

+The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost +
July 12, 2020



The Parable of the Sower

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

When the bells ring, stand and face the Cross.

Entrance Hymn | 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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.**

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

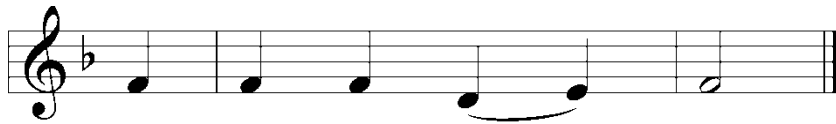
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P 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.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“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,
¹¹so 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.
¹²“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.
¹³Instead 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

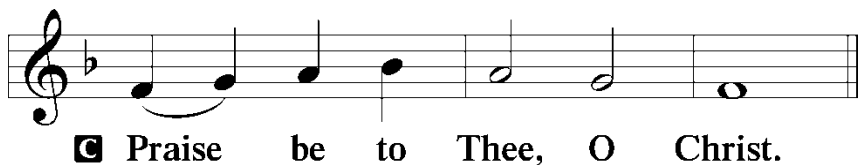
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When 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. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet 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. ²²As 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. ²³As 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

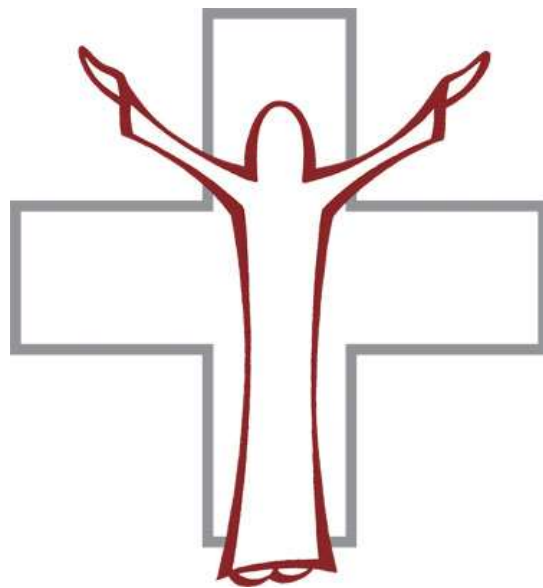


Nicene Creed

C **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.**

Sit



Hymn of the Day | 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

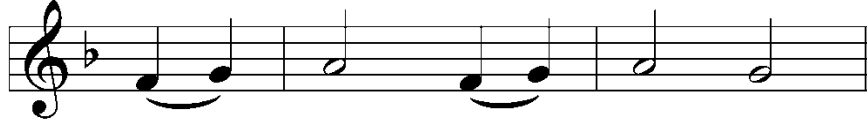
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** 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.
- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit
Distribution

Distribution Hymn | 586 Preach You the Word

1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who
 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser- vant
 3 The sow- er sows; his reck- less love Scat- ters a -
 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be

like or like it not, The Word that shall en -
 bade us un- der - take: To preach Your Word and
 broad the good- ly seed, In - tent a - lone that
 choked and mat- ted flat, The sow- er sows; his

dure and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.
 nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.
 all may have The whole- some loaves that all men need.
 heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

- 5 Of all his scattered plenteousness
 One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
 And bears a harvest hundredfold:
 "Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"

- 6 Preach you the Word and plant it home
 And never faint; the Harvest Lord
 Who gave the sower seed to sow
 Will watch and tend His planted Word.

Distribution Hymn | 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's
 2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious
 3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you
 4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,
 are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,
 food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,



He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 And with the wine the blood He shed.
 His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.
 Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the sick who are distressed,
 By hearts that long for peace and
 rest.

- 6 Agony and bitter labor
 Were the cost of God's high
 favor;
 Do not come if you suppose
 You need not Him who died and
 rose.

- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that
 labor,
 And receive My grace and favor:
 Those who feel no pain or ill
 Need no physician's help or skill.

- 8 "For what purpose was My dying
 If not for your justifying?
 And what use this precious food
 If you yourself were pure and
 good?"

- 9 If your heart this truth professes
 And your mouth your sin
 confesses,
 You will be your Savior's guest,
 Be at His banquet truly blest.

