

Memory Verses of the Week

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+ Isaiah 55:10-11



*6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2020- 10:00 a.m.*

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OUR VISION:

We envision a world fed and led by God.

OUR MISSION:

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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July 12, 2020

10:00 a.m.

P = Presiding Minister; **A** = Assisting Minister; **C** = Congregation

GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Church Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. As a called and ordained minister . . . in the name of the †Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Please remain in place and maintain physical distancing while you greet those around you in the name of Christ.)

Gathering Songs..... “Come As You Are”

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy, O sinner come kneel.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

Chorus

Lay down your burden. Lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer come home - you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed.
Come sit at the table - come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary - rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. *Chorus*

There's joy for the morning - O sinner, be still.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. *Chorus*

Come as you are. Come as you are. Come as you are.

The Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, Almighty God,

C: **we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

A Rest That Works Video Journey: “Rest Redefined”

First Reading..... *Isaiah 55:10-13*

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered 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 succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, 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 be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

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“Alleluia”



The Holy Gospel *Matthew 13:1-23*

(spoken) (text for pastor's sermon)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, 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 brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”

¹⁰Then the disciples came and asked him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?”¹¹He answered, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹²For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ¹³The reason I speak to them in parables is that “seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.” ¹⁴With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: “You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. ¹⁵For this people’s heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn— and I would heal them.” ¹⁶But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

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 is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on 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 such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately 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 lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon..... Rev. Paul Offhaus

Hymn of the Day “*Send Me Out*”

Jesus, Lord of my salvation,
 Savior of my soul;
 send me out to the world to make you known.
 Jesus, King of ev’ry nation,
 this world’s only hope;
 send me out to the world to make you known.
 Send me out to the world.

Chorus

I wanna be your hands and feet,
I wanna be your voice ev'ry time I speak.
I wanna run to the ones in need in the name of Jesus.
I wanna give my life away,
all for your kingdom's sake.
Shine a light in the darkest place in the name of Jesus.

Carry to the broken hearted mercy you have shown.
Send me out to the world to make you known.

To the ones in need of rescue,
lead me I will go.
send me out to the world to make you known.
Send me out to the world. *Chorus*

Here am I; I will go.
Send me out to make you known.
There is hope for ev'ry soul.
Send me out, send me out.

Here am I; I will go.
Send me out to make you known.
There is hope for ev'ry soul.
So send me out. *Chorus*

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of the People (*after each petition, please respond as follows*):

A: Hear us, O God.

P: ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Your mercy is great.

C: Amen.

Time of Offering

MEAL

Canticle of Thanksgiving..... **WORSHIP BOOK - 207**
“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



cv - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Communion (*in the public gathering or in your own homes*)

(Lutheran Christians proclaim that Jesus Christ is truly present “in, with and under” the ordinary elements of bread and wine. To receive Holy Communion, therefore, is to receive Christ. All who seek to be nourished in faith and life through the presence and power of the Lord Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this Meal.)

Communion Music..... *Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)*

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, both now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

Sending Song..... “How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

Chorus

How great is our God!
Sing with me: how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: how great is our God! (*repeat*)

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art! (*repeat*)

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

THIS WEEK’S WORSHIP LEADERS (7/12)

Presiding Minister & Preacher.....	Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister.....	Jane Porter Gresham
Worship Leader	Jay Heare
Greeters.....	Volunteers Needed
Deacon.....	Milt Brown
Ushers.....	Cheryl Kienzle, Terry Kienzle
Altar Guild.....	Linda McGahey, Stacie Stauffer
Media/Sound.....	Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP LEADERS (7/19)

Presiding Minister & Preacher.....	Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister.....	Abigail Offhaus
Worship Leader	Jay Heare
Greeters.....	Volunteers Needed
Deacon.....	Milt Brown
Ushers.....	Cheryl Kienzle, Terry Kienzle
Altar Guild.....	Lois Sharp, Dorthy Epple
Media/Sound.....	Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul