



**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a  
new creation. The old has passed away;  
behold, the new has come.**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

**JUNE 16, 2024**

**11:00A**

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER**

## **AS WE GATHER**

Once again, the Word of God in our ears this day speaks of the glorious and happy goal that God's salvation promises to all who believe in His saving mercy, grace, and love. From of old, the Lord has promised a secure future in His presence both now and especially in the eternity of life in the resurrection. Though we experience the weakness and maybe even dread of growing old, by faith we are like firm trees planted by the strength of God. That faith is the very creation of God the Holy Spirit, which grows and remains strong regardless of our circumstances. So even though we become discouraged at times, our confidence is always renewed by God as we remain steadfast in connection with His mighty Word.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We stand.*

**OPENING HYMN “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” 811**

## **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**            *2 Corinthians 5:1; Psalm 1:1–2*

**P** We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is  
destroyed, we have a building from God,

**C a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

**P** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,...

**C but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he  
meditates day and night.**

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

P Let us prepare to receive God's strengthening of our faith this day as we confess our sin.

**C Merciful God, we confess to You our discouragements; all our sins of thought, word, and deed; and the inward groaning of our souls. For the sake of Your Son's own bitter suffering and death on behalf of all, grant us forgiveness and the strength of renewed faith that we may live today as joyful citizens of heaven.**

P You are the planting and the harvest of the Lord. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**"O Worship the King"**

**804**



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
5 Frail chil - dren of dust and fee - ble as frail,



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
Thy mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
 And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 Our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend!

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**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, our hope and Redeemer, we thank You for planting the seed of saving faith in our hearts by means of Your Word entering our ears and Your Sacraments touching our bodies. Grant, we pray, the strengthening of this faith that we may walk with confidence in our lives now, taking great courage in the promise of eternal life with You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING**

**2 Corinthians 5:1-17**

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

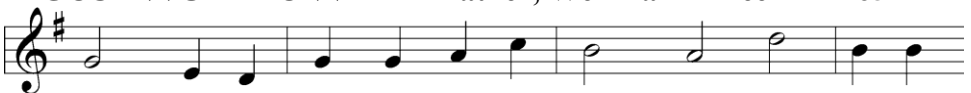
**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL CANTICLE**

**“Father, We Thank Thee”**

**652**



1 Fa - ther, we thank Thee who hast plant - ed Thy ho - ly



name with - in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im -



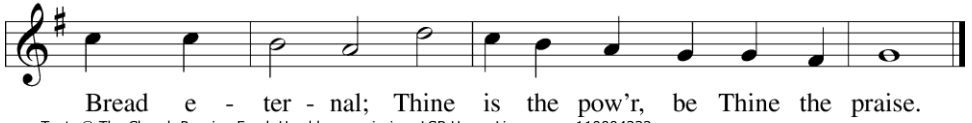
mor - tal Je - sus, Thy Son, to us im - parts.



Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy plea - sure, Didst



give us food for all our days, Giv - ing in Christ the



Bread e - ter - nal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.

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## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 4:26-34**

ℙ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

ℙ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Creator Sprit, by Whose Aid” 500**

**SERMON “Your Permanent Address” Pastor Michael Geml**

*We stand.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **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 INSTITUTION**

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Cor. 11:26; Rev. 22:20*

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:

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*We sit.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**"O Blessed Spring" 595**

**"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" 720**

*We stand.*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN "On What Has Now Been Sown" 921**

**POSTLUDE**



# Sermon Notes

So we are

ALWAYS

of good

COURAGE



for we

WALK



by FAITH



by



SIGHT

2 Corinthians 5:6a-7