

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

Today's readings draw our attention to the sacred mysteries of the dominion of God, its growth, its flourishing, its fruit, its harvest for the sake of the world. If you are unable to participate in our worship outdoors at the church, join the congregation with your own worship at home **at 10am on Sunday** or otherwise engage our home worship resources in ways appropriate to your circumstances.



**The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021
Our Common Prayer at Home**

You may choose to participate in this home prayer simply by using this text, or by adding into it the printed text of Pastor Linman's sermon, or by adding one or more of the clip-based worship videos, or by engaging in the entire worship video. Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You may wish to light a candle near where you pray. One person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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. **Amen.**

Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from Ezekiel.

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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

This Psalm is read or sung in response to the First Reading. Music may be found at: <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210613/playlist>

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;
²to herald your love | in the morning
and your faithful- | ness at night;
³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,
and to the melody | of the harp.
⁴For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.
¹²The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.
¹³Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit | in old age;
they shall be | green and succulent;
¹⁵that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is | no injustice.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with

the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please the Lord. ¹⁰For 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.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And 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.

¹⁶From 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. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶Jesus said, “The dominion 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, the sower 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 the sower goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰Jesus also said, “With what can we compare the dominion 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 Jesus 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Having read these readings, think of this:

According to Mark, the explanation of the parables was given secretly to the disciples. But now this meaning is proclaimed openly in the church: God makes what is low and dry to be high and green. The central occasion of this action of God is found in the cross. Walking by sight and not by faith, we all too often live only for ourselves, and we give special attention to people who appear high and powerful, as if they were the source of more life for us. But just as an annual bush — a scraggly bush that dies — is presented by Jesus as the very tree of life, just as the dry seed becomes a mighty harvest, just as God makes a sprig to be a mighty cedar, so against all appearances the cross of Christ's death holds us into a new creation. In the word proclaimed in our homes today and in the assembly when we gather there, the Holy Spirit brings us to nest by faith in the tree of life which is Jesus Christ crucified and risen. We eat and drink the fruit of that tree. Then we are invited to live not for ourselves but for him and for all the needy world which he loves.

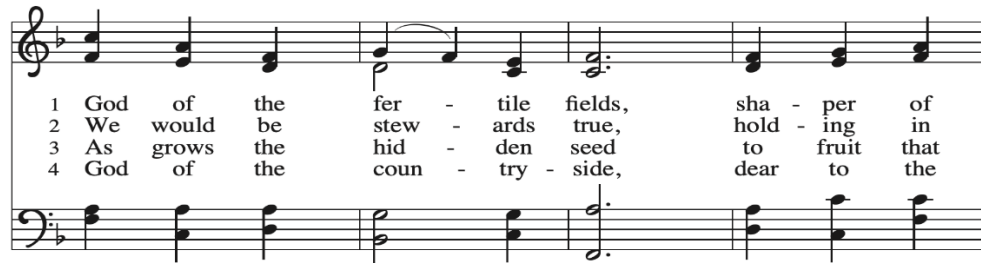
At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman's Third Sunday after Pentecost Sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at:
<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210613/playlist>

If you have a hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, you might now read or sing:
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HYMN OF THE DAY #1063

(All Creation Sings)

God of the Fertile Fields



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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Then pray these intercessions:

Let us unite before God in prayer, responding to each petition with the words
“Grant us your life.” *A brief silence.*

Holy God, Fount of blessings, we pray for the church: that the seeds of faith which
you plant take root and grow; that those churches that are emerging from the
pandemic re-gather their members in safety; and that you bless the church in
Ethiopia and other places that are experiencing great distress.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayers, O Giver of all goodness:

Grant us your life.

We pray for the earth: that the trees and plantings in national forests be protected;
that farms around the globe be safeguarded from drought, flood, and pestilence;
and that wild animals thrive in the habitat they require.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayers, O Giver of all goodness:

Grant us your life.

We pray for the nations: that world leaders care for those in greatest need; that all
prejudices cease; that the might of tyrants be halted; that journalists be kept safe
from harassment; that the displaced find a welcome homeland; and that peace reign
between nations.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayers, O Giver of all goodness:

Grant us your life.