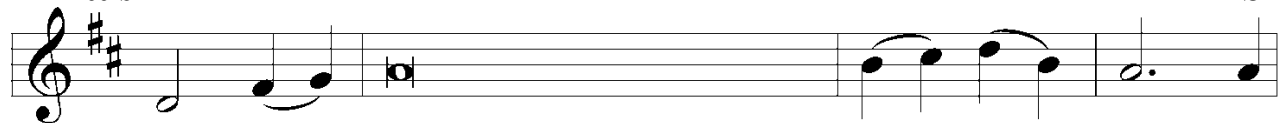
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish
 That its fruit of love may flourish
 And your neighbor learn from you
 How much God's wondrous love
 can do.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith unto life everlasting. Depart T in peace. **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



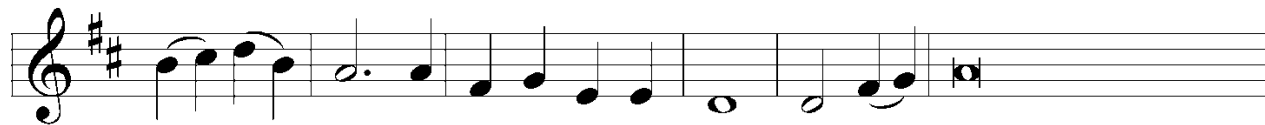
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



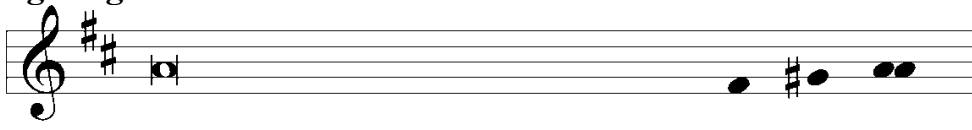
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



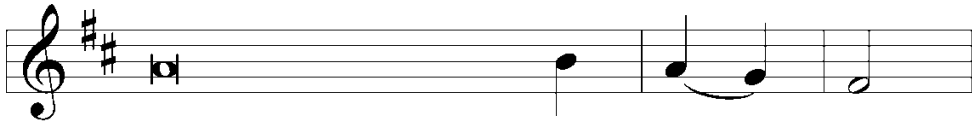
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. **A - men.**

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



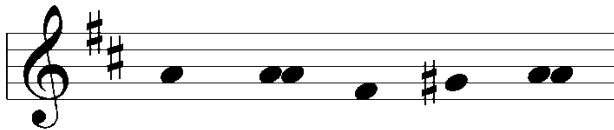
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



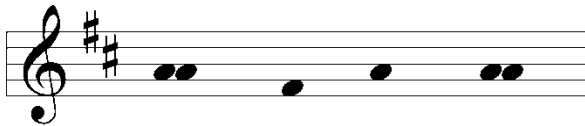
P The Lord be with you.



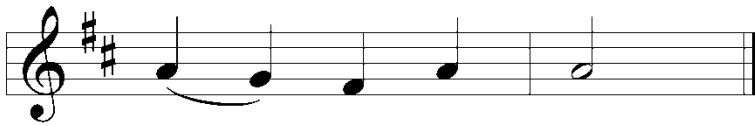
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



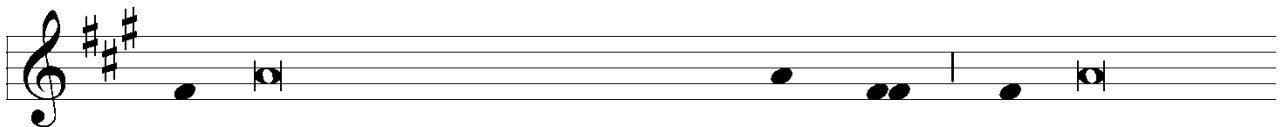
A Bless we the Lord.



