

# ***Third Sunday after Pentecost***

**June 13, 2021      10:30 a.m.**



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# Order of Worship

## ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

LBW 499

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer: *Hither by thy help I've come*;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

**Text:** Robert Robinson, alt.; **Music:** J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II.

## **Welcome and Word for this Day**

***God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone,  
but in the trees and flowers and clouds and stars.***

~ Martin Luther



**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. On 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. All 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.*

**The Gospel of Mark 4:26-34**

He also said, *The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.*

He also said, *With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet 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.*

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With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Nancy C. Townley  
Ministry Matters

God of small seeds and mighty plants, you take our meager lives and with your love cause them to produce acts of loving kindness for you in this world. You hear our cries and find us when we are lost and wandering in fear. You bring us home with you so that we may be made whole, rejoicing in your goodness. Help us to joyfully serve you all our days, knowing that you are always watching over us. Prepare our hearts to receive your word and our spirits to respond in eagerness to serve you. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

#### **Sermon**

Pr. Kristina



***Hymn of Promise***

UMH 707

In the bulb there is a flower;  
In the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise:  
Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter,  
There's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
Seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness,  
Bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
What it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;  
In our time, infinity.  
In our doubt, there is believing;  
In our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
At the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

## Prayers of the Church

### Offering/Offertory *For the Fruit of All Creation* ELW 679

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
 For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.  
 For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
 Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
 Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
 In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
 In our world-wide task of caring  
 For the hungry and despairing,  
 In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
 For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
 For the wonders that astound us,  
 For the truths that still confound us,  
 Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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### Offering Prayer

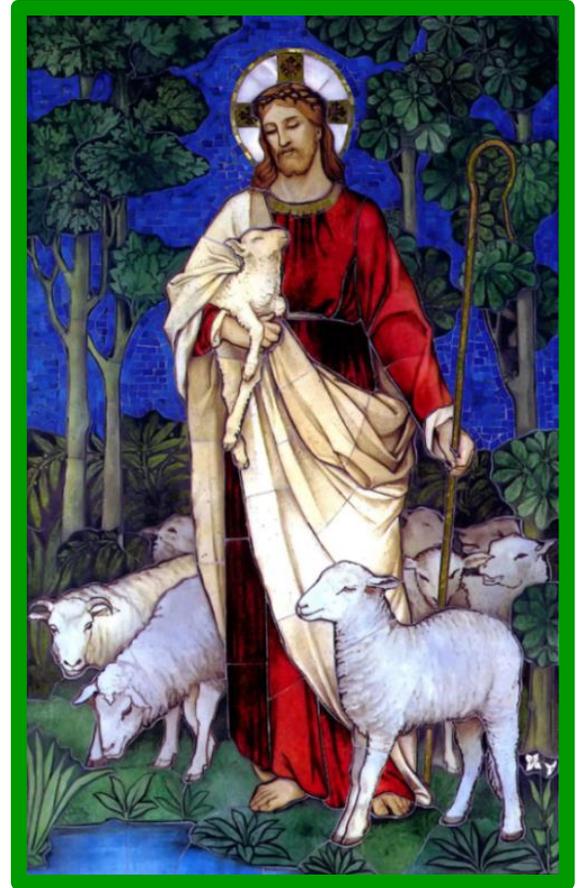
Gracious God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

