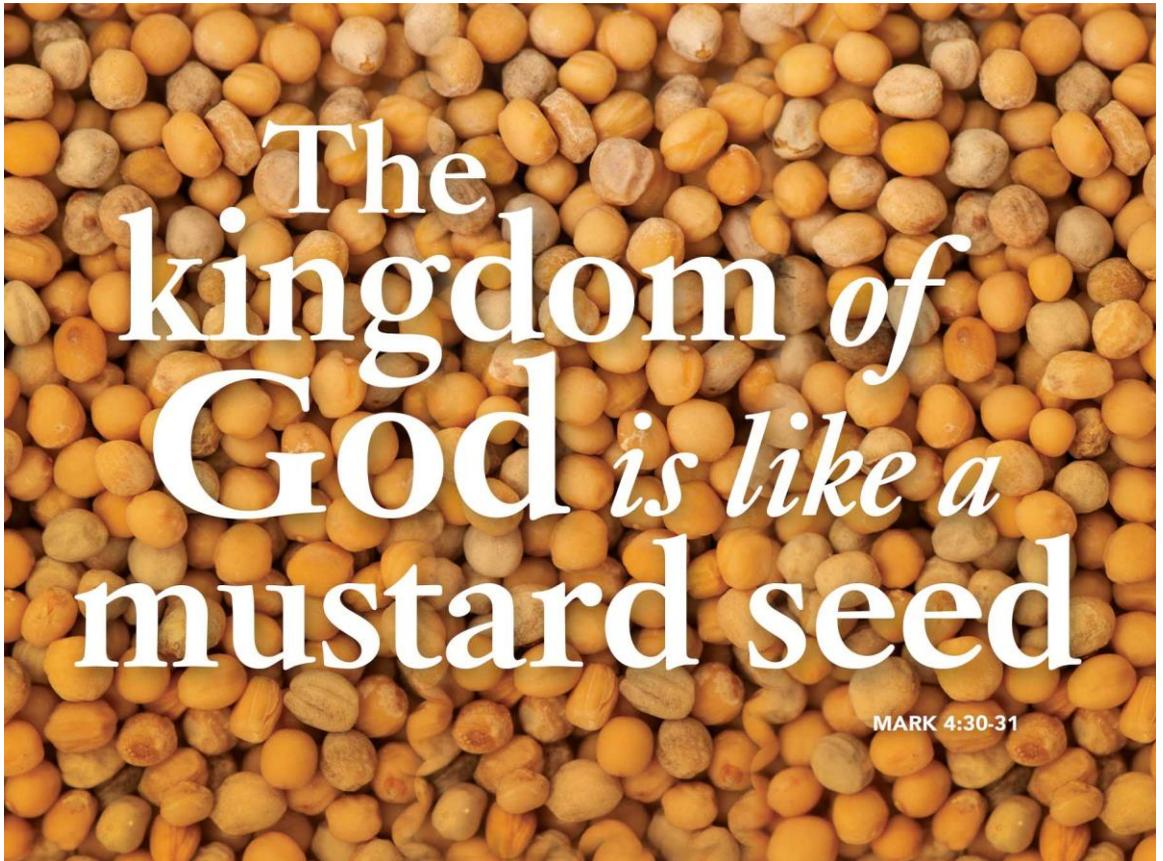


## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 17, 2018

Holy Communion

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*Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**ELW 834**

**GREETING**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**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.*

<sup>22</sup>Thus 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.

<sup>23</sup>On 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.  
<sup>24</sup>All 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**

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

### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

*Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.*

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though 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 do have confidence, 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 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.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, 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.

<sup>12</sup>We 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. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And 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.

<sup>16</sup>From 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.

<sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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### **GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet 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."

