

Old Testament *Ezekiel 17:22–24*

²²Thus 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. ²³On 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. ²⁴And 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 5:1–10*

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for

we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Holy Gospel *Mark 4:26–34*

²⁶And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet 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.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

*I plant it, that it may ...
produce fruit*

Ezekiel 17:23



About the Cover: Our heavenly Father, the Creator, has a purpose for all that He does. He created the universe to love and to have love returned to Him. He planted and placed all things for our good to care for us. He sent His Son into the world to live and to die as our Savior. Jesus paid the ransom for all the souls the Father loves so dearly. Praise be to our Creator!

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 13 & 17, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203
Hymns: 709, 740, 805, "How Deep the Father's Love for Us," 864,
"Good Good Father"
Sermon: "My Shepherd!"
Psalm 23:1a

Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 6/6 (Wed.): 40	Offering: \$1,062.00
Attendance 6/10 (Sun.): 98	Offering: \$1,458.00
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00	Scrip Profit 6/10: \$54.50

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (6/20) 7:00 p.m. – Worship
SUN (6/24) 9:00 a.m. – Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember our fathers; Rev. John Wille, as he was re-elected as District President, and all other elected officers of the District.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Pete & Betty Zarnoth in honor of their anniversary.

CREATION CONFERENCE - The sixth annual creation conference at Concordia University Wisconsin, supporting the historic position of the LCMS on young earth creationism, will be held on June 29-30, 2018. Visit our website, www.SocietyofCreation.org, click on the "Conferences" link, and you will find an online registration form. Conference Theme: "Theistic Evolution--A Contentious Compromise." Please come.

SPECIAL THANKS to Florence Behnke, Tony and Susan Wittmann, Pastor and Kris Krueger, Mike and Terri Delvaux, Janet Kalies, and Lon and Lori Fels. Without your help we would not have been able to have a float in the Brillion Parade. Jesus is the Light of the World. Thanks!

GRADUATION CARDS are available in the card room.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE – We are looking for a couple people to put together an emergency action plan in case of inclement weather, fire, and security. If you are interested in helping out with this, contact Rick Riemer (920-841-7365) or Bob Behnke (756-3035).

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Mark 4:34 "He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to His own disciples He explained everything." 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.

DISTRICT MISSIONS – Let us pray this week for all those who attend to the needs of the formerly incarcerated men as part of the **District's Free at Last Ministry** at Mission of Christ Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. May their words of encouragement and the message of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ be taken to heart by those hearing them so that they may truly be free at last.

