

Tree of Life



Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost

Traditional Worship
8:30 and 10:00 am
June 17, 2018



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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear---we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

about today's service

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

Prelude: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

James Nelson, alto sax

arr. Adrian Mann

Welcome

[Stand]

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal God our creator,

C: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.

(10:00) Turn to face the cross as it enters our midst.

Gathering Hymn No. 679: For the Fruit of All Creation

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Greeting

P: 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.

Hymn of Praise



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will break forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: 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.**

[Sit]

✝ Word ✝

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus 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. ²³On 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.

²⁴All 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."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms for the Day

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15

The assisting minister will sing the refrain then the congregation will sing it.

The right - teous shall spread a -
broad like a ce - dar of Leb - a - non.



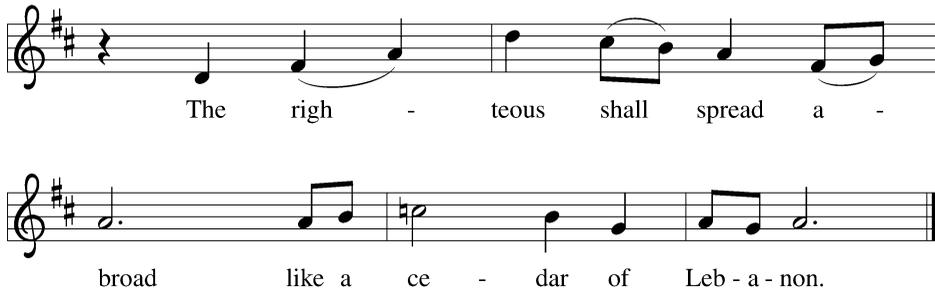
A: It is a good thing to give thanks | to the Lord, * to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;

C: to herald your love | in the morning * and your faithful- | ness at night;

A: on the psaltery, and | on the lyre, * and to the melody | of the harp.

C: For you have made me glad by your | acts, O Lord; * and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.

Refrain:



A: The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree, * and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.

C: Those who are planted in the house | of the Lord * shall flourish in the courts | of our God;

A: they shall still bear fruit | in old age; * they shall be | green and succulent;

C: that they may show how up- | right the Lord is, * my rock, in whom there is | no injustice.

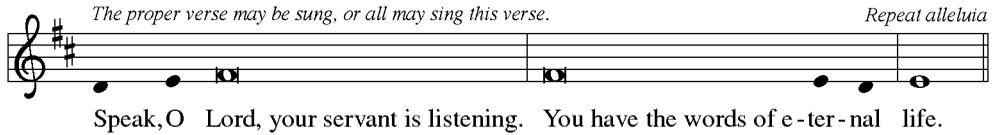
Refrain:

Children's Message

Amy Koch

[Stand]

Alleluia



P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and 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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Sit]

Sermon: "Tree of Life"

Pastor John H. Brock

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day No. 516: Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

ST. FLAVIAN

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Prayer Response (sung by all)

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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✝ Meal ✝

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

[Sit]

Offering

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Worship Witness: *(Please sign booklet and return to center aisle.)*

(8:30) Solo: "Laudate Dominum"

Wolfgang A. Mozart

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes,
laudate eum omnes populi!

*Praise the Lord, all you nations,
Extol Him, all you peoples!*

Quoniam confirmata est supernos
misericordia eius,

*Because His mercy
is confirmed upon us,*

veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

and His truth remains forever.

Gloria Patri et Filio

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

et Spiritui Sancto:

and to the Holy Spirit:

sicut erat in principio

As it was in the beginning,

et nunc et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. *is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Elizabeth Colpo, soloist

(10:00) Anthem: "The Power of the Cross"

Getty/Townend/arr. Mark Hayes

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the victory cry.

This, the power of the cross: Christ was slain for us.

O to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your Suffering I am free.

Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.

What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Summer Choir; Georgia Clements, piano

[Stand]

Offertory



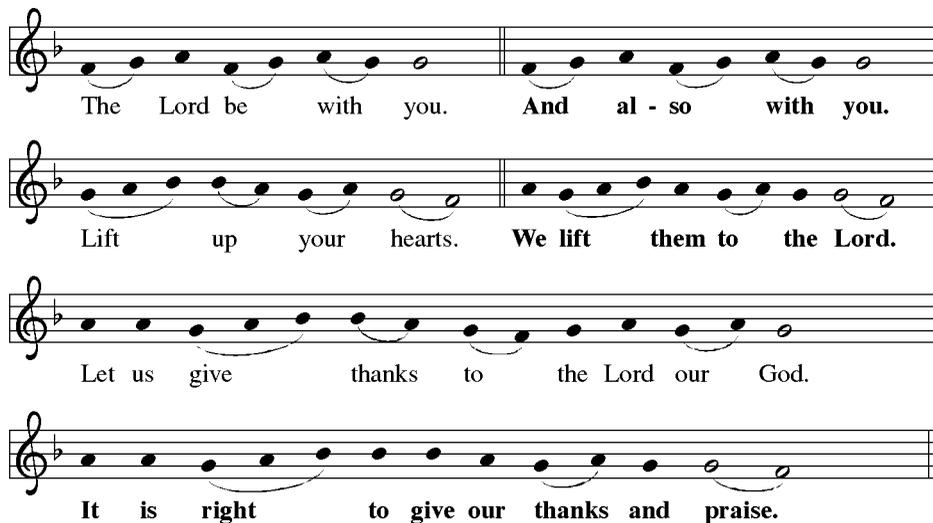
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

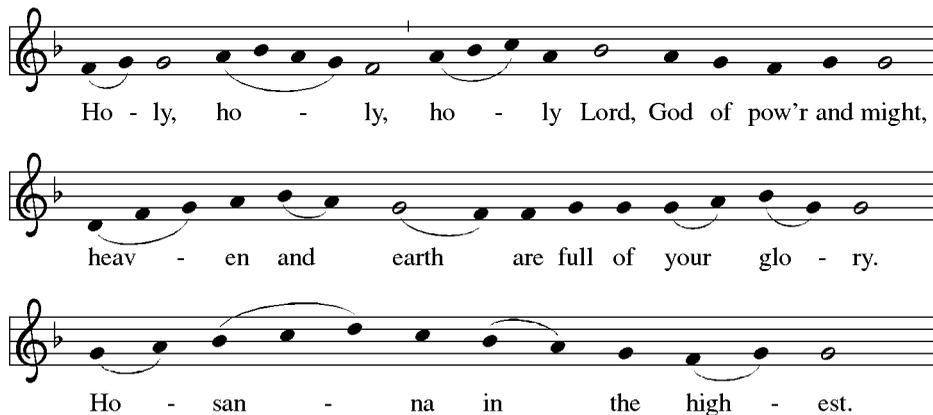


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

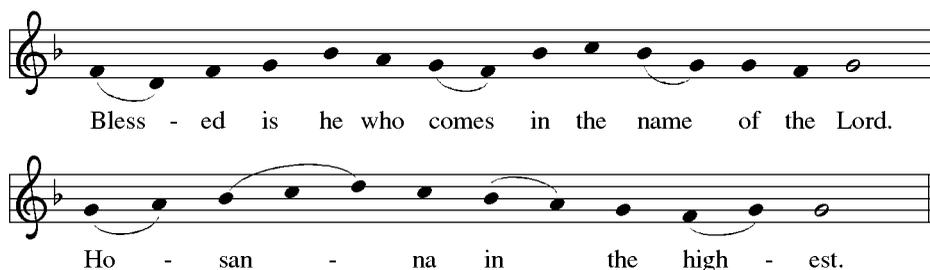
Proper Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.



P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The 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.

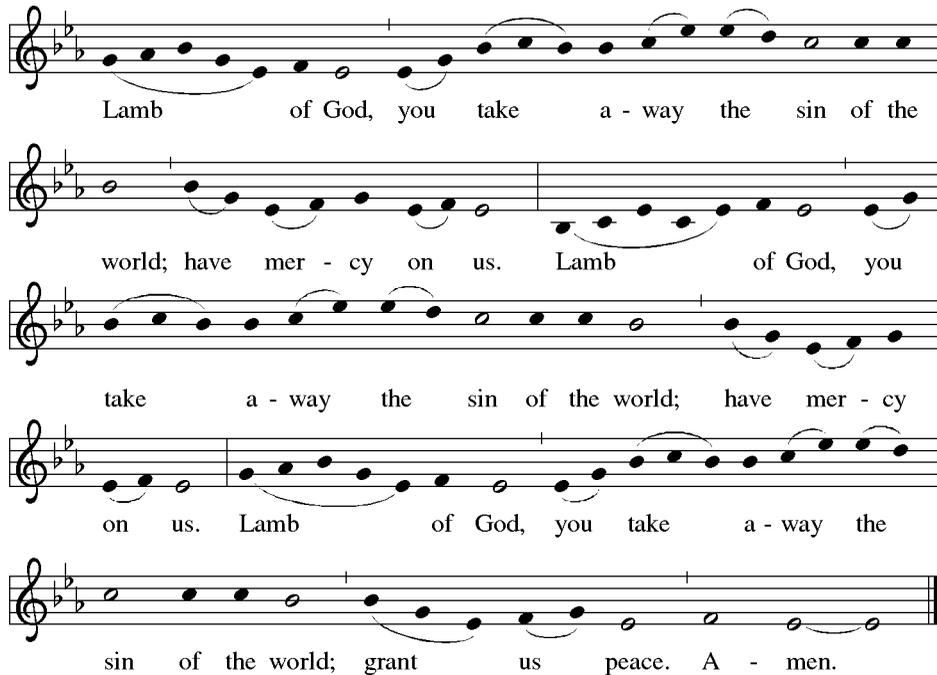
Invitation to Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Sit]

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

Distribution of Holy Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table to celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament. Communion is by intinction. You will receive a wafer. Dip it in the chalice of wine before consuming. You may then return to your seat or come to the altar rail for prayer. Children and adults who aren't communing may come forward to receive a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality, we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers, available upon request – please ask at the time of communion.

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and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Elizabeth Colpo, soloist

Hymn No. 330: Seed That in Earth Is Dying

[Stand]

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

Blessing

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn No. 812: Faith of Our Fathers

ST. CATHERINE

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Toccata (*Gothic Suite*)

Leon Boellmann

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Preacher: The Rev. John H. Brock

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Steve Kauffman; (10:00) Christine Ream

Lector: (8:30) Holly Frymoyer; (10:00) Karen Peiffer

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Bob and Holly Frymoyer, Michele Addams; (10:00) Anne Greenlund, Virginia Hine Ely, Nancy Martin, Roland Freund

Acolyte: (8:30) Jackson Seivard

Crucifer: (10:00) Tyler Koch

Book Bearer: (10:00) Ali Koch

Soundboard: (8:30) Jeff Weaver; (10:00) Jay Killian

Greeters: (8:30) Jay Killian (head greeter), Dan and Peggy Drawbaugh, Tom and Cheryl Duffalo; (10:00) Steve Kauffman (head greeter), Parker, Barbara, and David Martin; Randy and Nancy Moore

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worship notes

Attendance at our worship services last week was 566. Copies of last week's sermons are available on the tables in Fellowship Hall, in the narthex, the tract rack in the Gathering Space, and on our website (www.trinitycamphill.org).

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of our father and grandfather, John Long, by his family; in memory of loved ones, Bill and David Over, by Vonnie Over Sadler; Edward A. Miller, Sr., Edward A. Miller, Jr., and William Van Axen Miller, by his daughter and their sister; our parents by John and Loma Slike; Vincent Morgan by his wife Grace, and daughters Lois, Barbara, and Suzanne; Lydia V. Foose by her children.

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.