

# Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday – July 11, 2020 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – July 12, 2020 – 8:15 am. Worship & Live Streamed Worship

10:45 am. Worship



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## † Call to Worship †

### Hymn # 973 “Thy Word Is a Lamp”

*Refrain*



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My

Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.

noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; *And Refrain*

Please be near me to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
I will love You to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Stand

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

#### Invocation

*LSB 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

#### Exhortation

*LSB 151 1 John 1:8–9*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **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.*

#### Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, 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.**

#### Absolution

*LSB 151 (Alt.) [John 20:19–23]*

- P** Upon this, your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you “all your sins.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, by His authority, and by His command, I therefore forgive you “all your sins” in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## † Service of the Word †

### Psalm 119:129-136 (PE)

- P** <sup>129</sup> Remarkable are Your testimonies;  
**C** therefore my soul holds them close.
- P** <sup>130</sup> Revealing Your words gives light;  
**C** it gives understanding to the simple.
- P** <sup>131</sup> Rises a sigh from my lips;  
**C** because I long for Your commandments.
- P** <sup>132</sup> Return to me with Your grace;  
**C** with judgments favoring those who love Your name.
- P** <sup>133</sup> Regulate my footsteps according to Your promise;  
**C** let not any iniquity get mastery over me.
- P** <sup>134</sup> Rescue me from man's oppression;  
**C** that I may keep Your precepts.
- P** <sup>135</sup> Restore to Your servant the light of Your face;  
**C** and teach me Your statutes.
- P** <sup>136</sup> Rivers of tears flow from my eyes;  
**C** because we do not keep Your law.<sup>(† Torah)</sup>
- ALL** 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.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And al - so with you.

- 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

- <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.  
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.

**Epistle: Romans 8:12-17**

<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.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

**Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

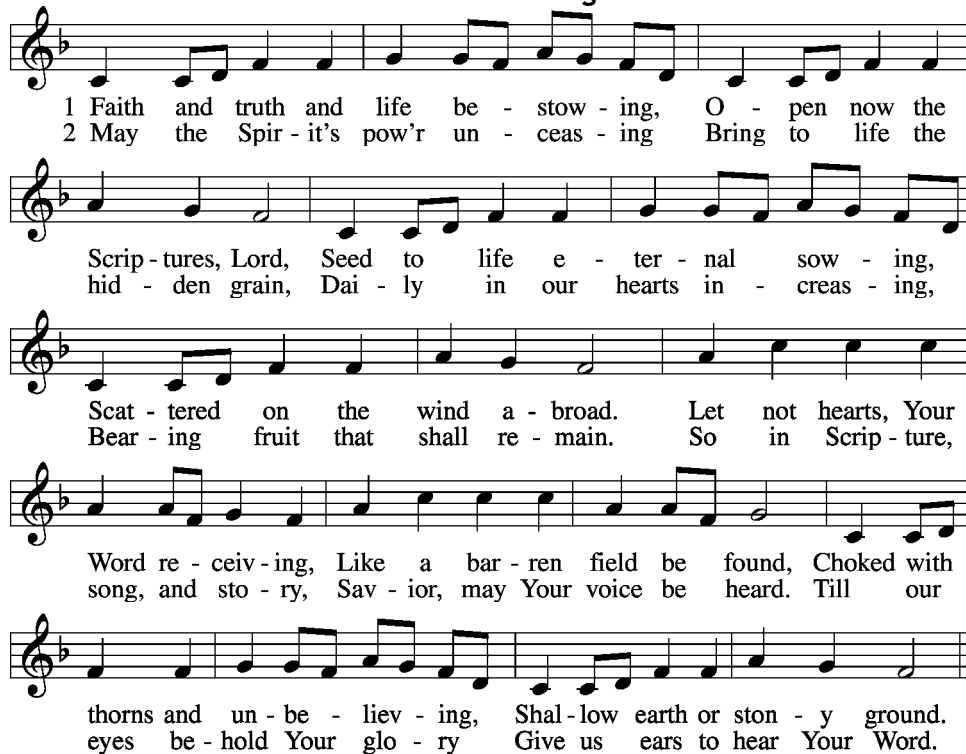
- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>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."*  
...<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."*



## Hymn # 584 "Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing"



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the  
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing, Bring to life the  
Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,  
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,  
Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your  
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,  
Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with  
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our  
thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.  
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

#### Final Petition:

- P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead and reigning together with You and the Holy Spirit, now and into all eternity, who has taught us to pray,

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196 Matthew 6:9-13*

- C** 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 forever and ever. Amen.

### Benediction

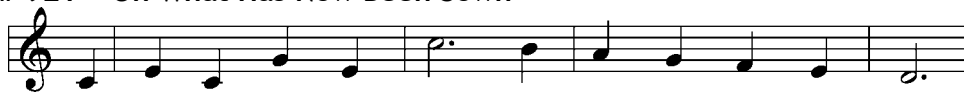
*LSB 202 Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** 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.



- C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn # 921 "On What Has Now Been Sown"



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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