

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**June 16, 2024
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Morning Prayer, Pg. 235, Litany, Pg. 288**

NOTES: Offerings will not be collected by passing plates. Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located by the narthex.

Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion. There is no specified seating for bible class or worship.

Prelude

Opening: Pg. 235

Venite: Pg. 236

Office Hymn:

“Jesus Shall Reign” – LSB # 832

The Readings:

The First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24 (NRSVA)

²² 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. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-8 (NRSVA)

¹ And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴ For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? ⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 4:2-20, 26-32

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

² He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³ 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶ And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸ Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.' ⁹ And he said, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' ¹⁰ When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹ And he said to them, 'To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; ¹² in order that "they may

indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven.”¹³ And he said to them, ‘Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables?’¹⁴ The sower sows the word.¹⁵ These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.¹⁶ And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy.¹⁷ But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.¹⁸ And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word,¹⁹ but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing.²⁰ And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.’

²⁶ He also said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’³⁰ He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?’³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;³² 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.’

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: In many and various ways, God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

Congregation: But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Message Hymn:

“Spread the Reign of God the Lord” – LSB # 830

Message:

The Litany: Pgs. 288-289

(**Pastor:** Lord, in your mercy,)

(**Congregation:** Hear our prayer.)

The Lord's Prayer:

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

Benediction Hymn:

“Christ the Eternal Lord” – LSB # 829

Announcements:

Postlude

NRSVA = New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

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