



*Pray earnestly  
to the Lord of the harvest  
to send out laborers*

*Matthew 9:38*

**Sunday, June 14, 2020**

St. John's Lutheran Church, Sherburn, MN

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## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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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.

**Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sending Workers Into His Harvest**  
**June 14, 2020**

**OPENING HYMN** “*Lord, Jesus Christ Be Present Now*” #902 vs. 1-4

**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 100, Antiphon 100:2*

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**C: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.**

P: Know that the Lord is God.

**C: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise;

**C: Give thanks to Him and praise His name.**

P: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

**C: His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

P: Worship the Lord with gladness;

**C: Come before Him with joyful songs.**

**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.**

**KYRIE** *(Sing)*

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “*Great is Thy Faithfulness*” #809 vs. 1-3

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT** *Exodus 19:2-8 (Moses on Mt. Sinai)*

**2**After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

**3**Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: **4**'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. **5**Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, **6**you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'  
These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

**7**So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak. **8**The people all responded together, "We will do everything the Lord has said." So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord.

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.**

**SECOND READING** *Romans 5:6-15 (We Are Reconciled Through Christ)*

**6**You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. **7**Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. **8**But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**9**Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! **10**For if,

when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! **11**Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. **12**Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned-- **13**for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. **14**Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

**15**But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE** *(Sing)*

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**THE GOSPEL READING** *Matthew 9:35– 10:8*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

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

**35**Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. **36**When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37**Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. **38**Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

**1**He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. **2**These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who

Is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; **3**Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; **4**Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

**5**These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. **6**Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. **7**As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' **8**Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

#### **APOSTLES' 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** *"Jesus Calls Us To Harvest"*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Hark, The Voice of Jesus Crying"*

**SERMON** *"The Harvest Is Plentiful"*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *"Heart for the Harvest" By Jonathan Hudson*

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN** *"On What Has Now Been Sown"*



**Prayers:** Nathan Behne, Verna Bliesmer

**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

**Care List:** Angie Leiding, Craig Cain, Les Anderson, Bev Roben, Taylor Antony, Dan Hanson, Marian Youngwirth, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Butch Pierson, Reinold Hagen, Ginny Ringnell, Joyce Hansen Picken, Lorraine Gagnon, Sammie Moeller, Whitney Kassner, Linda Chase, Lois Anderson, Adam Janssen, Helen Roebbeke, Bob Sherman, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Brolsma, Bob Brolsma, and those we name in our hearts. *(Please help us keep this care list updated. We would like to know if families would like us to continue to have them on our care list, contact Pastor or the church office.)*

**Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** Alexis Janssen, Asher Anderson, Katie Lange, Brody Meyer, Dan Sparks, Mary Whitehead, Collin Dahlman, Glen Hemiller, June Janssen, Helen Menssen, Janee Wagenman, Jacob Trontvet, Hannah Cole, Opal Yahnke Allison Sharma, Jordan Humphrey

**Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:** Nathan & Mary Whitehead, Kevin & Audrey Diekmann, Marv & Nancy Hansen, Brad & Ann Harris

**We Remember** Nathan & Mary Whitehead who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today. They were married June 14, 1970. Flowers have been placed on the altar for this special day by their family.

## Seed

A farmer plants a seed, and underground the seed gives silent witness to the kingdom of God.

The farmer knows the science of his work. He prepares, cultivates, and fertilizes the soil. For a time, though, the little seed is out of sight. Beneath the ground, it will germinate. God will make that happen. The farmer may go about all his work, but the mystery of the seed's germination belongs to God. The kingdom of God is God in relationship with His people, loving them, growing them, harvesting them for eternity.

God's Church, like a farmer's machinery and technology, can be impressive, expensive, and complex. Harvests are plentiful. Workers, though few, are amazingly dedicated, trained, and skilled. Underneath all their plans and strategies is the ongoing mystery of faith. Deep in a person's soul, God brings His kingdom. Relentlessly, there is germination through Word and Sacrament, fresh life by God's Spirit. God does what only God can do. God brings life that sprouts to growth and harvest. Thank You, Lord, for bringing Your kingdom to life in me by Your Word and Spirit. Amen.

**About the cover:** As our Lord looked upon the crowds, He did so with a compassionate desire to draw them all to Himself. That compassion led Him to the cross, where He died in order to bring forgiveness and life to them and to us. Christ is also calling us to share His compassion with people who have not yet heard the Gospel by going out as "laborers into His harvest."