

Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00

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Zion Lutheran Church Camas, Washington

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“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”



Prelude

Gary Ritter

INTRODUCTION

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, now and forever whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Most merciful God, ***we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen***

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.**

Sit

Gathering Song *“Come, Thou Almighty King”* Number 408

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise; Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.
3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.
4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

WORD

Bible Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

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. 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: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Responsive Reading

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15

L: 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 faithfulness at night;***

L: on the psaltery, 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.***

L: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

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

L: 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.***

Bible Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

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 him. 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!

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Stand

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

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

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

Children's Message

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

"We Walk by Faith"

Number 635

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Stand

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.

The Prayers

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

God of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musicians, those who work with youth, office administrators, custodians, ushers, lay ministers, sound techs, and so many others who dedicate time, talent, and treasures in service to you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you especially those remember out loud or in our hearts. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

Sit

Peace

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Special Music "Little David, Play On Your Harp" Andy Beck

Prayer of Preparation

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and always. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

Stand

Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you ☩ his peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song "I Love to Tell the Story"

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

SERVICE

Usher	Norm Bembenek
Sound Tech	Reid Frank
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Lector	Marilyn Anderson
Altar Guild	Karen Blair, Nadia Hagen, Vicki Stone-Milligan

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#408 vs 1-4

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Text: unknown; Music: Felice de Giardini; ITALIAN HYMN

#635 vs 1-5

"We Walk by Faith"

Text: Henry Alford; Music @1984 GIA Publications, Inc.; Marty Haugen

"Little David, Play On Your Harp"

Traditional Spiritual, arr. with additional words, Andy Beck; @2018 Alfred Music

#661 vs 1-3

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Text: Katherine Hankey; Music: William E. Fischer