

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

10:30 a.m.

*In our communal effort to care for one another, those worshipping in-person are strongly encouraged to wear masks. Worship leaders (all fully vaccinated) will remove their masks only when speaking or singing.*

### PRELUDE

Prelude on the Tune "Harvest Gifts"

Mark Sedio

*The tune is today's first hymn.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

**Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.**

Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.

**Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.**

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that heals and renews us each day.

**Breathe your Spirit into each of us and into all creation.**

Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.

**Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.**

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit wash us in the waters and form us anew to see your goodness, to give thanks for your blessings, and to serve you and your people with a joyful heart, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### MUSICAL OFFERING

"God, Whose Farm Is All Creation"

*Sung by the Section Leaders*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Today's reading is from the second letter to the Corinthians:

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever."

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON – This week's topic is "Generosity"

Acts 2:42-45

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

### MUSICAL RESPONSE

*Sung by the Section Leaders*

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

### APOSTLES' CREED

Let us proclaim the faith that we share:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.

*(Brief Silence)*

Each petition concludes:

Lord in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

**Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“God of the Fertile Fields”

*Sung by the Section Leaders*

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A Major

William Selby

PREACHING Pastor Peter Nycklemoe  
PRESIDING Pastor Stephanie Friesen  
ASSISTING Pastor Melissa Pohlman  
ORGANISTS Cantor Mark Sedio  
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## God, Whose Farm Is All Creation



1 God, whose farm is all cre - a - tion, take the grat - i -  
2 Take our plow - ing, seed - ing, reap - ing, hopes and fears of  
3 All our la - bor, all our watch - ing, all our cal - en -



tude we give; take the fin - est of our har - vest,  
sun and rain, all our think - ing, plan - ning, wait - ing,  
dar of care in these crops of your cre - a - tion,

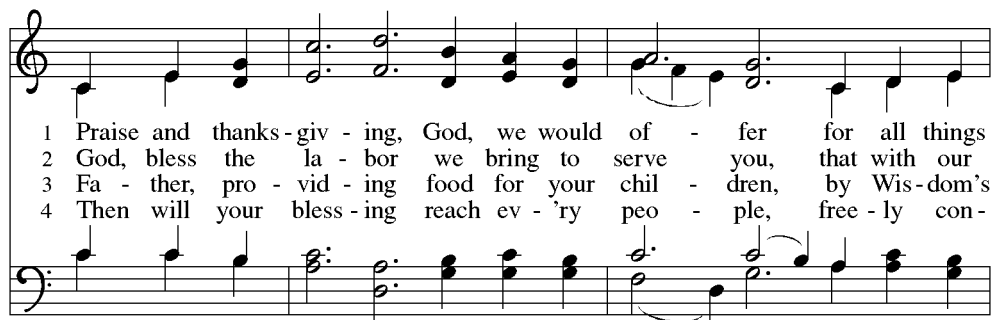


crops we grow that we may live.  
rip - ened in this fruit and grain.  
take, O God: they are our prayer.

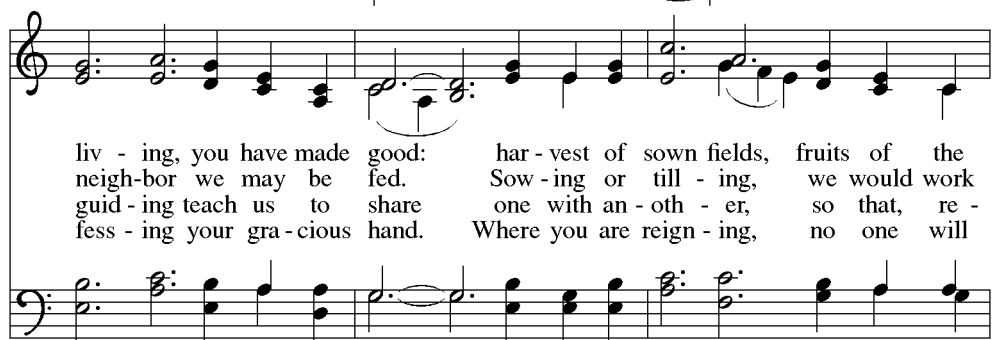
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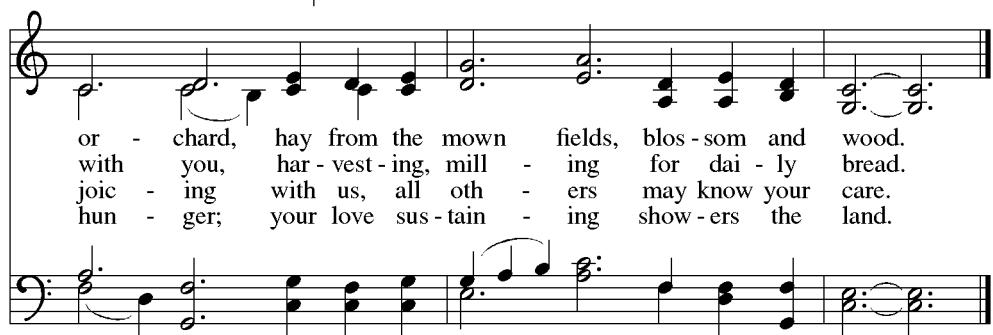
## Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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## God of the Fertile Fields

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of  
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
 trust from you all that you give; help us in  
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
 love to share, teach us like you to care  
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.  
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.  
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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