



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Jackson, Minnesota**  
***“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”***  
**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 16, 2024**

**Welcome** to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

**Communion Policy:** In the Lord’s Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord’s Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.



**Prelude and Ringing of the Bell**

**Hymn**            “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”            **812**

**Confession and Absolution**            **184-185**

**Introit**            **Ps. 92:12-15; antiphon: 92:1**

**P** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
**C** to sing praises to your name, O Most High.  
**P** The righteous flourish like the palm tree  
**C** and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
**P** They are planted in the house of the LORD;  
**C** they flourish in the courts of our God.  
**P** They still bear fruit in old age;  
**C** they are ever full of sap and green,  
**P** to declare that the LORD is upright;  
**C** he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.  
Glory be 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.

**P** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
**C** to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

**Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis**            **186-189**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray. 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** (*sung*) **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

**Ezekiel 17:22–24 ESV**

<sup>22</sup> Thus 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. <sup>23</sup> On 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. <sup>24</sup> And 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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

**Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b**

**P** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

**C** **and his greatness is unsearchable.**

**P** On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

**C** **and I will declare your greatness.**

## Epistle

**2 Corinthians 5:1–10 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For 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. <sup>5</sup> He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup> So we are always of good courage. 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 are of good courage, 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 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.

**[P]** This is the Word of the Lord.      **[C]** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia** **190**

**Holy Gospel** **St. Mark 4:26–34** **ESV**

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

**[C]** *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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

<sup>0</sup> And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup> yet 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.”

<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 without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

**[P]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C]** *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed** **191**

**Hymn** **892**  
“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

**Sermon** **Ezekiel 17:22–24**  
“The Lord Lifts You Up”

**Offertory and Offering** **192–193**

**Prayer of the Church**

*Mary Grantz, Gen Rehnelt, Don Kuehl, Ron Thurmer, Elaine Dvorak, Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard’s son), Craig Hakes, Ruth Polz, Richard Polz, Megan Janzen (Pastor Nathan Janzen’s wife), Teressa Schuetz (Pastor’s niece), Ron Sinn, Brent Baumann (Steve Milbrath’s brother-in-law and Lori Milbrath’s cousin), Carol Kolander, Ken Temple, Karen Temple, Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch. We remember in our prayers Jake Staton, who has been deployed overseas in our nation’s armed forces.*

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,                      **C** **hear our prayer.**

*Final petition:*

**P** Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to Your eternal household; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Service of the Sacrament** **194-202**

**Distribution Hymns** **700, 627**

**Closing Hymn** **805**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Postlude**



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