In a be - liev - er's ear!  
Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hid - ing place,  
O Je - sus, Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, My Proph - et, Priest, and King,

It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, And drives a - way all fear.  
My ne - ver - fail - ing trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

# God's Word in Our Lives

## From an earthly home to a heavenly kingdom

### **2 Corinthians 5:1-10 – What a wonderful world**

<sup>1</sup>Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. <sup>2</sup>Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. <sup>6</sup>Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup>We live by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy.  
Alleluia.

### **Mark 4:26-34 – The growing of God's kingdom**

<sup>26</sup>He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>All by itself the soil produces grain--first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup>As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup>Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. <sup>32</sup>Yet when

planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade." <sup>33</sup>With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup>He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: In a world that has difficulty believing in the one true God, but is so ready to believe that our universe happened by some unknown accident, what do you believe?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: In a society that so quickly rejects what God did through his Son, what do you believe?

**C: I believe 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.**

P: While many put their trust in things or people that they make into their gods, what do you believe that Jesus did that proves he has conquered death and is true God just as he said?

**C: He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Those who refuse to trust the Lord are without hope. What do you believe that gives you hope?

**C: 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.**

SERMON HYMN – *“Bless Our Loved Ones, Holy Father”*

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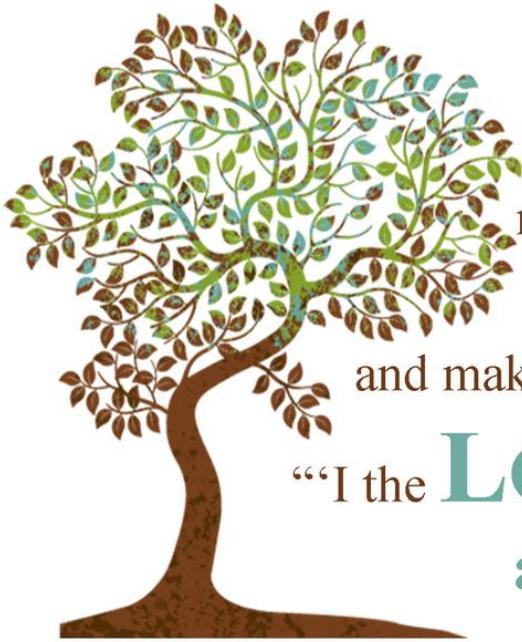
## SERMON: Living in God's Kingdom

Ezekiel 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup>“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. ”I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.”

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**Ezekiel 17:24**

#### **OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

**LORD'S PRAYER:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

#### **WORDS FROM THE UPPER ROOM**

## COME SHARE THE LORD

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He joins us here; He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is ris - en  
We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing; We'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and

from the dead. The one we love the most Is now our gra - cious host:  
com - ing King. Now we an - tic - i - pate The feast for which we wait:

Come, take the bread, come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

## RECEPTION AND MEDITATION

### THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth.

**C: We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.**

P: By his incarnation,

**C: He became one with us.**

P: By his perfect life,

**C: He fulfilled your holy will.**

P: By his innocent death,

**C: He overcame hell.**

P: By his rising from the grave,

**C: He opened heaven.**

**ALL: Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. Amen.**

### BLESSING

P: May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us: his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN – “Our Father by Whose Name”

CW 501

# Weekly Calendar June 17

Today	9a Worship with Communion 10a Bible Class & Fellowship
Monday	<i>Calendar &amp; Newsletter Deadline</i>
Thursday	8a Breakfast Bible Study 6p Adult Discipleship 7p Worship 7:45p Bible Study
Sunday	9a Worship 10a Bible Class & Fellowship



**"But blessed is the man who trusts in the  
LORD, whose confidence is in him."  
Jeremiah 17:7**

## Our Purpose

Christ Our Redeemer was organized in 1965 so that with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it might strengthen the faith of its members and reach out into the community and the world.

To carry out this purpose we believe and teach:

That the Bible is the Word of God and the only foundation for Christian faith and life;

That God revealed in the Bible as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is the true and living God;

That all people have sinned against his holy will, fall short of his glory, and therefore deserve to be condemned eternally;

That Jesus Christ came into the world to deliver all people from the guilt and power of sin and that he lived and died as the perfect and only substitute;

That through faith created by the Holy Spirit, the benefits of Christ's works are received personally;

That on the last day Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead and will take all those who trust in him to eternal life.

We join in that confession with over 1200 congregations of the  
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