

MEAL: (ELW p. 190)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 190)

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God (ELW p. 191)

How Great Thou Art (ELW 856)

Almighty God Your Word is Cast (ELW 516)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. **God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Send Forth by God's Blessing* (ELW 547)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM: Please welcome and continue to pray for Elise May Siebert who is baptized today. We rejoice with parents Andrew and Lindsay Siebert, and sponsors Wendy and Michael Davidson and their families to God's glory and in thanksgiving for God's grace.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY: During the Synod Assembly in Toronto (June 21-24 inclusive), please contact the Rev. Diane Raddatz for pastoral emergencies.

Upcoming Regular Events:

LECTIONARY STUDY: Monday, June 18, 2 pm: Mark 4:35-41.

MEDITATION GROUP: Wednesdays at 5 pm in the Sanctuary.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Mon, June 18, 6 pm at the church.

Please check the bulletin board in the narthex for further details about these and other community events. Please send bulletin announcements to secretary@faithottawa.ca before noon on Wednesday.

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, June 17th, 2018

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

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Assisting Today:

Reader: Peter Nabein

Assistant: Jason Nabein

Cantor: Krista Quenneville

Counting: Brian Wirth & Pierre
Quenneville

Next Sunday:

Reader: Mathew DiGiuseppe

Assistant: Ian McGill

Cantor: Julia Wirth

Counting: Peter Nabein & Ken
Roeske

Piano/Organ/Choir Director: David Santry

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BAPTISMAL HYMN: *Baptized and Set Free* (ELW 453)

HOLY BAPTISM: (ELW p. 227)

GREETING: (ELW p. 184)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: 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.**

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (*Sung in unison*)

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

A reading from 2 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.

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 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!

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 188)

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶[Jesus] 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.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Word of God Incarnate* (ELW 514)

BLESSING OF ASSEMBLY DELEGATES: (*Congregation stands*)

Julia Wirth and Pastor Martin, you have been chosen as a delegate to the Eastern Synod Assembly.

You are sent to this gathering to serve the whole church. Will you seek the guidance of God as you join others in making decisions for the church? Will you bear the reconciliation of Christ as you work with others to determine the will of God for the future of the church?

Yes, and I pray that God will help and direct me.

People of God. Will you support Julia and Pastor Martin in prayer? Will you pray for the Eastern Synod?

We will.

(The Congregation extends their hands in blessing)

Julia and Pastor Martin, we bless you as you go forth in the name of God to serve us and all the people of God in the work of this assembly. May the light of Christ shine in you. May the Spirit of Christ guide you. May God bless you in your travel, this work and in your homecoming.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Let the Vineyards ...* (ELW 181)

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**