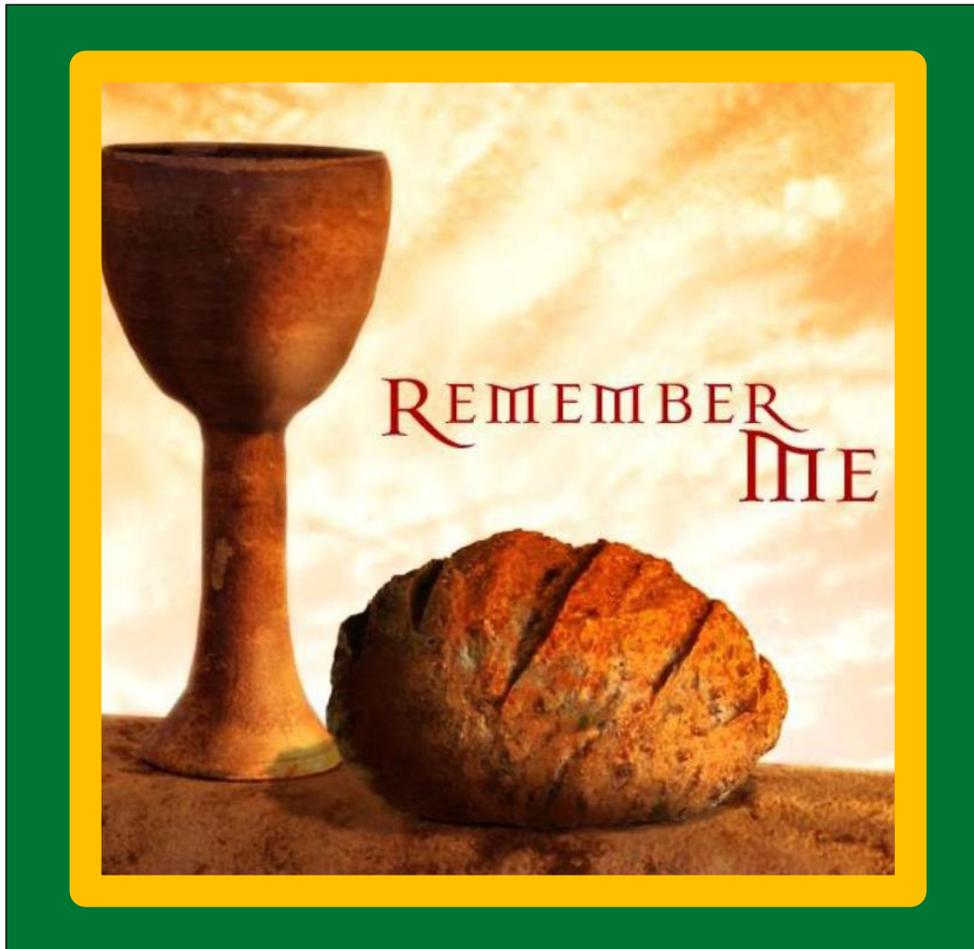
**Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION



### Invitation

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.  
Come to this table where you are known and loved. **Amen.**

### Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

## THE MEAL

**Communion Song***We Plow the Fields  
and Scatter*

ELW 681

We plow the fields and scatter  
The good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's almighty hand,  
He sends the snow in winter,  
The warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes, and the sunshine,  
And soft, refreshing rain.

**Refrain:**

**All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord,  
For all your love.**

You only are the Maker  
Of all things near and far.  
You paint the wayside flower,  
You light the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey you,  
By you the birds are fed;  
Much more to us, your children,  
You give our daily bread.   **Refrain:**

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We thank you, our creator,  
For all things bright and good,  
The seedtime and the harvest,  
Our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer  
For all your love imparts,  
But what you most would treasure—  
Our humble, thankful hearts.   **Refrain:**

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### **Prayer**

Loving God,  
By your Spirit we are born anew,  
and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food.  
Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons,  
shining in the world with your marvelous light,  
until you gather all creation to the heavenly table  
where Christ reigns in glory forever.   **Amen.**

### **Announcements & Thank You**

#### **Blessing**

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death,  
lift you up and restore you to wholeness. Jesus Christ, Word  
of Life, bless you and send you to be his witness. God the  
Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you and  
comfort you.   **Amen.**

***Sent Forth by God's Blessing***

ELW 547

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
 The people of God from his dwelling take leave.  
 The supper is ended, oh, now be extended  
 The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
 The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
 Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
 Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
 To work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
 The tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face—  
 Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
 Embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
 Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
 Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
 Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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**Postlude**      *On What Has Now Been Sown*      Marilyn J.

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***June 27 Sunday service:*** The last service Pr. Kristina leads, saying goodbye to Kyle Nordine and giving thanks for her time at NRC.

***July 4 Sunday service:*** The Rev. Gayle Marsh of All Saints, Chris Adams, and Arland Braaten-Lee lead this service. Final goodbye to Pr. Kristina.

# Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**



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