<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 except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*

ELW 516

## CREED

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

O Most High, your divine realm is like a noble tree whose boughs and branches give shade and rest to the peoples of the earth. Make your church a nesting place for all who need your peace and healing. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O Most High, all the world is a garden for your creativity. Refresh places of drought with abundant rains. Strengthen and keep safe those who fight fires in your forests. Help us tend your mountains and plains, oceans and rivers with loving care. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O Most High, you speak and your word is accomplished. Speak to the leaders of the nations so they might end cycles of violence, giving people everywhere tranquility and peace. We especially pray for peace with North Korea. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O Most High, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Bring the abundant healing blessings of the new creation into the lives of those who suffer illness or deprivation of any kind, especially those on our prayer list, and those we name before you in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O Most High, your steadfast love and faithfulness sustain your people. Bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children flourish and grow in uprightness and joy. Bless those who never knew their fathers, those who yearn for a loving father, those who long to be fathers, and those whose father has died. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O Most High, your kingdom is at work all around us. Thank you for the ministry of Stony Lake Camp. Be with staff and campers in the weeks ahead. Guide and protect them as they learn about and experience your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O Most High, just as the earth produces of itself and the harvest comes, you gather up your people from all times and places. Bring us along with those who have died into the lasting harvest of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**DIALOGUE**

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**PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG**

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**COMMUNION**

**SONG AFTER COMMUNION**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BLESSING AND SENDING OF CAMPERS**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing***

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**DISMISSAL**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

DVD copies of the 9:30 a.m. worship service can be produced for those who are shut-in or others who would like a copy. Let us know in advance if there is a service that you would like recorded.

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Robert (Bob) and Irene Dundas by their daughters, Gaile (Dundas) Griffore and Patricia Dundas. Bob passed away on February 4, 2006 and Irene passed away on March 19, 2003. They joined St. Peter's in 1950 and Irene served as choir director for many years.

Happy Father's Day to all our dads!

This week Reese Lyle, Xavier Schoen and Josiah Schoen will be attending church camp at Stony Lake. Please keep our campers in your prayers.

On the weekend of June 23-24, Pastor Kurt Hutchens will be speaking to us on behalf of Food for the Poor. Also, on Sunday, June 24, we will be blessing our youth and adults who are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston

Have you noticed the prayer loom near the organ? People have been writing their prayer concern on a strip of card stock and then weaving it into the loom. Please feel moved to come forward and write a concern on a strip available by the loom.

The Attic Angels committee will have the annual clothing drive again. The items can be brought to the church basement and placed on the tables. All items must be clean and in wearable condition. The clothing will be distributed to both Lutheran Social Services (Samaritas) and Kids in Distress.

The deadline for the July/August newsletter is June 24.

**SERVING TODAY:** Greeter: Nancy Green; Ushers: Chuck Butler, Mike Morenko;  
Scripture Reader: Sue Daniels; Communion Assistant: Sue Daniels; Projectionist:  
Nancy Green

**ATTENDANCE:** Saturday 26, Sunday 64

**ANNIVERSARY:** 6/17 Ann & Bob Beier 29 years  
6/17 Eleanor & Donald Schroeder 57 years

**IN NEED OF PRAYER** Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Dick Guyott, Paul & Ruth Reyelts, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Suzanne Morris, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Patty Armstrong, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Marlene Eisen, Tom Bodany, Don Schroeder, Fred & Wendy Morris, Patricia Jones, Janice Benson-Peters, Tom Peters, Marc Dease, Stacy Yax.

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Mallard's Landing 11 am	Pastor's day off	Worship, Communion 5 pm Food for the Poor	Worship, 9:30 am Food for the Poor

### Vacation Bible School July 9-11, 6:00 pm -8:30 pm

We're planning an exciting VBS adventure at St. Peter's. "Ocean Commotion" VBS is for everyone between the ages of 4 up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. (Children under age 4 are welcome but will need to be accompanied by a parent.) As we welcome kids to "Ocean Commotion" they will learn how to trust, obey, and stand for God with exciting lessons from the life of Noah and the Flood. There will be cool crafts, fun games, and yummy snacks. For more information or to register, visit the church office or call Tamara Howes at 810-278-0995.

