

*July 26, 2020*  
*The Eight Sunday after Pentecost*



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing  
The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *Speak, O Savior; I am Listening*..... CW # 283

1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant  
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten  
3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my  
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in

to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;  
thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me

To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my  
Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened  
On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will  
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly

whole life through, I may serve and fol - low you. Let your  
sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your Word, But to  
be my light Through death's cold and drear - y night; Yes, they  
sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my

Word e'er be my plea - sure And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
all who feel sin's bur - den You give peace and words of par - don.  
are my sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
high - est praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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**Confession and Absolution**

**L:** *(rise)* The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also, with you.**

**L:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**L:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: AMEN**

**Prayer and Praise**

**L:** We pray, for all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayers, O Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy**

**L:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our pray, O Christ.

**C: Christ have mercy**

**L:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy**

**L:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**L:** Bountiful Lord God, your presence fills our hearts with joy and your blessing nourishes our souls with peace. Enlighten us by your Holy Spirit that we may see and appreciate these gifts as token of your amazing love to your glory and praise; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen. (seated)**

**First Lesson:**

**Isaiah 55:8-13**

<sup>8</sup> “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> 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, <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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.” (The Word of our God)

**Psalm: # 65**

*Refrain*

The earth is full of the good-ness of  
 God, the good-ness of our God.

*Psalm tone*

\*

Praise awaits you, O God,\*  
 you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it;\*  
 you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with water\*  
 to provide the people with grain.

**Refrain**

You crown the year with your bounty,\*  
 and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow;\*  
 the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain;\*  
 they shout for joy and sing.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Refrain**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:

Romans 8:16-18, 22-25

L: <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

C: <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

L: <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

<sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (Word of the Lord)

Hymn: *For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray*..... CW # 500 Stz 1-4

1 For Chris - tian homes, O Lord, we pray, That you might  
 2 We are the chil - dren of your grace; Our homes are  
 3 U - nit - ed in a bond of love, We lift our  
 4 Pro - tect us and our loved ones dear From pain and

dwel with us each day. Make ours a place where  
 now your dwell - ing - place. In you we trust and  
 eyes to you a - bove. From you we gain the  
 sor - row, want and fear; Yet when we must our

you are Lord, Where all is gov - erned by your Word.  
 dai - ly live; Teach us to serve and to for - give.  
 strength to live; The wish to share, the joy to give.  
 bur - dens bear, "Your will be done" shall be our prayer.

**Gospel:** *(rise)*

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

**L:** <sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.

<sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

<sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear...”

<sup>18</sup> “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> 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.

<sup>23</sup> 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.”

**L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** ***Praise be to you, O Christ!*** *(seated)*

**Hymn:** *Children of the Heavenly Father*..... **CW # 449**

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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; In his  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his

A7 D G

in his bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird or star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he  
Lord his chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them his grace he  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

D B7 Em A7 D

heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In his might - y arms he bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

*We Are God's Children*



**Apostles' Creed:** *(Rise) (together we confess)*

***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***

**Prayer:** Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive your word of truth with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; all this we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

**Lord's Prayer:** *(traditional)*

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!***

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

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**Hymn:** *On What Has Now Been Sown* ..... **CW # 322**



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1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be -  
 2 To you our wants are known; From you are all our  
 3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore you

stow; The pow'r is yours a - lone To make it  
 pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own And par - don  
 here May meet to - geth - er thus When you and

spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest  
 what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -  
 yours ap - pear And fol - low you to heav'n, our

raise And you a - lone shall have the praise!  
 ceive And to your Word a bless - ing give.  
 home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!