

Isaiah 55:10-13 NIV

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

¹² You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed."

Romans 8:12-17 NIV

¹² Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, ¹⁴ because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 NIV
The Parable of the Sower

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. ²² The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church
Order of Worship
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 12, 2020

Gracious Growth, Bountiful Harvest

Welcome to all who gather to worship the Lord this day! Isaiah declares that the word of God will surely accomplish God's purpose (55:11). May we eagerly hear God's message so we might also live it. Welcome to worship.

Welcome

Memory Verse of the Month: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18)

Opening Hymn: "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB ###

Invocation

Pastor: *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

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

Pastor: *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

People: **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.**

Pastor: *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made the children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. 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.*

People: Amen.

Prayer for the Day

Pastor: *Let us pray.*

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.

People: Amen.

Old Testament: *Isaiah 55:10–13* (God’s Word accomplishes His plans as surely as rain gives growth to plants.)

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord*

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: *Romans 8:12–17* (Because the Spirit leads us, we know we are children of God.)

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord*

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23* (Whoever hears the Word and understands it will produce a great harvest for God in spite of worldly opposition.)

Pastor: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.*

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: “Create in Me” *LSB ###*

Sermon: “Mission: Word” by *Vicar Wondrasch*

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 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.

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: *In peace let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

People: Amen.

The 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

Pastor: *The Lord bless you and keep you.*

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Pastor: *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" *LSB ###*