

# Growing in Love



## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 6**

June 17, 2018

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Guests. Welcome to Zion. We are glad to have you with us. Please sign our guestbook located in the Narthex. About Holy Communion: We celebrate this Sacrament every Sunday at Zion. We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have repented of their sins and seek to amend their sinful life; all who believe that Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine; and all who believe that through the words "given and shed for you" forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given. If this is your confession then come with a thankful heart and join us. See p.329, 330 in the front part of the hymnal for guidance in preparing to receive Holy Communion. We also offer gluten free wafers please notify Elder ahead of time that you would appreciate the gluten free.

**AS WE GATHER**

“Now the green blade rises from the buried grain” is the first line of a well-known Easter carol. The wonder of God’s handiwork can be seen in the smallest things of God’s great creation. Even in a grain of mustard seed there is the promise of new life and fruitfulness. God provides for all of our needs out of love for His creatures. And He rejoices in the growth that occurs. As the “rolling seasons in fruitful order move” (LSB 893:1), we celebrate that in Christ we have a central role in God’s amazing plan as we grow in love.

**Altar Guild for June:**

*Dana Lamp*

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**Order of Worship**

**Divine Service 3**

**Divine Service Lutheran Service Book -**

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**Opening Hymn:**

**“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs” LSB 812**



## **Collect for Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **FIRST READING**

**Ezekiel 17:22–24**

(The Lord promises a new planting in Israel.)

22 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.

23 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.

24 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.”

### **EPISTLE**

**2 Corinthians 5:11–17**

11 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.

12 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.

13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

15 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.

16 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.

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

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 4:26–34**

(Jesus teaches the parable of the mustard seed.)



26 And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.

27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts

and grows; he knows not how.

28 The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

30 And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it?

31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth,

32 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.”

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

34 He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

## Announcements

### *From the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism:*

**Mark 4:34 – “He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.”** How blessed we are to be His disciples! The Lord has indeed explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we ever so foolish as to disobey His clear Word? Our fight against sin in the power of the Holy Spirit is truly a struggle. Therefore let us receive the Lord’s help in His Word and Sacraments – and let us fight the good fight of faith and grow up into His image

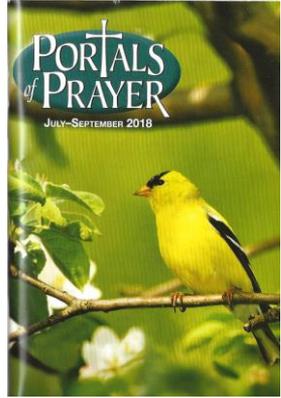
## *The Pewpoint*

### THEME OF THE DAY

***The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind***



Portal of Prayer for July 2018 is ready  
to be picked up



Thank  
You

Thank you Pastor Kneer  
for serving us this week

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

**NO MID-WEEK MONDAY SERVICE ON JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Bread & Roses – July 12<sup>th</sup> – sign up sheets will be in the  
narthex in July.

St. Louis Trip – July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 4. Sign up sheet is in the  
back.

Ice Cream Social will be August 8<sup>th</sup>