

**WELCOME**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER**  
**PENTECOST**  
**SAT. JULY 15/SUN. JULY 16, 2023**



**“THE SOWER KNOWS”**

**AS WE GATHER**

Jesus tells us about a person who is sowing seed.

The seed ends up falling on four types of soil:

On the path where people walk

On rocky ground

On soil already filled with plants having thorns

On good soil

These seeds all have different fates.

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN** “When Morning Gilds the  
Skies” *LSB 807*

**1. When morning gilds the skies,  
My heart, awaking, cries,  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”  
When evening shadows fall,  
This rings my curfew call:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**2. When mirth for music longs,  
This is my song of songs:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”  
God’s holy house of prayer  
Hath none that can compare  
With “Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**3. No lovelier antiphon  
In all high heav’n is known  
Than “Jesus Christ be praised!”  
There to the\_ eternal Word  
The\_ eternal psalm is heard:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**4. Ye nations of mankind,  
In this your concord find:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”  
Let all the earth around  
Ring joyous with the sound:  
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**5. Sing, suns and stars of space,  
Sing, ye that see His face,  
Sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”  
God’s whole creation o’er,  
Both now and evermore  
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!**

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Luke 19:37–38; Phil. 2:9–11; John 1:1–4, 14; Rev. 5:11–14

## **INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES** *Titus 3:3–7*

**Pastor:** For we ourselves were once foolish,  
disobedient, led astray, slaves to various  
passions and pleasures,

**People: passing our days in malice and envy,  
hated by others and hating one another.**

Pastor: But when the goodness and loving kindness  
of God our Savior appeared,

**People: He saved us, not because of works done  
by us in righteousness, but according to  
His own mercy,**

Pastor: by the washing of regeneration and renewal  
of the Holy Spirit,

**People: whom He poured out on us richly through  
Jesus Christ our Savior,**

Pastor: so that being justified by His grace

**People: we might become heirs according to the  
hope of eternal life.**

## **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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

✂ WORD ✂

**KYRIE**



**C** Lord, have mer - cy;



Christ, have mer - cy;



Lord, have mer - cy.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Glory Be to God the Father”

*(LSB 506, Sts. 1 & 4)*

**Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit:  
Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory while eternal ages run!  
Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!  
Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!**

## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF 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 READING**    *Isaiah 55:10–13*  
*(God’s powerful Word for all)*

<sup>10</sup> “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



**EPISTLE**    *Romans 8:12–17*        (*Life through the Spirit*)

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**        (*LSB p. 205*)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**These things are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23 (The parable of the sower)*

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**13** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: “**A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear.”**

**18** “Hear then the parable of the sower: **19** When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand

it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”      *LSB 577*

**1. Almighty God, Your Word is cast  
Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend  
And righteous fruits abound.**

**2. Let not the sly satanic foe  
This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart  
To bring forth fruits of love.**

**3. Let not the world's deceitful cares  
The rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundredfold  
The fruits of peace and joy.**

**4. So when the precious seed is sown,  
Life-giving grace bestow  
That all whose souls the truth receive  
Its saving pow'r may know.**

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ST. FLAVIAN C M Matt. 13:3–9, 18–24; Mark 4:3–9, 13–20; Rom. 1:16**

**SERMON**

*Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald*

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and**

**the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

## **SENDING OF SHORT-TERM MISSIONARIES**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **OFFERING**

### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

### **PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom You anointed to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recover of sight for the blind, and to set the oppressed free. By His preaching and teaching, and by the blood of His death and His glorious resurrection, He has fulfilled Your will. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** “Holy, Holy God Almighty”      *Tune:*  
*LSB 803*

**Holy, holy God Almighty,  
Lift we anthems unto Thee.  
In the highest, saints and angels  
Sing Thy praises endlessly.  
Blessed is the One who came here  
When salvation was begun.  
Sing hosanna, earth and heaven,  
To the Father, Spirit, Son.**

