

The seed sprouts and grows

Mark 4:27



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10:30 a.m. Radio Service

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



In consideration of your fellow worshipers, please be sure to turn off your cell phone.

Theme for Worship: This morning we'll hear several parables of Jesus in our Gospel lesson. We'll discuss the power of storytelling as a means of conveying an important message. We'll also see the larger story that God conveys through His Son.

Pre-Service Music ♪

--*Spiritwind*

Ring of the Bells

Pastor Marty Welcome

Opening Song ♪ "You are My Hiding Place"

**1 You are my hiding place, You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You, I will trust in You
Let the weak say I am strong in the strength of the Lord**

The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

Collect of the Day

P Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1–17

¹We 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. ¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for

you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

--Pastor Marty

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26–34

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

C Glory to you O Lord

²⁶[Jesus] 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You O Christ

Sermon Song ♪ “Shout to the Lord”

Chorus **Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

Verse: **My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You,
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love;
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You. Chorus**

(Ending) **Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

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Sermon: “The Power of The Story”

--Rev Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Offering & Announcements

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

Recognition of Immanuel Graduates

Kyla Carlson

Kristen Hoffman

Kiyas Kousoulas

Miles Kousoulas

Cameron Mathison

Kelsey (Rodgers) Peifer

Sydney Ziola

The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

The Lord's Prayer

C 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

The Closing Song ♪ "Blessed Be Your Name"

1 Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

2 Blessed be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name

(Pre-Chorus) Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll

Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord

Still I will say

Chorus Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name Jesus

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

3 Blessed be Your name

**When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name**

4 Blessed be Your name

**On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name** (*Pre-Chorus*)(*Chorus x 2*)

The Benediction

Silent Prayers

Postlude

--Spiritwind

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS – June 13, 2021	
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan & Jackie Hanson	
9:00 a.m.	
Musicians/Vocalists	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
Acolyte	Chloe Marks
Lay Reader	Jackson Harms
Children's Message	Pastor Marty
Radio Narrator	Julie-Ann Fuchs
Sound Operator	Mark Misic
Videographer	Rachel Schmitt
Slide Operator	Glenn Fuchs
Usher	Will Michels & Dan Hoffman

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November 24; December 12.

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