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THE 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Welcome to Worship! In our readings today, the Word of God is compared to seeds that are planted. The seed is filled with power and life, yet faces adverse conditions that seek to limit its growth. We thank God that others have planted the seed of His Word in us and pray that it may provide an abundant harvest of faith, hope, and love for Him and others.

1st Time Guests: We're glad you're here and invite you to stop by the *Welcome Center* near the center aisle after the service for a gift. It's a chance to learn more about our congregation and ministries. We hope you'll join us again soon!

Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.

A **"Wee Wiggle Room"** is below the Narthex. A Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Children's Activity Bags are located in the Narthex. Please return after worship.

Vicar Farewell will be held in the Fellowship Hall between services, please join us! **Adult Bible Classes** will not meet today.

Where do I put my offering? You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be at the 9:00 & 7:00 service. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church and wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms at the rail. Gluten free wafers are in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center.

+ DIVINE SERVICE IV, Page 203 +

THE PRELUDE: "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" -Georg Bohm

THE HYMN: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Hymn 901

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessèd is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!
- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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THE INVOCATION, page 203

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

THE EXHORTATION:

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS:

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION:

P 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, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

THE KYRIE: C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

C **To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;**

Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing —

Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;

O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,

Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high —

**For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

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. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) **For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

"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, 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. 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. Instead 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

+++ 11:15 THE ANTHEM: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" -LSB 686

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 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!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE, C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 C: Glory to You, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 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, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear. . . . Hear then the parable of the sower: 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. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 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. 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. 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ!

THE CREED: 9:00 & 7:00 NICENE, Page 206; 11:15 APOSTLES', Page 207

THE HYMN: "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Hymn 577

- 1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.
- 2 Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
- 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.
- 4 So when the precious seed is sown, Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r may know.

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THE SERMON: Vicar Johnston

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" Hymn 655

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

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THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 HOLY COMMUNION, page 208

Preface

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ,... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

C **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray

9:00 Anthem: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" -LSB 686

Distribution Hymns: 628, 827, 578, 586, 643

628 Your Table I Approach

1 Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.

Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.

2 Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;

A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.

- 3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting — Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
- 2 Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday, Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty That God's Word so richly yields.
- 3 For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower, Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise, Words of life and joy and peace —
Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with great increase.
- 4 Harken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest; Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

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578 Thy Strong Word

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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586 Preach You the Word

- 1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who like or like it not,
The Word that shall endure and stand When flow'rs and men shall be forgot.
- 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your servant bade us undertake:
To preach Your Word and never ask What prideful profit it may make.
- 3 The sower sows; his reckless love Scatters abroad the goodly seed,
Intent alone that all may have The wholesome loaves that all men need.
- 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be choked and matted flat,
The sower sows; his 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.

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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Nunc Dimittis

- C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The
glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel. All glory to the Father, All glory to the
Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now,
shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you... C **Amen**

THE CLOSING HYMN: "God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons" Hymn 682

- 1 God of the prophets, bless the prophets' sons; Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast. Each
age its solemn task may claim but once; Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.
- 2 Anoint them prophets, men who are intent To be Your witnesses in word and deed,
Their hearts aflame, their lips made eloquent, Their eyes awake to ev'ry human need.

- 3 Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they, For pardon and for love and hope and peace, That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may Find Jesus' mercy and from sin release.
- 4 Anoint them kings, yes, kingly kings, O Lord. Anoint them with the Spirit of Your Son. Theirs not a jeweled crown, a bloodstained sword; Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a kingdom won.
- 5 Make them apostles, heralds of Your cross; Forth let them go to tell the world of grace. Inspired by You, may they count all but loss And stand at last with joy before Your face.

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THE FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO VICAR JOHNSTON

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE: "The Will of God is Always Best" -Johann Pachelbel

Preacher: Vicar Johnston **Liturgists:** Pastor Fredstrom & Pastor Blumenberg

Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Vocalist:** Zach Thompson

Pastor Fredstrom is leading worship at 7:45 at Lutheran Lake.

Pastor Bloch is at a family reunion in Nebraska.

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