

for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet 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."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Silence for reflection.

*HYMN: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

#679

Ushers will gather Prayer Requests cards during the hymn.

*APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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.**

**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 INTERCESSION

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you reveal yourself in word and water, bread and wine. Show us your will as we worship and send us forth as signs of unexpected grace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, the trees sing of your faithfulness. Give growth to trees and shrubs, grasses and all flowering things, that their beauty may flourish for their sakes and ours. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of wisdom, you provide for all peoples and nations. We pray for governments and international organizations, for all who shelter refugees and strive for peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of love, you know our hurts and failings. We pray for those who are homeless, unemployed, imprisoned, hungry, and sick. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you prosper the work of our hands. We pray for the outreach ministries of this congregation. We trust your Spirit moving through and among us even when we do not see the fruits of our labors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember in thanksgiving the saints who have gone before us. Anchor us in the triune God, confident in the abundant life you promise. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always,
And also with you.

OFFERING

PSALM: Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15 (Sung)

¹It is a good thing to give thanks ¹to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, ¹O Most High;

²**to herald your love ¹in the morning
and your faithful- ¹ness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and ¹on the lyre,
and to the melody ¹of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your ¹acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works ¹of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish ¹like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- ¹dar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house ¹of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts ¹of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit ¹in old age;
they shall be ¹green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how up- ¹right the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is ¹no injustice.**

**Glory be to the Father and ¹to the Son:
and to the ¹Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and e- ¹ver shall be:
world without end. ¹Amen.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6–10–17

A reading from Second book of Corinthians

⁶So we are always confident; even though 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 do have confidence, 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 all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not 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 urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (In unison)

Let us pray.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

RECEIVING THE WORD: "Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil"

#512

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from Ezekiel.

²²Thus 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.

²³On 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.

²⁴All 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.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY**

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in-to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,____
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

***PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with
you. *Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We
lift them to the Lord. *Presider:* Let us give
Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*NOW THE FEAST

Refrain
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of
God; to make all things new.

***KYRIE**

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy,

3rd time to Coda ⊕

For the reign of God, and for
For your peo - ple here who have

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

cy. A - men.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Blessed Assurance”

#638

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
Strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Wise and generous God,
we thank you that at this holy table
you have fed us again
with the food of everlasting life.
Send us with your blessing
to seek the good of our neighbor
and call others to your feast;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Presider: May God bless us and keep us.
May God’s face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

— give us peace. A - men.

PARISH SHARING TIME

***HYMN: “Rise, Shine, You People!”**

#665

***SENDING**

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers,
let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection)

God and Father of all,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have thought better of ourselves than others.
We have told lies, said hurtful things,
acted in ways we wish we could take back,
and looked the other way when action was needed.
In your mercy, O God,
forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us,
for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
everything has become new!
In Christ, + you are a new creation:
your sins are taken away and you are made new.
Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you.
Amen.

***HYMN: “As Rain from the Clouds”**

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***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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God's Work . . .
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Sunday, June 14, 2015 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

*Stand as you are able

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean,
the bread of life coming down from above,
the power at work within us and this world.
Amen.

Announcements

CHRIST IS PRESENT WITH US as we worship today. We are grateful that you are among us. If you are looking for a church home, please speak with Pastor Rachel and indicate your interest on the pew pad.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. White grape juice is available in the glass chalice. Gluten free bread is available. If you are unable to approach the communion rail, please let one of the ushers know.

A nursery is provided during worship just off the South Lobby area, for children ages 5 and younger.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please sign, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Dockters in honor of Dean & Lori's anniversary, Leroy & Karen's anniversary and Ralph & Judy Rohr's anniversary and also in memory of Brianna Dockter.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jennifer Beeston, (June 14); Keely Marshall, (June 16); Tenleigh Zenor, (June 16); Randy Hulme, (June 17); Pat Miles, (June 17); Judy Pantier, (June 17); Simon Burke, (June 19); Kent Henry Jr. (June 19) and Paul Boss, (June 20). Happy Birthday!

OUR THANKS TO Andrea Toven for preaching and presiding today. Pastor Rachel is on vacation. If there is a great need for pastoral assistance please contact the church office at 745-4222 ,Monday-Friday or Andrea Toven at 760-5413.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS' DRIVERS NEEDED: This volunteer position involves delivering meals to Laramie residents who have signed up for Home Delivered Meals. Volunteers need to have their own transportation and be available for one hour each week. Please contact the Eppson Center for Seniors @ (307) 745-5116 for details.

Serving the Church

TODAY (6/14)

NEXT SUNDAY (6/21)

<i>Lector:</i>	9:00 a.m. Terri Rittenburg	9:00 a.m. Don Holmstrom
<i>Acolyte:</i>	9:00 a.m. Trey Muhsman	9:00 a.m. Nick Ferris
<i>Ushers:</i>	9:00 a.m. Betty Carstens Keith Ensley	9:00 a.m. Jennie Lawrence Mark Rehwaldt
<i>Greeters:</i>	9:00 a.m. Jason & Trey Sherwood	9:00 a.m. George & Jennifer Zenor
<i>Nursery:</i>	9:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson	9:00 a.m. Lexi Dockter

Stewards Lindsay Conyers

Altar Guild: Diane Fiedler / Mike Smith


Coffee Fellowship: The Hillers

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, June 14	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
Wednesday, June 16	10:00 a.m.	Women's Study

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: The 4th Sunday after Pentecost:
Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41.

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Everything old
has passed away;
see, everything
has become
new!