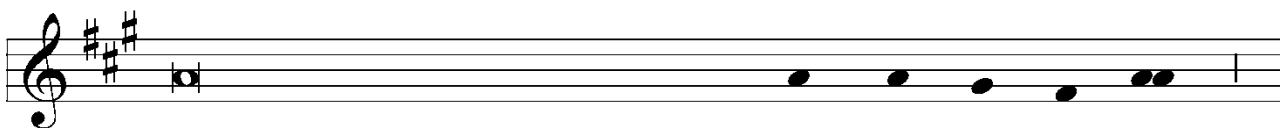
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

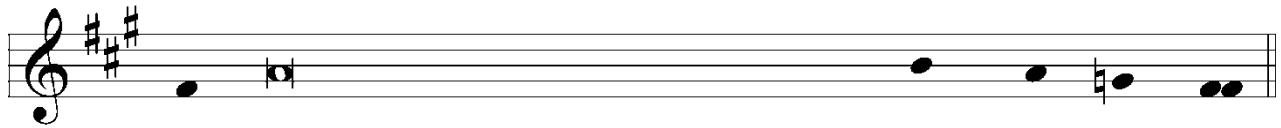
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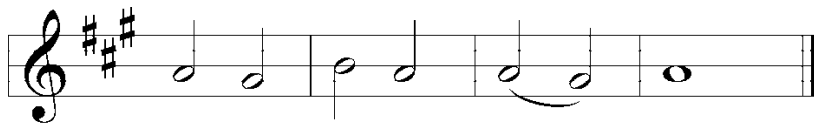
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

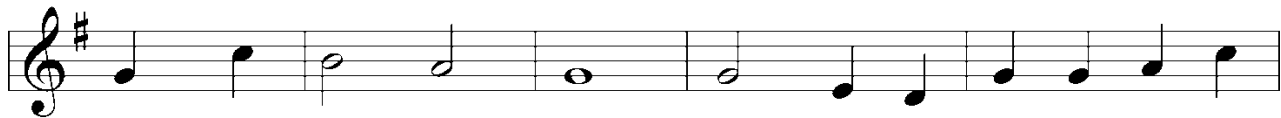


■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart | 652 Father, We Thank Thee



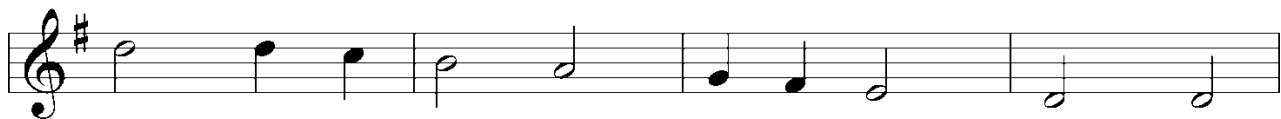
1 Fa - ther, we thank Thee who hast plant - ed Thy ho - ly
2 Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, Save it from



name with - in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im -
e - vil, guard it still, Per - fect it in Thy love, u -



mor - tal Je - sus, Thy Son, to us im - parts.
nite it, Cleansed and con - formed un - to Thy will.



Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy plea - sure, Didst
As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, Was



give us food for all our days, Giv - ing in Christ the
in this bro - ken bread made one, So from all lands Thy



Bread e - ter - nal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered In - to Thy king - dom by Thy Son.

THE WORD of GOD for TODAY

The Parable of the Sower is a warning. The Sower sows his seed into the earth—that is, Christ Jesus and his ministers proclaim the Gospel of salvation and plant this ‘seed’ into the hearts of men that faith may take root and grow. But there are enemies which assault this faith: what the Catechism calls, the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh. The devil is pictured as birds, nabbing the seed off the road before it has a chance to take root. Many hear the Word and do not believe, but reject it out of hand as foolishness. Paul said that the Gospel would appear foolish to those who are perishing (1 Cor. 1:18). The world is pictured as thorns which choke faith of life and vitality. There are those who hear the Word but become so absorbed with anxiety and the cares of this life that faith is not fed but starved and strangled. The sinful nature is pictures as hard, shallow or rocky soil, which is fallen man’s natural hard-heartedness to the Word of God, our apathy and listlessness that resists it when it is preached and proclaimed, and therefore permits only a shallow faith that is woefully unready when persecution comes.

