

# St. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH TLCMS

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June 13, 2021 AD | Proper 6 • Third Sunday after Pentecost | 8:00 am & 1:30 pm

 ${f M}$  any of the parables of Jesus have to do with agriculture—from the parable of the sower

to this short description of the Kingdom like a mustard seed. There are so many little details with application to our lives, but today the focus is on the seed and the mystery of how it grows.

What brings the seed from planting to harvest is the providence of God and His goodness and power.

This is both the object of our interest and the domain of faith that trusts what the eye does not see and the mind does not comprehend.

At the end of it all is the harvest:

God brings into His storehouse all the fruits of His seed planted in good soil. The blissful ignorance we have of this process should not deprive us of the joy of its outcome.

Divine Service 1 LSB pgs. 151-166

### To Our Congregation and Guests about the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is Jesus' meal of forgiveness and strength. However, because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because we also believe that receiving the Lord's Supper together is an outward profession of unity with one another in faith and doctrine, we would therefore only invite communicant members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive this gift with us.

If you still desire to receive the sacrament, please first speak with the pastor.

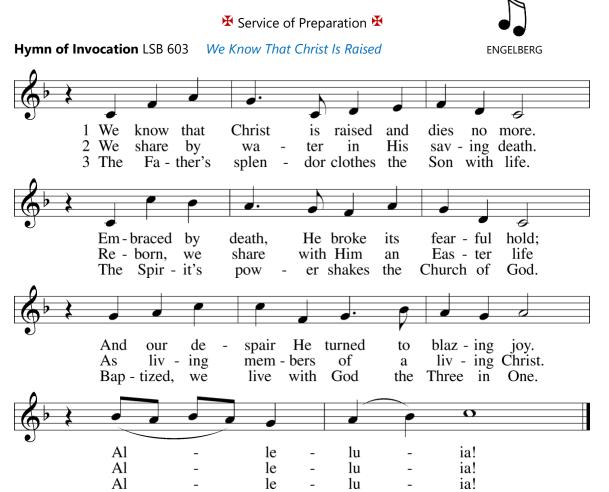
Guests are still encouraged to come to the altar, cross their arms over their chests, and receive a special blessing.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper can be made by reading the front inside cover and pp. 326-327 of the hymnal along with reaffirming the following statements:

- I am baptized.
- I repent of my sins, trusting in Jesus' atoning sacrifice for forgiveness and eternal life.
- I believe that I will eat Jesus' actual flesh and blood in, with, and under bread and wine.
- As Jesus has forgiven and loved me, I do not refuse to forgive and love.
- By God's grace I will continue to frequently receive Word and Sacrament,
   and I will strive to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus' holy name.

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**



### ▼ Confession and Absolution ▼

L In the name of the Father and the 🕆 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

LSB pg. 151

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- L If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

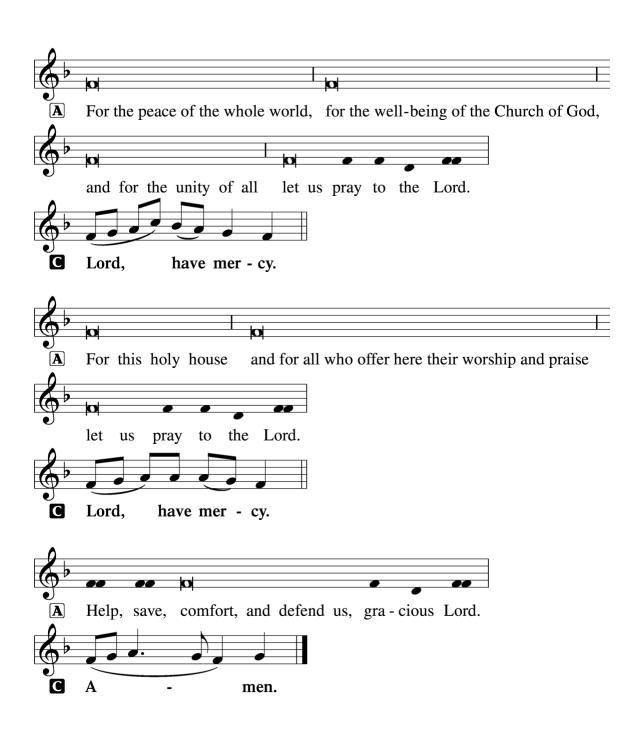
  1 John 1:8-9

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

- Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \$\mathcal{T}\$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.









LSB pg. 156 2 Timothy 4:22

- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- L Let us pray.



Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning,

- C 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;
- L through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading** Ezekiel 17:22–24

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. 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. 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."

