

## Pentecost 4– June 16, 2024

**Prelude** Faith of Our Fathers, arr. by James Mansfield c. 1989 by Lorenz Publishing Co. in the June 1989 issue of "The Organ Portfolio"

### Announcements

#### Confession and Absolution

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**L** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**L** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**L** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**All:** **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

**L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

#### Children's Sermon

**Opening Hymn** (see next page)

#### Apostolic Greeting

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

**C** **And also with you.**

#### Gloria

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**L** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**All:** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father . Amen.**

# This Is My Father's World



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-cr'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-ting 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!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.



## Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L Let us pray. O God, you are the tree of life offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C 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. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

## Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 *chanted responsively*

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

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love<sup>1</sup> in the morning  
and your faithful-<sup>1</sup>ness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and<sup>1</sup> on the lyre,  
and to the melody<sup>1</sup> of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your<sup>1</sup> acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works<sup>1</sup> of your hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish<sup>1</sup> like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a ce-<sup>1</sup>dar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house<sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts<sup>1</sup> of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit<sup>1</sup> in old age;  
they shall be<sup>1</sup> green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how up-<sup>1</sup>right the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is<sup>1</sup> 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! Holy Wisdom Holy Word

**C Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

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**C Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel according to Mark in the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter. C 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. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** (see next page)

***Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

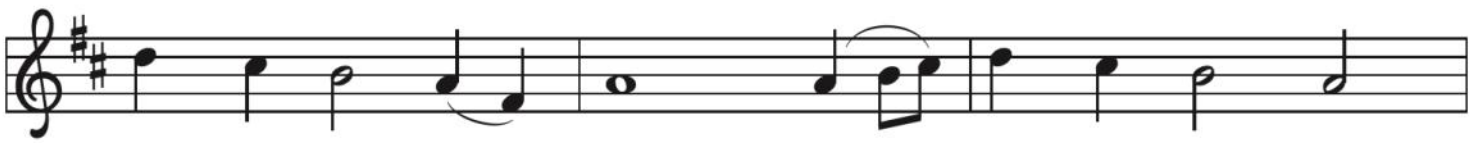
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at 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.**

# The Reign of God Like Farmer's Field



1 The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears  
2 The reign of God is like a pearl on  
3 Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,  
4 Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from  
5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the



weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are  
bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that  
yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it  
ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry  
reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,



in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.  
pre - cious pearl, go out and buy that field.  
ris - es up, like yeast in swell - ing dough.  
feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.  
kin - dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

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*Hymn 752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying Marcia plays brief intro, then we sing once.*

## **Prayers of the Church**

- L Planted by God's own gracious hand, we bear the fruit of prayer for our neighbors' sake.
- AM For a church that produces a bountiful harvest of love, grace, and mercy for the world, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For all nations and those who hold high office, that they may bear a rich harvest of justice and peace, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For the literal harvest of fields and forests, that all may share the rich abundance of God's creation, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For the victims of war, especially the children – those who die, those who lose loved ones, those traumatized by what they have seen - that we may seek to build a world which does not forsake the young, Lord in your mercy,  
**C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For ourselves, that our grateful hearts may overflow in generosity. Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For any needs you now lift In silence or out loud.... Lord in your mercy,  
**C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For all fathers, and those who provide fatherly care, that they may find joy in their caring, and may pass on the highest and most noble values to the younger generations, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- L For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

## **Sharing the Peace**

- P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**  
*Please share a sign of God's peace.*

*The Offering is received and the table is prepared.*

**The Anthem** is sung

*Come Take the Body*

*Words – Latin Hymn 7th Cent. Translated by John M. Neale Music by Robert Lau*

*Come take the body of the Lord, come drink the holy blood for you outpoured. Saved by that body, saved by that blood, we are refreshed and give thanks to God. Salvation's giver, God's only Son, By his dear cross and blood the victory won, and he was offered there for great and least, himself the victim, himself the priest. The judge eternal, to whom we bow, all nations at the last, is with us now. Praise for the Father, praise to the Son, and praise to the Spirit, the three in one, - the Spirit. Come take the body, come take the body, the victory won.*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

*The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer*

**The Great Thanksgiving –**

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**L The Lord be with you.**

**C And also with you.**

**L Lift up your hearts.**

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Proper Preface is spoken or chanted.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Leader continues with the Great Thanksgiving.*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 Agnus Dei**

