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# 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 20, 2021

#### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

HYMN: "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" (LSB #464)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;

Now is the victor's triumph won;

Now be the song of praise begun.

Alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst,

But Christ their legions hath dispersed.

Let shouts of holy joy outburst.

Alleluia!

The three sad days have quickly sped,

He rises glorious from the dead.

All glory to our risen Head!

Alleluia!

He broke the age bound chains of hell;

The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.

Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.

Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,

From death's dread sting Thy servants free

That we may live and sing to Thee.

Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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#### INVOCATION

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN:**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD, WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.



#### **ABSOLUTION**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 92:1-5)
Pastor: It is good to praise the Lord,

Deeple: And make music to your name

People: And make music to your name, O Most High,

Pastor: To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, **People: To the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.** 

Pastor: For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord,

People: I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O Lord, how profound

your thoughts!

HYMN OF PRAISE: (Sung, LSB p. 155)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. <sup>2</sup> Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. <sup>6</sup> Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> We live by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

RESPONSE: (Sung, LSB p. 156)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:26-34

Pastor: The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 4,

People: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD. (Sung, LSB p. 157)

<sup>26</sup> He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup> As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup> Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. <sup>32</sup> Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade." <sup>33</sup> With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup> He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST. (Sung)

### CONFESSION OF FAITH: "The Nicene Creed"

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 worshipped 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.

SONG: "Ancient Words" (Lynn DeShazo)

Holy words, long preserved for our walk in this world; They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope; In this world where e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home. Chorus:

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice; O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Martyr's blood stains each page, they have died for this faith; Hear them cry through the years; Heed these words and hold them dear.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.
O let the ancient words impart.
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SERMON: Ezekiel 17:22-24 "Dads Need Jesus Too!"

THE OFFERING

### **PRAYERS**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN: "What is This Bread" (LSB #629)

What is this bread?
Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, this life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see - the Lord is peace.

What is this wine?
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see - the Lord is King.

Yet is God here?
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see - the Lord is real.

Is this for me?
I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe
That I receive His very body and His blood.
O taste and see - the Lord is good.

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#### **THOSE DESIRING COMMUNION:**

In the sacrament of Holy Communion we believe our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matt 26:26-28). In it we are united with him and with the whole Church. Baptized and confirmed Christians who believe, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament, who acknowledge their sin, set aside any refusal to forgive (Matt 6:15), are sorry, repent (Mark 1:15) and look to Christ alone for forgiveness and strength to live the new life, are welcome to eat and drink at the Lord's table in remembrance of Him. (1 Cor 11:25-25) You may register for Communion as the Friendship Folder is passed to you in the pew. If you have any questions, please speak to the Pastor or a Lay Minister before communing.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF THANKS: (Sung, LSB p. 164)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

### **BENEDICTION**

SONG: "Jesus, Your Name" (Morris Chapman/Clair Cloninger)

Jesus, Your name is power, Jesus, Your name is might. Jesus, Your name will break ev'ry stronghold; Jesus, Your name is life.

Jesus, Your name is healing, Jesus, Your name gives sight. Jesus, your name will free ev'ry captive; Jesus, Your name is life. Jesus, Your name is holy, Jesus, Your name brings light. Jesus, Your name above ev'ry other, Jesus, Your name is life. (C. 1990 Word Music. Used by permission. CCLI #522460)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

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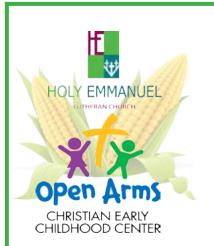


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HELP SHARE

CHRIST'S LOVE WITH

OUR COMMUNITY



# Sweet Corn

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Emmanuel / Open
Arms parking lot on
or about July 15th.
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day, weather
permitting, around
10:00am to

6:00pm, or while supplies last.





Wednesday Evenings
5:30 Food & Fellowship
6:30 Study & Kid's Time
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Announcer for more
Information



Hanging out with Dad

I've always been a "daddy's girl." Growing up, I usually spent Saturdays in the garage with my dad. We'd build something, fix a car part or get into some trouble together.

Though Joseph wasn't Jesus' biological father, he certainly served as a father figure for God's Son. Jesus followed in Joseph's footsteps as a carpenter, but we're told little about his childhood. When Joseph advised Jesus to "measure twice and cut once," did Jesus mention he'd get it right on the first measure? How many craftsman tips did Jesus learn from Joseph? And did Joseph learn a few from Jesus? Surely young Jesus looked up to Joseph. What did wonder look like in the eyes of the One who invented wonder?

How am I hanging out with God on a regular basis? Am I continuing to learn his "trade"? Do I intentionally mimic his words, his kindness, his ways of loving others well? Take a minute to ponder that. Imagine yourself out in the garage with God (or in the kitchen with God, or at the computer with God). What task do you imagine doing together? What does God say to you as you look into his eyes?

—Janna Firestone



# 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ezekiel 17:22-24

# **JUNE 20, 2021**

"Dads Need Jesus Too!"

<sup>22</sup> "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup> On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. <sup>24</sup> All the trees of the field will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. "I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it."

1.	When do we remember God the Father in worship?
2.	Why do we pray for our earthly fathers?
3.	What do dads sometimes do to appear strong?
4.	How did Zedekiah sin?
5.	What happens when fathers rely on their own strength?
6.	What is the sprig the Lord breaks off and plants?
7.	What happened on the mountain heights of Israel?
8.	How is God's kingdom like a tree?
9.	What shelter can dads find in Jesus?
10.	Why might guys have a hard time admitting they need Jesus?
11.	Why should guys feel comfortable letting down their false fronts in worship?