

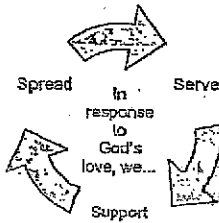
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In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,  
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and SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship - 9 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion +

**AS WE GATHER** - "Now the green blade rises from the buried grain" is the first line of a well-known Easter carol. The wonder of God's handiwork can be seen in the smallest things of God's great creation. Even in a grain of mustard seed there is the promise of new life and fruitfulness. God provides for all of our needs out of love for His creatures. And He rejoices in the growth that occurs. As the "rolling seasons in fruitful order move" (LSB 893:1), we celebrate that in Christ we have a central role in God's amazing plan as we grow in love.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** "Children of the Heavenly Father" by Robert J. Hughes

**WELCOME**

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯**OPENING HYMN**

**Father Welcomes**

*Refrain*

Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly  
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,  
Life for - ev - er has been won.

- 1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
- 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
- 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

(continued)

is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
 be as-sured: Those who are bap-tized and be-lieve,  
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

*Refrain*  
 Mer - cy for your sin.  
 Shall be born a gain.  
 Live in the peace of God.

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## INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{+}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**C** who made heaven and earth.

- P** *I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

- P** *O Almighty God, merciful Father,*

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.


- P** *Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{+}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** Amen.

## GLORIA PATRI

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## KYRIE



**♩** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**♩**: **♩** Glory be to God on high: **♩** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** *The Lord be with you.*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** *Let us pray.*

**All:** 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. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Ezekiel 17:22–24*

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE LESSON

*2 Corinthians 5:1–10*

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 4:26–34*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like  
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This  
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The  
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of  
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in  
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a  
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.  
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.  
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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### SERMON *"GOOD NEWS FOR FRUSTRATED GARDENERS"* Mark 4:26-34

- I. So often, we want the Church, God's Kingdom, to appear mighty and powerful.
- II. But while often appearing weak and small, God's Kingdom is much greater than meets the eye.

### ♩ NICENE CREED

☐ I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### ♩ OFFERING / SOLO SELECTION

*"Your Name"*

### ♩ OFFERTORY

*Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God*



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs. For the whole Church throughout the world, that as people united in faith and active in love we witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For all nations of the earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there be times of peace and reconciliation, and for our own nation that it be an ensign of hope, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For our families as on this day we honor our fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers, that they be supportive of and caring toward each person, seeing Christ in them, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For the varied situations of daily life in which we are placed, especially in our workplaces and neighborhoods, that we be peace-bringers in all of our actions and words, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For the special needs of this day, remembering those who are ill and those who mourn and for all those matters on our hearts this day, [including . . .], let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For all those saints who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and have left us a legacy of love, let us thank the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*      **C** **Amen.**

## PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you.*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

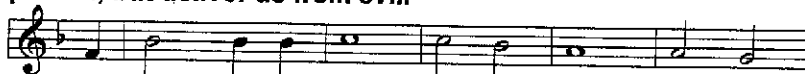
## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

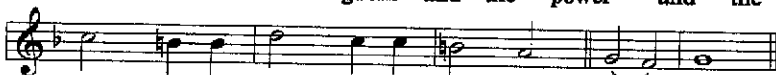
**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- 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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



gio - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

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

**P** *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

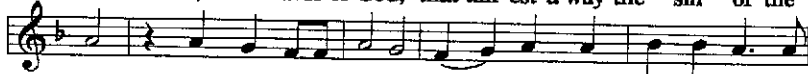
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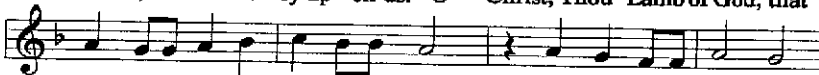
*Lamb of God*



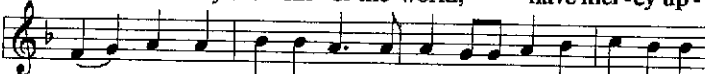
**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



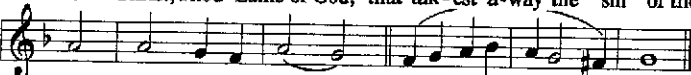
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.



**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**O Living Bread from Heaven**



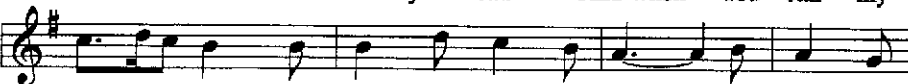
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You  
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



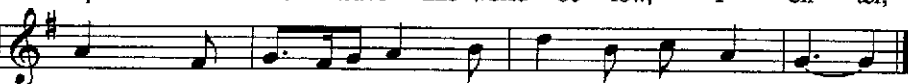
feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en  
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me  
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed  
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of  
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly  
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not  
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this  
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of  
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my  
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.  
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.  
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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**For the Fathers You Provided**

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

*Lofsånger och andeliga visor, Sweden, 1873*

Lisa M. Clark



1 For the fa - thers You pro - vid - ed, Whom Your  
 2 When our earth - ly fa - thers stum - ble And our  
 3 When our sin - ful hearts are sway - ing— Way - ward

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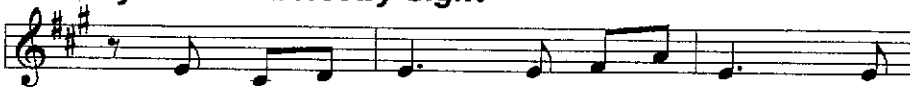
wis - dom clear - ly guid - ed, We give thanks for faith - ful  
child - hood fam - 'lies crum - ble, You are faith - ful in Your  
chil - dren dis - o - bey - ing— In Your love, re - prove us



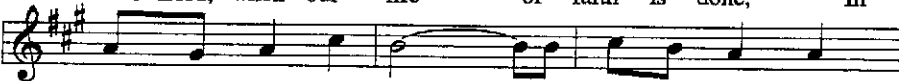
teach - ing; Love through - out our lives still reach - ing.  
heal - ing, Your un - end - ing love re - veal - ing.  
sure - ly That we rest in You se - cure - ly.

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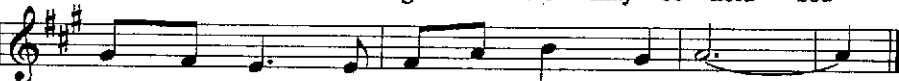
### ***We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight***



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No  
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are  
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as  
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
found in means di - vine; Be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You

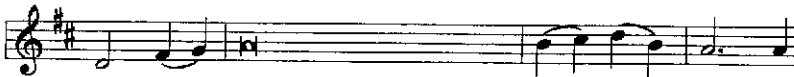


none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.  
we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"  
You are near And seek where You are found.  
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.  
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

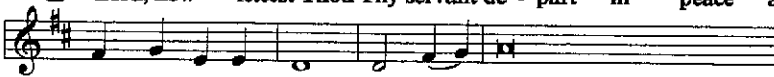
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### **¶ NUNC DIMITTIS**

### ***Song of Simeon***



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



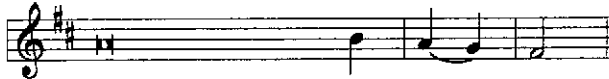
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

## SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

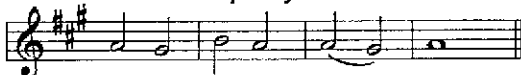
**P** Bless we the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

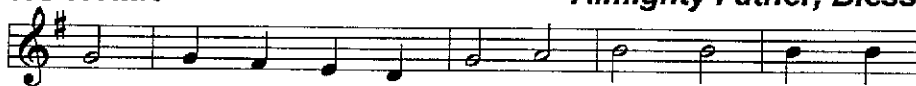
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace. Numbers 6:24-26



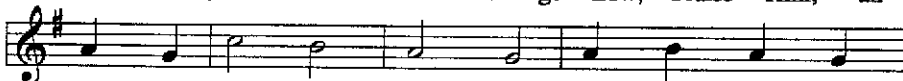
**G** A - men, a - men, a - men.

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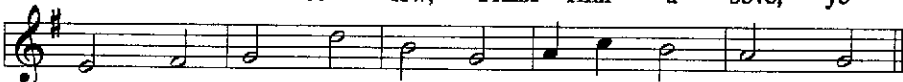
## Almighty Father, Bless the Word



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthdays: Ashley Ahlborn & Eleanor Von Bargaen]

## POSTLUDE

*"Thy Strong Word"*

by Lani Smith

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## THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE

KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM

June 24: *"Jesus, Don't You Care?"*; Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus, Emeritus Speaker

After seeing one of the Savior's miracles the disciples asked, "Who is this Guy?" After Pentecost, they knew Who Jesus was and why He had come. Even so, the world keeps coming up with wrong answers when they ask, "Just Who is this Guy?" (Mark 4:38-41)

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