



“A Sower Went
Out to Sow Seed”



OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

“God’s Word is Received with Joy and Thanksgiving!”

July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Lord’s Supper:

First Sunday of the Month

Wisconsin Synod

Welcome to Our Redeemer

God’s Word has gone out into all the world, just as a sower scatters seed. God’s Word has also been planted in our hearts. This is why we pray for that Word to work effectively, producing a rich harvest. As our lives are filled with the blessings of the Word, we can, and will become a source of blessing for others.

For Parents with Small Children

There is children’s service folder in the basket by the front door. Please pick one up if needed. Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall along with a television monitor to watch the service. Please go left from the church and walk to the double doors.

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music and Welcome

Opening Hymn

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”
Christian Worship 586

The Invocation

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



C: A — men! 1

P: From God's Word we have come to know: "Christ himself entrusted absolution to his Church and commanded us to absolve one another from our sins. So if there is a heart that feels its sin and desires consolation, it has here a sure refuge when it hears in God's Word that through a fellow human being, God absolves a person from sin."

In the name of our God and Savior to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**C: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy,
and in your faithfulness, come to my relief.
Do not bring your servant into judgment,
for no one living is righteous before you.
Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.
Do not hide your face from me,
for I have put my trust in you.
Show me the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.
Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.**

P: It is because of the Lord's faithfulness and undeserved love that we humbly confess our sins.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, by my words, and with my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

The Absolution

P: Jesus says to his people, if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



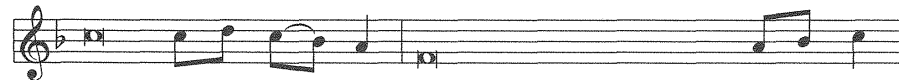
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



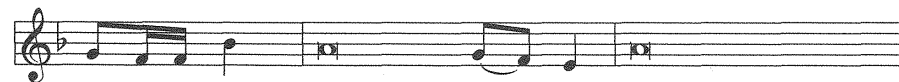
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,



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, you take away the



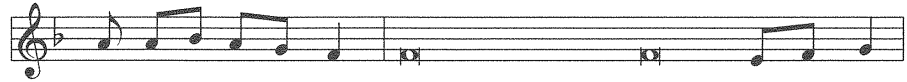
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,



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

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: O gracious Lord, your Word always accomplishes what it is sent to do. It is good, effective, and fruitful seed. Plant that seed in our hearts and lives. Cause it to grow. Make it yield an abundant harvest of good works. We also ask you to make us faithful sowers of the seed we have received. Send us out armed with your powerful Word. Give us strength and perseverance to labor tirelessly—scattering your seed wherever it is needed. Then bless the working of that seed, causing more and more people to be ready for the final harvest. At that time, bring all into the blessing of heaven. There, together with the saints and angels, all will praise you the only, true and Triune God—Father, Son, and Spirit.



C: A — men!

The Lessons from God's Word
"The Word is Powerful and Effective—Spread It!"

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:6–11

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found!

Call on him while he is near!

⁷Let the wicked man abandon his way.

Let an evil man abandon his thoughts.

Let him turn to the LORD,
and he will show him mercy.

Let him turn to our God,
because he will abundantly pardon.

⁸Certainly my plans are not your plans,
and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so my ways are higher than your ways,
and my plans are higher than your plans.

¹⁰Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky
and do not return there unless they first water the earth,
make it give birth, and cause it to sprout,
so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth
will not return to me empty.

Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please,
and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

Psalm Verse

P: May my loud cry come before you, LORD. Give me understanding through your Word. May my plea for mercy come before you. Deliver me according to your saying. May my lips overflow with praise, because you teach me your statutes. May

me. I have strayed like a perishing sheep. Seek your servant, because I have not forgotten your commandments.

Alleluia!



C: Al - le - lu — ia! Al - le - lu — ia! Al - le - lu — ia!

Gospel

P: The Gospel is recorded in the thirteen chapter of Matthew reading selected verses.



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

¹That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. ²A large crowd gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. ³He told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen, a sower went out to sow. ⁴As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. ⁶But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. ⁸But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁸“So listen carefully to 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 the seed that was sown along the path. ²⁰The seed

that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. ²²The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. ²³But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown.”

Children’s Message

“Good Ground is Where Good Seed Grows!”

P: This is the Word of our God!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there 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.**

Hymn of the Day

“Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit”

Alternate version

Come, O come, life-giving Spirit,
God from all eternity!
May your power never fail us;
Dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light
Banish all the gloom of night.

Show us, Lord, the path of blessing;
When we trespass on our way,
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind you
And be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall;
Work repentance when we fall.

Spirit, guard our faith forever;
Let not Satan, death, or shame
Ever part us from our Savior.
Lord, our refuge is your name!
When our hearts oppose your will,
Let your Word prove stronger still.

And when life's frail thread is breaking,
Then assure us more and more,
As the heirs of life unending,
Of the glory there in store,
Glory never yet expressed,
Glory of the saints at rest.

“Something Always Happens with the Word!”

Does it get snatched away?
Does it fade away?
Does it produce no fruit?
Does it grow and thrive?

“Create in Me”

Psalm 51



C: Cre- ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-



new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-



way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir - it



from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-va -



tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A-men.

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks!

Prayer for the Lord's Blessing

Special Requests

The Lord's Prayer: (*spoken with the pastor*)

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

Hymn

“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”
Christian Worship 541

Closing Prayer

P: O Lord, source and author of the Truth, your Word has come powerfully into our life, and it has brought about a dramatic change. No longer are we dead in our trespasses. No longer are we trapped in sin's dread darkness. No longer are we plagued by the devil's tyranny. Because you have brought about this change, we ask you to continue doing this precious work. Give us joy in knowing your life-giving Word. Fill us with comfort through its saving truth. Nourish and equip us to be faithful servants of your Word, taking that Word at your command and scattering it everywhere we can. Bless all we do in your name. Bless us as well. Graciously allow us to see the fruits of our labors—all to the glory of your holy name—Father, Son, and Spirit, who lives and rules now and throughout all eternity.



C: A ——— men!

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace.



C: A—men. A—men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”
Christian Worship 471

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today - *Welcome in our gracious Savior's Name!* May the blessing that comes from God's Word, planted in you, bring you joy, peace, and lead you to a fruitful life of good works. If you are visiting this morning, please sign our guest book or a visitor card, and worship with us again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to enjoy some snacks and a cup of coffee after the worship service.
- The **Quarterly Congregational** meeting will begin at 11:00 am. It is important that we know and participate in the ministry of our congregation.

Tuesday—Outreach meeting at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday—Bible Study at 7:00 pm. This will be the last lesson on the Holy Spirit. A new study will start either at the end of August, or the beginning of September. Watch for more information.

Friday—Office hours from 10:00 am—2:30 pm

Saturday—Clean: Pettus

- Mowing beginning July 23rd—Everson

Sunday, July 23rd —Worship and Live-streaming at 9:30 am.

Isaiah records the Lord’s own words: “Except for me, there is no god!” Anything made by human hands, or is subject to human control, is nothing more than a worthless idol. The Lord, however, is the true God. He is the First and the Last, the Lord of Glory and the Lord of Armies!

- The Lord Supper will be offered in this service. You may register to receive the Sacrament following the service today.
- Christian Education will review Paul’s declaration of the true God and how he makes himself known through natural knowledge and divine revelation.

Thank You

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