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
  - C Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 5:1–17

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

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 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.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us,

because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

R This is the Word of the Lord.





### Gospel Reading Mark 4:26–34

LSB pg. 157

R The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the fourth chapter.

# C Glory to You, O Lord.

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

And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 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."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

- R This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.





#### Sermon

Nicene Creed LSB pg. 158

- L Christian, what do you believe?
- C 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 men 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 worshiped 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.



### **Prayer of the Church**

LSB pg. 265

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people as they have need.
  - Give patience to Your Church, to her ministers, and to all of us, Your people,
- C that we trust in Your Word and promise when eyes do not see Your hand at work; and when hearts are tempted to anxiety and fear, grant that we know the fullness of Your peace.
- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Make us to be good soil so that the seed of Your Word planted in us may grow, flourish, and bear the good fruit You desire.
- C Bless the work of all pastors, missionaries, and church workers who serve us in Your name that their ministry to us bear good fruit.
- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Give to our president, Congress, and all leaders the wisdom to govern according to Your Word and commands
- C that they prove worthy of the trust we have placed in them.

  Bring the nations to peace, and equip us to be good and responsible citizens.
- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P Give wisdom and discernment to Your people,
- C that we not give in to temptation nor grow weary of trusting Your Word and serving in willing obedience to Your commands, but delight in fulfilling our baptismal calling wherever we are.
- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Bless the married that they be faithful, bless the single that they be chaste and enjoy the company and support of Christian friends, and bless the aged and infirm that they know the loving care of family in their time of need.

  Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Bless those who teach Your Word,
- C and bless our Sunday School and catechism classes and everywhere people gather to teach and learn Your Word, that the Holy Spirit guide our study, strengthen our faith, and direct us in making the good confession before the world.
- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Give relief to the suffering, healing to the sick, peace to the troubled, and comfort to those who grieve, [especially..., and those we name in our hearts...], and bless them with patience and endurance until You deliver them from their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Help us to be good stewards of Your creation,
- C to share what You have supplied with those in need, and to support the work of Your Church in her mission here and throughout the world.
- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P All things are Yours, heavenly Father,
- C and You have promised to supply them to us as we need and when we need them.
- P Help us to pray with confident hearts, trusting that You will provide for us all things needful and deliver us from all things harmful, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

**Offering** -the offering is being collected at the Narthex-Sanctuary door.



### ¥ Service of the Sacrament ¥

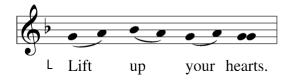






2 Timothy 4:22

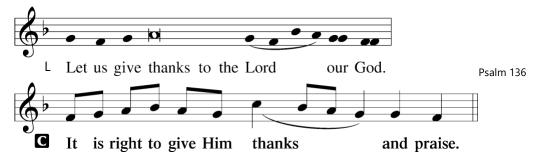




Colossians 3:1



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



# **Proper Preface**

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
- C Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

Words of our Lord LSB pg. 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My & body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\oplus$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

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

1 Corinthians 11:26

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

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:

# The Lord's Prayer

LSB pg. 162

Our Father who art in heaven,

Matthew 6:9-13

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



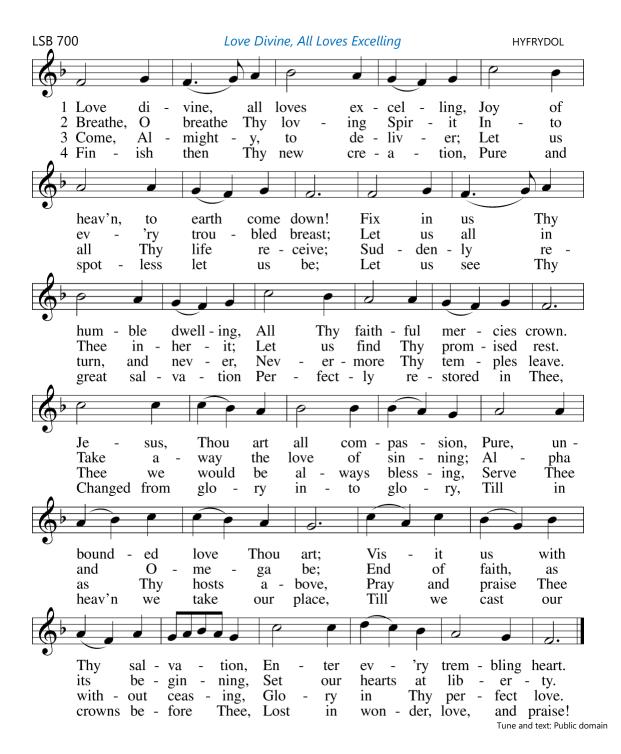
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



# **Distribution Hymns**







- 1 O Ho ly Spir-it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav ior
- 2 Help us that we Thy sav-ing Word In faith-ful hearts may trea-sure;
- 3 And when our earth-ly race is run, Death's bit-ter hour im-pend-ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em-brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er. Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea-sure. Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,



The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel-tered make us ev - 'ry sin, Each day die to cre - ate new may com-mend Our souls in - to Un - til we glad - ly our



by the cross life with - in, Say - ior's hand, That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.

