



*Sunday, July 12, 2020*  
*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Holy Communion*

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July 12, 2020 • 9:30 A.M. Service

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

*God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.*

**PRELUDE**

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

arr. D. Eliot

**MEDITATIVE MOMENT**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRINITARIAN CHIMES**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**GATHERING SONG:**

*As Rain from the Clouds (Verses 1, 3)*

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**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-13

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are placed below the notes on each staff.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Steven Wigdahl**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:    *The Word of God Is Source and Seed* (tune: *Jesus Shall Reign*)**

- 1   The Word of God is source and seed;  
    it comes to die and sprout and grow.  
    So make your dark earth welcome warm;  
    root deep the grain God bent to sow.
  
- 2   The Word of God is breath and life;  
    it comes to heal and wake and save.  
    So let the Spirit touch and mend  
    and rouse your dry bones from their grave.
  
- 3   The Word of God is flesh and grace,  
    who comes to sing, to laugh and cry.  
    So dare to be as Jesus was,  
    who came to live and love and die.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939   Text © 1983, 1993 Sisters of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
    creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world. *Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

### HEAR OUR PRAYER



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch.

*(Names from our congregation...)*

*Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.*

**Congregational refrain: "Hear Our Prayer"**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

## OFFERTORY

***New Wine***

**Jamie Searles, Leader of the Alive Band**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth,  
all creation is yours,  
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Water and word, wine and bread:  
these are signs of your abundant grace.

Nourish us through these gifts,  
that we might proclaim your steadfast love  
in our communities and in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
Life-giving God,  
you have fed us with your word.  
Continue to open us up to your presence,  
and send us forth into mission in your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**                    *Build Us Up, Lord*

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**                    *Thy Strong Word*

**arr J. Wilbur**