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**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, grant us peace.**

*All are welcome to the table of the Lord.*

*Communion is distributed.*

**Communion** This is My Father's World, arr. by Christina Shehi c. 2003 by Augsburg Fortress Publishers in "Songs for All Seasons: Hymn Settings for Piano"

### **Post Communion Prayer**

L Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Benediction**

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L The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C Amen.**

L The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

L The God of all grace bless you now and forever. **C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** (see next page)

### **Dismissal**

AM Go now in peace, to love, and serve the Lord and your neighbors.  
C **Thanks be to God**

**Postlude** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*, arr. by Robert W. Thygerson c. 1987 by Lorenz Publishing Co. in "Offertories for Piano"

***Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.***





# Our God

# Song By Chris Tomlin

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like you  
None like you  
Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's No one like you  
None like you

Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is Healer, awesome in power  
Our God, Our God

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# Around the Church

June 17	Concert Series Planning committee meeting  Chris. Ed. Meeting	6:00 pm  6:30 pm
June 19	Men's & Women's Breakfast  Juneteenth starting at Coe Park	8:30 am  11:00 am
June 20	Worship & Music Committee	6:00 pm
June 23	Fellowship Breakfast	8:00 am

*Bible Studies 6pm most Tuesdays Zoom & 10 am most Wednesdays in person*

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays  
Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays



**Offerings Summary:**  
**Needed Weekly \$4,948**  
**Actually Received \$3, 988**  
**Shortfall (\$960)**  
**YTD Shortfall (\$40, 220)**

## Minimalist bulletin

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# IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Francine Ahrens	Marilyn Killingbeck	Judy Schaller
Peggy Ali	Pat King	Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Joyce Almsted	Jason Lashbrook	Teri Seleman
Eli Boda	John Lewis	George Shank
Selma Boscarino	David Little	Sigrid Smitley
Cherie Brown	Rebecca Little	Paul Smith
Mike Butler	Audrey & Ernie Marquard	Deb & Jon Sterling
Sharon Cable	Abigail Marine	Julia Thompson Carroll
Cheryl Corey	Eric Marine	Jackie Quinn Wassik
Leif Dallaire	Michael Marine	Ed
Emily Decker	Richard Marine	Jen O.
Linda Dellano	Janis Martin	Jaiden
Sigrid Devita	Mike Martin	Diane H.
Irene Douglas	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Steve
Judy Elliott	Michael Meyers	Angel Marie
Betty Enbeskotte	Rich Minelli	Lou W.
Mark Enbeskotte	Kate Marrow	Curtis
Jan Eucallito	Brigitte Mueller	Steve
Bruce & Liz Falls	Bill Muhl	Jack W.
Ashley Friday	Dennis Nalette	Todd
Rosemarie Foth	Karen Ness	Robert K.
Joan Gerard	Tom O'Brien	Karen
Ruth Grech	Lea Orriola & family	
Jack & Barbara Heintz	Russell Palmer	
Kathleen Hilton	Maria Payne	
Shannon Hilton	Lois Jean Pitts	
Jake Hoadley	Dr. Barbara Rose Ponse	
Erma Horn	Jack Quinn	
Amy Rose Jensen	Caroline Quintal	
Eunice Jones	Roman Radzins	
Ed Killingbeck	Jonathan Richard	
Lynn Killingbeck	Louise Roche	

## **Our Nursing Home Members**

Dee Gammon  
Midge Rosenbeck  
Calvin Bensch

## Our Military Friends

*Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.*

Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.

Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James Ernst USCG  
SPC Dominic Boscarino  
PVT Noah Braatz  
PVT 2 Christian Braatz

## 2024 Concert Series



## @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Date	Band
July 13	South Road
August 10	Stay Tuned Band
September 14	Brother Other
October 12	Potter's Field
November 9	Maximum Dosage

**Tickets available Mon.—Fri. at the church office, Sunday mornings prior to the service or at the event.**

**\$10 for 13+     \$5 for 6-12     under 6 are free**

All shows begin at 5:30 pm Light refreshments available for purchase or bring a picnic.



St. Paul's Fellowship Committee presents

# Breakfast Buffet

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:15am-9:45am

\$10 – Adults; \$7 youth ages 5-10

In the Fellowship Hall

**Breakfast casseroles, quiche, fruit, meat,  
pancakes, and more**

