

# *Order of Worship*

## *The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Sunday, July 12, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.*

PRELUDE

MRS. LANA MIDDENDORF, PIANIST

WELCOME

*Please stand.*

OPENING HYMN

### ***“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”***

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

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

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

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

Text: John Cawood, 1775-1852, alt.

Tune: *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1562; setting: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901 Text & Music: Public Domain  
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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

All: **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. Most merciful God,

All: **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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

##### ***"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"***

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-80; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Tune: *Ander Theil Des Erneueren Gesang-Buchs*, Stralsund, 1665;

Setting: *The Chorale Book of England*, 1863, alt.

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#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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.

All: **Amen.**

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

#### ISAIAH 55:10-13

<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."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

### THE GOSPEL READING

**MATTHEW 13:3-9, 18-23**

<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."

<sup>18</sup> "Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> 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."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SERMON HYMN

***"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"***

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
Tune: *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1543, ed. Joseph Klug;  
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***"How's Your Soil?"***

*Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23*

**THE 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.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition the prayer concludes:*

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray together:

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**All: Amen!**

## CLOSING HYMN

### *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

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## POSTLUDE

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## *We Pray For This Week*

Ben Babroy, Charles Capps, Allysha Neebe, Rick & Brenda Neilson,  
Eric & Shawna Newman & Family, Dale Niksch, David Nimmo,  
Jon & Joy Ninke & Family, Karen O'Brien, Patrick & Debbie O'Donogue & Family

## *Keep in Your Prayers*

**Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:**

Brian Adams

Patricia Howard

Maggie Winn

Terri Green

Jeanne Kelly

Alexander Hernandez

Jan Morton

**We pray for those who are recovering:**

Rocky Hewitt

Brad Morton