The Sower sows his reckless love indiscriminately. This is Christ’s love for the entire world. His desire is for all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Still, many are called but few are chosen. This means that many will hear the Word and Christ’s invitation to come and find rest in his saving wounds. But because of the enemies of faith which militate against the work of the Sower, many do not believe. But by God’s grace, some do. Fed and nourished by the water and sunshine of the blessed Word and Sacraments, God’s elect and chosen do ‘deepen their roots,’ mature in the Faith, and grow to full stature and ripeness, producing a plenteous harvest of love and good works which serve the neighbor.

The power to grow is not in the soil, but the Sower. On its own, the soil can produce nothing. But the origin of faith is the Word which the Sower sows. Just as the rain does not return to heaven before watering the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, so it is with the Word. The Word of God will not return to Jesus void but will accomplish the purpose for which he sent it. The Word is effective to convert, enliven, and renew us. The Christian life is one of returning to this Word again and again. The birds, thorns, and sun are resisted when the Sower tends his plants—his dear, beloved Christians, with the Word and Sacraments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services of the Church. For the summer months, our services will be at 8am and 9:15am. To serve those who have not received the Sacrament, each service will be a Divine Service with the Lord’s Supper. The fellowship hall and balcony will be opened to provide extra seating.

The Lord’s Supper. Communicants are invited to either side of the altar rail and are communed individually or in pairs without kneeling. There is no dismissal of each individual or couple; the dismissal is spoken over the entire congregation at the end of the Sacrament. After having received the Body and Blood of Christ, please return to your pew by the side aisle. The

common cup is withheld for a time, so take an individual cup provided on the stand with you up to the altar. You may receive the Body of Christ with an open mouth or an open hand.

Park-In opportunity. One service is broadcasted (9:15am) on the radio at 106.1FM.

Adult Catechism meets today at 11:30am.

We rejoice with Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur as an Assistant Pastor, Zach Oedewaldt, will be ordained and installed today at 2:30pm at Zion. Members of St. Paul are invited.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class and Compline. Pr. Yeager has begun a Bible Class for Wednesday evenings at 6pm. The first class met Wednesday, June 10th. We will study the Book of 2 Corinthians for an hour and at the end of the study, we will learn and pray the Office of Compline in the sanctuary, which is a prayer office for the close of the day (LSB 253). Compline should take no longer than 15 minutes. If you plan to come, please let Pr. Yeager know of your intentions and bring your own Bible from home so that you can take notes.

Offerings and E-Giving. To set up automatic online giving from your bank or financial center, go to the Congregation's website, www.splutheranpreble.org, click the Online Giving tab in the upper right corner of the homepage, then click the Donation Link provided, set up your online giving profile, and follow the simple instructions. This is a safe, easy and automatic way to tithe to the Church. For those who have already established online giving, your offerings are being recorded by the Church's financial secretary. We give thanks for your gifts to St. Paul.

Youth Group.

Our High School Youth will start meeting again in July. Here are the plans we have for gathering: **July 19; 6:30-8:30 p.m.** – Wyneken Service and Game Night; **July 26; 4-6 p.m.** – Slip-n-Slide Kickball; **August 2; 3-7 p.m.** Rivergreenway Bike Ride and Picnic.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+**The Sick and Recovering:** Irene Bieberich.

+**Expectant Mothers:** Brittney Gallmeyer, Irene Keilani, Sarah Mesing, Tori Ehlerding.

+**For the Homebound & Infirm:** Delores Rumpel, Edna Mesing, Irene Bieberich, Faye Keuneke, Marge Merriman (at Woodcrest); Ken Schueler (home); Bonnie Gallmeyer (home); Anita Spiegel (Ossian Health and Rehab Nursing Home).

+**Birthdays:** Nolan Scheumann, Ashlyn Vogel, Betty Becker, Ron Weigmann.

ATTENDANCE 7.5.20

8am 55 9:15am 95 Park-in 15

OFFERINGS 7.5.20

Need Weekly: \$7,049.84 Received Last Week: \$5,747.00
-1,302.84/week -\$7,864.71/year

HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. PAUL

Our congregation confesses the Bodily Presence of Christ Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord, the Altar is open to those who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of the Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

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