

♪ **BENEDICAMUS** ↑

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **BENEDICTION** ↑

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

People: **Amen.**

♪ **CLOSING HYMN** ↑

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB 827

**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”?**

**Some take up His task in morning, to their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of mid-day, other 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.**

**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.**

**Hearken 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.**

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker

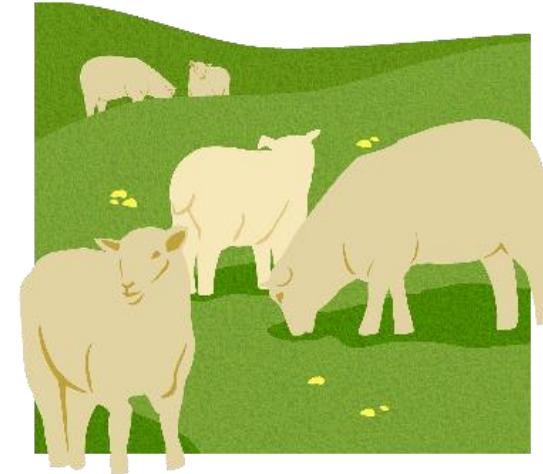
Organist: Nicole Busarow

Acolytes: Emily Castens, Sarah Gehl (8:00)
Shelby Anderson, Jenna Mackin (9:30)

Elder: Paul Sims

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020



Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Saturday Evening Service: 5:00 in the Sanctuary

Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

“The Gathering” Contemporary Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
in the Auxiliary Gym at CLS

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July 12, 2020 – 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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Welcome to those visiting us this Lord’s Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

AS WE GATHER ~ Plants in God’s good earth respond to the showers He sends, producing plants for pasture and crops for harvest. In the psalm, David says it is as if “the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.” It is all natural, and so is our producing fruit for God as His Word works through us. That God works through us sinners is all grace; if we but hear the Word and let the Spirit give us understanding, a bountiful harvest will follow. Jesus likens it to seeds producing yields of up to a hundredfold. But we are no mere plants, as Paul points out in the Epistle. Because we have been adopted by our heavenly Father, we are brothers and sisters of Christ, the children of God, calling out to Him, “Abba! Father!” Our growth in faith is indeed by the grace of God, and to Him belongs all the credit for the bountiful harvest He reaps through us.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ OPENING HYMN ↓ *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* **LSB 901**

**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 blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**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!**

**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.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken; let me keep Thy gift divine,
How-so-e’er temptations thicken; may Thy Word still o’er me shine
As my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.**

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**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.**

♪ OPENING VERSICLES – page 219 ↑

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips;

People: and my mouth will declare Your praise. (Psalm 51:15)

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: make haste to help me, O Lord. (Psalm 70:1)

**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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia.**

♪ ANTIPHON – page 220 ↑

Pastor: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: O come, let us worship Him.

♪ VENITE ~ *O Come, Let Us Sing* – page 220 ↑

**People: O come, let us sing to the Lord,
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
The strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
And the sheep of His hand.** (Psalm 95:1-7)

**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.**

♪ ANTIPHON – page 221 ↑

Pastor: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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PSALM 65:9-13 ↑

Pastor: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.

People: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

Pastor: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

People: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

Pastor: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓**Isaiah 55:10-13 (ESV)**

¹⁰“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,

¹¹so 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.

¹²“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.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ↓**Romans 8:12-17 (ESV)**

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For 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!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

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People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ↑**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (ESV)**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When 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. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet 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. ²²As 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. ²³As 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.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ RESPONSORY – page 221 ↑

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

People: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.** (Psalm 119:89, 26:8; Luke 11:28)

♪ **HYMN OF THE DAY** ↓ *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast* **LSB 577**

**Almighty God, Your Word is cast like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend and righteous fruits abound.**

**Let not the sly satanic foe this holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.**

**Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundred-fold to bring forth fruits of love.**

**So when the precious seed is sown, life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive its saving pow'r may know.**

SERMON ↓ *Hearing the Word* **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

♪ **HYMN OF PRAISE** ↓ *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **LSB 790**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by His gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do as with His love He befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑

♪ **KYRIE** – page 227 ↑

People: **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord have mercy.** (Mark 10:47)

LORD'S PRAYER – page 227 ↑

**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.** (Matthew 6:9-13)

COLLECTS – page 227 ↑

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.
People: **And let my cry come to You.** (Psalm 102:1)

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE – page 228 ↑

Pastor: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have
safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with
Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run
into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your
governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**