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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

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“Sowing The Seeds Of Faith”

OPENING HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty” #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.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am

heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 65:9-13 (Antiphon Psalm 65:1-2)*

P: Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion; to You our vows will be fulfilled.

C: O You who hear prayer, to You all men will come.

P: You care for the land and water it; You enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, or so you have ordained it.

C: You drench its furrows and level its ridges; You soften it with showers and bless its crops.

P: You crown the year with Your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

C: The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

P: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain;

C: They shout for joy and sing.

P: Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion; to You our vows will be fulfilled.

C: O You who hear prayer, to You all men will come.

All: (Sing) 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.

KYRIE (*sing*)

All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty" #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 DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with Thy spirit.

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: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 55:10-13 (God's Word will accomplish what He desires.*

10As 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, **11**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. **12**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. **13**Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

P: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

C: His greatness no one can fathom.

P: I will meditate on Your wonderful works,

C: and I will proclaim Your great deeds.

EPISTLE *Romans 8:12-17 (All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God)*

12Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. **13**For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, **14**because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **15**For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba,

Father." **16**The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. **17**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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE *(sing)*

ALL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter. *(Parable of the sower of the seed)*

C: (Sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

1That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. **2**Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. **3**Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. **4**As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5**Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. **6**But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. **7**Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. **8**Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. **9**He who has ears, let him hear."

18"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: **19**When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. **20**The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. **21**But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.

22The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. **23**But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will judge the living and the dead.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *"Good Soil, Good Seed, Good Hearts"*

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" #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 hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.

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

HYMN "For The Fruits Of His Creation" #894

For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev-'ry nation, Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "On What Has Now Been Sown" #921

On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The power is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!
To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our powers;
Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.
O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n Our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!



Prayers: Carroll Behne, Theodore Carnehl, Nathan Behne

Coping With Cancer: Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie

Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Georgia Holtz, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

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Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week: Albert Ballanger, Parker Anderson, Eagan Behne, Gary Jacobsen, Eli Meixell, Valera Meyer, Marv Hansen, Lincoln Kennedy, Riley Vind, Jim Miller, Joe Shaffer, Tenley Anderson, Weston Anderson, Alex Finke, Steve Meyer, Daniel Trontvet, Zach Anderson, Lori Hargrove, Carol Zender, Taylor Truesdell, Tyler Nolte

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Clint & Christina Cole, Cliff & Marla Anderson, Mike & Patti Reigel, Troy & Laura Ringnell, Randy & Jamie Grill, Tim & Sue Nelson, Steve & Bonnie Wilson, Jakob & Jen Clow, Daryl & Dee Anderson

We Remember in our prayers Albert Ballanger who is celebrating his 80th birthday today.

Take My Moments and My Days

Today, July 12

9:00 am Worship Service

1:00-3:00 pm Williamson Bridal Shower

Monday, July 13

6:30 pm Communion Worship Service

Sunday, July 19

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday Night Worship Service: We are offering a Monday night worship service at 6:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Service tomorrow night will also include celebration of Holy Communion.

Bridal Shower This Afternoon will be held here at St. John's from 1:00-3:00 pm for Morgan Williamson, bride to be of Levi Ringnell.

Options Pregnancy Center Baby Shower: The LWML is hosting a baby shower for Options Pregnancy Center during the months of July and August. Items for baby needed include: bath towel with hood and wash cloth, lotion and baby wash (gentle), new clothes sizes 0-3 and 3-6 months, baby wipes, diapers of all sizes, blankets and halo sleep sacks. Items for moms include: summer pajamas, lotion and body wash, nursing pads, emergency kit with bandaids, first aid cream, Kleenex, small flashlight, scissors, etc.

Concealing and Revealing

Helen Keller was asked if there as anything worse than blindness. "Yes," she said, "to have sight but no vision."

Jesus drew attention to the difference between listening and hearing, between hearing and understanding, between seeing and perceiving (Matthew 13:11-17). In fact, He used the teaching of parables to take advantage of these distinctions. Those whose hearts the Holy Spirit had inclined to Christ were open to hearing and perceiving, and they came closer to Jesus to learn more and find greater understanding. But others were not open to hearing or understanding. They developed a critical spirit and moved away from Jesus. They did not want to hear more from Jesus. How sad. They did not recognize in Jesus the one wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities.

The parables cut through the distance between Jesus and His disciples. They separate those who would follow Jesus and those who hated Him and sought His death.

Our prayer is "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). What reassurance it is to know that the first disciples prayed the same prayer, and Jesus never turned away from them but gave them deeper understanding. Nor will He turn away from us.

Jesus, bless me with ever deeper understanding. Amen.