



Sunday, June 16, 2024

Time After Pentecost

10:00 a.m.



“You Gotta Be Joking!”

Pastor Steve Albertin

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\* (indicates please stand)*

## Call to Worship

Blessed Assurance

## Announcements

### \* Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God.... in the name of the Father, and of the W Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### \* Greeting & Passing of Peace

## Song

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

## Prayer of the Day

## Song

Jesus Draw Me Close

*please be seated*

## Lesson

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Pew Bible pg 257

## Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Pew Bible pg 914

P: This is Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

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## Sermon

"You Gotta Be Joking"

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- When we "explain" a joke, we run the risk of ruining the punchline and the joke.
- At the risk of ruining the joke, I will "explain" the jokes in today's Gospel.
- At the heart of Jesus' parables are jokes with punchlines. A farmer wonders how he got a harvest when he did nothing. If someone had told him this would happen, he would have said, "You gotta be joking!"
- A tiny mustard seed produces a great shrub. "You gotta be joking!"
- Jesus' parables portray what God is doing through him. They always surprise us with the unexpected, like the punchline of a good joke.
- The Bible is the story of God offering one hilarious punchline after another, always surprising people with undeserved love.
- We might wonder, "You gotta be joking!" But God is utterly serious about surprising sinners with love.
- Therefore, we live with a holy sense of humor always looking for the punchlines and the mustard seeds, where God unexpectedly blesses us. No joke!

## \* Song

Refiner's Fire

*please be seated*

## The Offering

*We Celebrate World Hunger on the 1st Sundays of the month*

*Baskets are available for your gifts on the front row as you come up for Communion*

## \* Offertory

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

## \* The Apostles' Creed

ELW pg 105

**Prayers of the Church :** *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)*

Members:

Lee and Wes, Carole, Vickie, John, Brian & Judy

Family & Friends

Eli, Mark, Addison, Bob, Jan, George, Carol, Chris, Susan, Gene & Sylvia,  
Ken, Linda, David, Jeannie, Joyce, Randall & Mary, Ross

## Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### The Lord's Prayer

C: **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!**

*please be seated*

### Distribution

*All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.*

### Benediction

\* **Sending Song**

I Saw the Light

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**