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## The Parable of the Mustard Seed



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**Pre-Service Meditation:**

**Matthew 13:31-32** <sup>31</sup> Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, <sup>32</sup> "which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

**Prayer:** O Lord Jesus, You used the parable of the mustard seed to show us how the Kingdom of Heaven may have small and seemingly insignificant beginnings. Yet, when it is fed, nourished, and cared for with the Gospel, it bursts forth into something glorious. Grant us the faith, O Lord, to be partakers in the Kingdom of Heaven, both as recipients of it, and also its proclaimers. In order that we may lead others to the same rest and fulfillment we find in You. In Your saving name we pray, even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever, Amen.

**Opening:**

**TLH 248 Father of Glory, To Thy Name**

**Invocation**

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**Confession and Absolution**

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- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY** *Kyrie*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray... O God--who never disappoints those who depend on You--mercifully accept our prayers. Because we are by nature unable to do any good without You, please help us to trust in Your strength, and to keep Your commandments both in our attitudes and in our actions; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** Amen.

## Old Testament Lesson

## Deuteronomy 6:4-13

<sup>4</sup> "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! <sup>5</sup> "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup> "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and

shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup> "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. <sup>10</sup> "So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, <sup>11</sup> "houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant-- when you have eaten and are full-- <sup>12</sup> "*then* beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. <sup>13</sup> "You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name.

**Responsive Reading** **Psalm 139 [Selected Verses]**

- P** O LORD, You have searched me and known me!
- C** **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.**
- P** You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- C** **Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.**
- P** Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence?
- C** **If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!**
- P** If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- C** **Even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.**
- P** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"
- C** **Even the darkness is not dark to You; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.**

**Epistle Lesson:****Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Confession of Faith:****Apostles Creed**

**☩ 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 is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty. From there 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.**

**Hymn:****WS 742 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven****Sermon****Matthew 13:31-35**

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prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world."

## The Kingdom of Heaven in Its Wonderful Power

**Offertory:**

**Create in Me**

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**Hymn: LSB 654 Your Kingdom, O God, is My Glorious Treasure**

### Offering of Thankful Hearts

### Prayer & 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

Numbers 6:24-25

**☩** Amen.

**Hymn: LSB 836 O God of Light Your Word a Lamp Unfailing**

### Silent Prayer

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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

## Announcements

### Upcoming Events:

- **Lay Service:** We will have a lay service on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Service time will be as is.
- **Stained Glass Update:** We have concluded the survey concerning the front of the Church. As per the Voters' decision, the Council will announce the path forward.

### Call News:

- Pastor Jonathan Schnose of Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN ***has received the call*** to St. Luke's Lutheran in Lemmon, SD. He has ***also received the call*** to Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton, ND and St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN.
- Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran in Iron River, MI ***has received the call*** to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.

### Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> Redemption Communion Service at 9

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9