That fruits of faith may flour - ish.

The crown of life ob - tain - ing.



- 1 All who be-lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal va tion;
- 2 With one ac cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho ly Spir it.



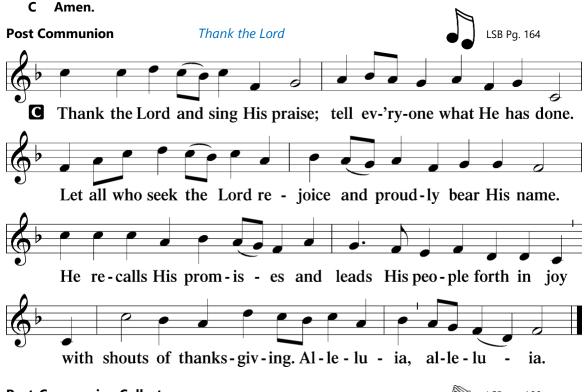
Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion. Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious, Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 🕆 in peace.



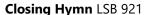
#### **Post-Communion Collect**

L Let us pray.



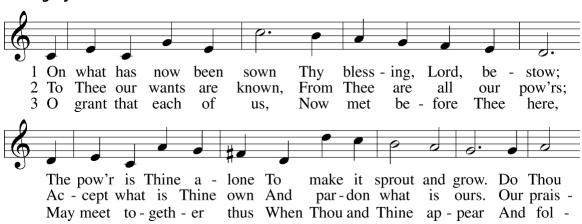
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

- C 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;
- L through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.



#### On What Has Now Been Sown

DARWELL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>





in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise! es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless-ing give. low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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#### Dismissal

- L Go in peace, and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**



### The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

Celebrating an anniversary this week		Celebrati	Celebrating a Birthday June 13 – June 19	
June 16	Jordan & Jennifer Bugglin	June 13	Clyde Bowman, Andrew Federico,	
	Lucas & Amanda Koenig		June Schaefer	
	Duane & Laura Wegener	June 16	Charles Talicska	
June 17	David & Joanne Brown	June 17	Rev. Gerald Heimlich,	
	Philip & Darlene Sutton		Kenny Wohlfarth	
	Ronald & Betty Tull	June 19	Ryleigh Sheets	
	Kevin & Beth Wenner			
June 10	Richard & Beverly Grener			

Please pray for Gabriela & Hugo Fernandez (Sr.), Chuck, Jim Edwards Please continue to pray for Barbara DeLeon, Ron Tull, Betty Patch, Angila, Richard Stottlemyer, Clark Rausch, Eric Collier, Pastor Paul & Sally, Mary Ludlum, Xander Vaillant, Tom Miller, Brad, Fred Kile, Wally, Janet, Bob & Vicki Davis, Erica, Allie Herman, Eileen Fitzenreiter, Vincent, Peg, Tom, Chari, Janet, David Todd, Brandy Furman, Tammy Cain, Tali, Kristin Campbell, Leonard, Thom Kent Shut-Ins Mary Ann Brown, Marvin & Marlene Cress, Sandra Evans, Lois Knuth, John Kunze, John Samson, June Schaefer, M. Jo Smith, Kenny & Barb Wohlfarth, Elverna Wolpert and please pray for those serving in the Armed Forces Eric Dolan, Nathan Ellis, Drew Halterman, Lauren Hansen, Michael Leistner

To request prayer CALL: 614.889.2284 ext. 1400 or EMAIL: prayer@stjohndublin.org

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• Deaconess Dehlia (281)995-2191 • Karen Heminger (419)438-2465.



### **Stewardship at SJLC Statistical Review for June 2021:**

Budget for June \$54,800 • Given in June \$14,900

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- Donations can be allocated between general operating, building, capital funds or other.
- Donation can be set-up as one-time only, weekly or monthly
- Contact Terri Diesing (Financial Secretary) or Ryan Strong (Treasurer) with questions. Consider a donation from your bank account as we pay fees on any card transaction.