

*July 12, 2020 ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Other seeds fell  
on good soil and  
brought forth  
grain ....*

*Matthew 13:8, NRSV*



*Trinity Lutheran Church & School*

*Our Mission:  
To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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## AS WE GATHER

God's Word is like the rain, watering the soil, and allowing it to produce plants from the hidden seeds. There is no stopping the growth, either in the plants or in God's Word fulfilling His purposes. God's Word, Jesus explains in the Gospel, is also like seed, very good seed. Although it may encounter opposition in the hearts and lives of many people, in those who are receptive, His Word produces an amazing harvest. As we are saints and sinners at the same time, we need God's help to respond to His Word. Our Baptism assures us of the promise that our heavenly Father will listen whenever we call out, "Abba, Father!"

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Drive-In Service Only)

### *"Good Good Father"*

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#### **Verse 1:**

I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

#### **Chorus:**

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

#### **Verse 2:**

I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

#### **(Repeat Chorus)**

#### **Bridge:**

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

**Verse 3:**

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love

**Chorus:**

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 65:1-5*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: All will be quiet before You, and praise belongs to You, O God, in Zion. And our promise to You will be kept.

**People: O You Who hears prayer, to You all men come.**

Pastor: My sins are strong against me. But You forgive our sins.

**People: Happy is the man You choose and bring near to You to live in Your holy place. We will be filled with the good things of Your house, Your holy house.**

Pastor: O God Who saves us, You answer us in the way that is right and good by Your great works that make people stand in fear.

**All: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

**HYMN**

**"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"**

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Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;  
Our hearts in true devotion bow,  
Your Spirit send with light divine,  
And let your truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing your praise  
In endless hymns through all our days;  
Increase our faith and light our minds;  
And set us free from doubt that blinds.

Then shall we join the hosts that cry,  
"O holy, holy Lord Most High!"  
And in the light of that blest place  
We then shall see you face to face.

All glory to the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise throughout eternity!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We confess our sins to God our Father,

**People:** **we easily turn a deaf ear to Your living voice in Your Word both when You call us to honest account for our thoughts, words, and actions, and also when You speak graciously of Your tender fatherly love for us. We live according to our own self-centered plans for success, Have mercy on us, O God, forgive our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

Pastor: People loved by Jesus, you have not received the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons and daughters. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, who has given us this good earth in which to live and who sends rain and sun to cause plants to produce fruit and grain for harvest, continue to send Your life-giving Word to us so that we resist the cares of this world and return to You a harvest of new sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 55:10–13*

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 juniper,  
and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.  
This will be for the LORD's renown,  
for an everlasting sign,  
that will endure forever."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE: *Romans 8:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba* Father.” <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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23***

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

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> Whoever has ears, let them 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 their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***"Children of the Heavenly Father"***

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Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them,  
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh.  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

**SERMON: "He Who Has Ears, Let Him Hear," *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23***

## **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people in their various needs.

Pastor: For us here and for the Church around the world, that we may be receptive soil, receiving the Word with joy and returning to God the harvest He so dearly desires, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the peoples of this world, that just as God's good creation responds to sun and rain with fruitful abundance, so also the leaders of the nations would respond to His call for justice and mercy within their borders, and peace and harmony with neighbor states, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For all who are tempted by Satan, all who are burdened by the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, and all who endure tribulation and persecution for the sake of Christ, that the Holy Spirit would strengthen them in faith and bring them to serenity and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For all who till the soil, manage businesses large and small, protect the nation from harm, keep the peace in our communities, respond to emergencies of health, fire, and flood, and meet the physical and emotional needs of those who rely on them, that God would strengthen and protect them, and move us all to appreciate their efforts on our behalf, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (Special petitions) Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **☩ SACRAMENT ☩**

## **PREFACE (Drive-In Service Only)**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Drive-In Service Only)**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Pastor: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we rejoice, that You have given us the Spirit of adoption as Your own sons and daughters; therefore we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (Drive-In Service Only)**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **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.**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (Drive-In Service Only)**



#### ***"Be Glorified"***

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Father, let me dedicate  
All this life to Thee,  
In whatever worldly state  
Thou would have me be.  
Not from sorrow, pain or care,  
Freedom dare I claim.  
This alone shall be my prayer;  
Glorify Thy name.

#### **REFRAIN:**

**Be glorified in me,  
Be glorified in me.  
Be glorified in me.  
Be glorified.**

Can a child presume to choose  
Where or how to live?  
Can a Father's love refuse  
All the best to give?  
Let my glad heart, while it sings,  
Thee in all proclaim.  
And whate'er the future brings,  
Glorify Thy name.

**REFRAIN:**

**Be glorified in me,  
Be glorified in me.  
Be glorified in me.  
Be glorified.**



***"Blessed Be Your Name"***

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Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.**

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.**

You give and take away, You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, Blessed be Your name.

You give and take away, You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, Blessed be Your name.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING (Drive-In Service Only)**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have graciously sent Your Word into our hearts and minds through this life-giving Sacrament. Continue to grant us gracious growth as we seek to produce a bountiful harvest to the glory of Your holy name;

People: **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**



## HYMN

### ***“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”***

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Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise you for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.

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