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## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new**



testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**“The Lord’s Prayer”** *(Tune: LSB 707)*

**Our Father, God, who art in heav’n,  
All hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
In earth and heav’n the same.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
And, as we those forgive  
Who sin against us, so may we  
Forgiving grace receive.**

**Into temptation lead us not;  
From evil set us free;  
The kingdom, power, and glory, Lord,  
Ever belong to Thee.**

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## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**People:** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**      *John 1:29*  
(*LSB 198*)

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
That takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
That takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
That takest away the sin of the world,  
Grant us Thy peace.    Amen.**

## **+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+**

***By communing, a person says publicly that they -***

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

***How to receive –***

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**“Like a River Glorious”**

**1 Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,  
over all victorious in its bright increase:  
perfect, yet still flowing fuller every day;  
perfect, yet still growing deeper all the way.**

**Refrain:**

**Trusting in Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,  
finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.**

**2 Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,  
never foe can follow, never traitor stand;  
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,  
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.**

**(Refrain)**

**Trusting in Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,  
finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.**

**3 Every joy or testing comes from God above,  
Given to His children as an act of love;  
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;  
those who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.**

**(Refrain)**

**Trusting in Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,  
finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.**

## **POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

**“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”**

*(LSB 806)*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His  
Son,**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His  
Son.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,”  
Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say “I am strong,”  
Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly  
Father, You**

**have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the  
Holy Supper of**

Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true  
faith  
throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of  
His coming,  
we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the  
marriage feast  
of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;  
through Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**    *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.**

**CLOSING HYMN**    “Hark, the Voice of Jesus  
Crying” *LSB 826*

**1. Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,**

**“Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting—  
Who will bear the sheaves away?”  
Loud and long the Master calleth;  
Rich reward He offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying,  
“Here am I, send me, send me”?**

**2. If you cannot speak like angels,  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
You can say He died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked  
With the judgment’s dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children  
To the Savior’s waiting arms.**

**3. If you cannot be a watchman,  
Standing high on Zion’s wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven,  
Off’ring life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties  
You can do what God commands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron,  
Holding up the prophet’s hands.**

**4. Let none hear you idly saying,  
“There is nothing I can do,”  
While the multitudes are dying  
And the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly,  
Let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth,  
“Here am I, send me, send me!”**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 3.

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- **PLASTIC RECYCLING:** Hope is collecting clean plastic bags of all types by the mailboxes. When we reach our goal, we will receive a free park bench. Any questions, please see Mary Ann.
- **SHARING CENTER:** The Sharing Center appreciates our volunteers and donations. Since school is out, we are now focusing on "kid-friendly" foods. In particular, peanut butter, jelly, pudding/jello/fruit snack packs, microwavable pull-tab soups/chili and other healthy snacks are needed. There is still a great need of Summer clothing for children (birth through teen) and light-weight blankets.



- Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests or any other concerns.
- Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
- Liturgist (Sun.) Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
- Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal
- Sun. Organist: George Kelm
- Ensemble Coordinator: Tabra Gonski
- A/V Team: Stan & Cheryl Grey, Josh Walton  
Brian & Amanda Larie

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

Reader: Erna Wishnew  
 Communion: Paul Trettin  
 Acolyte: Danica Olsen  
 Ushers: Gail Feick & Mary Ann Platz  
 Fellowship: Beth Schneider

### **NEXT WEEK**

Reader: Dawn Oswald  
 Communion: Jim Tonkinson  
 Acolyte: Nathan Olsen  
 Ushers: Paul & Carol Trettin  
 Fellowship: Phyllis Klen

### **BIRTHDAYS**

7/18 Peter Voigt  
 7/19 John Tueting  
 7/22 Jim Tonkinson

**Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week**  
**7/17/23 – 7/23/23**

**Wednesday: 5:30pm Confirmation Class**

**Thursday: 8:00am Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service**

**Sunday: 9:00am Worship Service**  
**10:20am Bible Study**