



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace of God Lutheran Church
June 16, 2024 ♦ 10:00 am
Outdoor Worship at Walton Park, Oakdale

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

P Gracious God,

All have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

C Amen

SONG Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

GREETING

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

All And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God,

C 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. Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

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

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

SONG **For the Fruit of All Creation**

**1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these 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.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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 into hell. 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**

PRAYERS

(Response to each petition)

- P** Lord, in your mercy
- C** **Hear our prayer.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER -- WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

EATING AND DRINKING

DISMISSAL

SONG

He who began a good work in you
He who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it
He'll be faithful to complete it
He who started the work
Will be faithful to complete it in you



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life,
- C** **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen**

SENDING

BLESSING

- 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 give you peace.
- C** **Amen**
- P** Go in peace. Christ lives in you.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN **Go Now in Peace**

1*

Go now in peace, go now in peace; may the love of God sur - round you

2

ev - 'ry - where, ev - 'ry - where you may go.

HAPPY FATHER' S DAY

Every Dad is a superhero!

All dads and grandpas and great-grandpas get a candy bar today because WE LOVE YOU!

KIDS – LET' S FLY A KITE!

All kids are invited to fly a kite after worship today. We'll gather together after we eat.



LOVED & SENT

Serving Day - Monday, July 29, 2024

SIGN UP TODAY



CULVERS NIGHT

Tuesday, June 25

5-7 pm

DO YOU NEED COMMUNION CUPS for ONLINE WORSHIP?

If you are going on vacation or plan to watch worship at Grace of God online, let one of the Elders know and they can provide you with some pre-packaged bread and wine cups. (gluten-free and alcohol-free available)



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