We pray for the aged: that they be embraced by their relatives and friends; and that
their many needs be met. And we pray for the children: that they be protected from
harm and danger; and that summertime give them opportunity to enjoy nature’s
bounty.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayers, O Giver of all goodness:

Grant us your life.

We pray for health and wholeness: for countries where Covid is accelerating and vaccines are not available; for relief agencies, that the hungry be fed; for those who are beaten down by poverty and homelessness; for those who are suffering from climate disasters; for any who are sick, especially those with no access to medical care; and for those we name here before you: Joana Plerpa, Jeanne Broyhill, Effie Stallsmith, Maggie Mount, Lee Hanson, Malcolm Stark, Norm Olsen, Barb Jensen, Charlotte Boeck, Lynn Kiewel, John Beston, Phillip Swingler, Maria Liwski, Tucker Dean, and the family of Dennis Wright.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayers, O Giver of all goodness:

Grant us your life.

We pray finally for ourselves: that you give us the grace to welcome anything new that comes from you; and that in mercy you receive our private petitions.

A longer period of silence.

Hear our prayers, O Giver of all goodness:

Grant us your life.

For all who have died in the faith, and for those whom we remember here before you, we offer our thanks, gracious Redeemer. For all who will die today, we ask your mercy. And at the end that we join with all your people in the perfection of your presence, we pray.

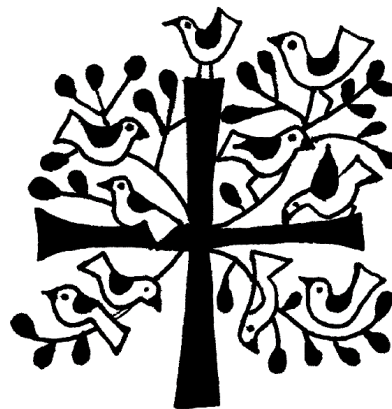
A brief silence.

Hear our prayers, O Giver of all goodness:

Grant us your life.

To you we pray, O God, our Source, Sovereign, and Strength, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

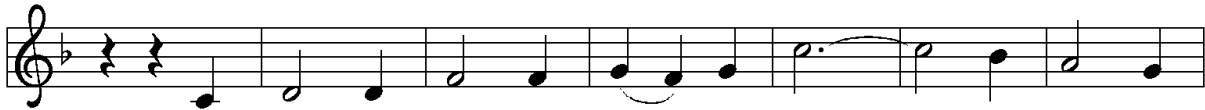


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HYMN #506

(*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*)

The Word of God Is Source and Seed



1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to
2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to
3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to



die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth
heal and wake and save. So let the Spir - it
sing, to laugh and cry. So dare to be as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.
touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.
Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

Refrain



Gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,
In the Lord let us re - joice, in the Lord let us re - joice,



gau - de - a - mus Do - *mi - no!*
in the Lord let us re - joice!

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Then conclude with these prayers:

Let us pray,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Glory to you, O God, for your creative Word:
making and mending all things,
evoking the cosmic hymn of praise,
and singing a love-song for your beloved:
your vineyard, your flock, your people.
With all creation we sing, Glory!

Glory!

Blessed are you for your liberating Word:
speaking through Moses and the prophets,
encountered in the Gospels,
and proclaimed in the assembly:
your freedom, forgiveness, and life for the world.
With the whole world we say, Blessing!

Blessing!

Holy are you, O God, for your living Word:
among us wherever we gather,
welcoming everyone to your feast,
and, with grace and generosity,
bringing to earth the kingdom of heaven.
With saints and angels, we cry, Holy!

Holy!

Clothe us in your loving Spirit,
flowing from the Crucified and Risen One,
and keep us awake to your presence
in the people and places you call us to serve.
Glory, praise, and blessing are yours, Holy God,
now and forever. Amen.

Amen

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. **Amen**

We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence.

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let this food to us be blessed.
Blessed be God, who is our Bread,
may all the world be clothed and fed.**

Readings for the Week:

Monday (commemoration of Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, c. 389; Macrina, teacher, c. 379) Psalm 52. **Tuesday** Revelation 21:22—22:5. **Wednesday** Luke 6:43-45. **Thursday** (commemoration of the Emanuel Nine, martyrs, 2015) Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32. **Friday** Acts 21:1-16. **Saturday** Luke 21:25-28. **4th Sunday after Pentecost** Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41.

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