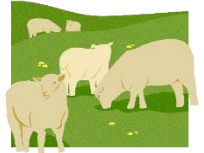


Holy Cross Lutheran  
**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 12, 2020 – 9:00 am



**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.

**† IN DOMINE JESU †**

(In the Name of Jesus)

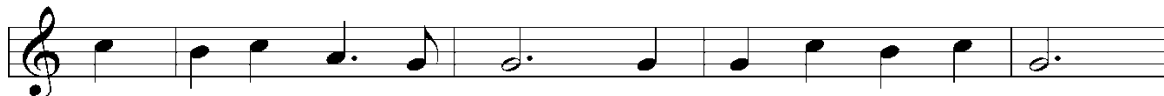
**PRELUDE** Karen Van Wert "A Thankful Heart" *Composer: Kathleen Wissinger*

**WELCOME** "This is the Day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Ps. 118:24*

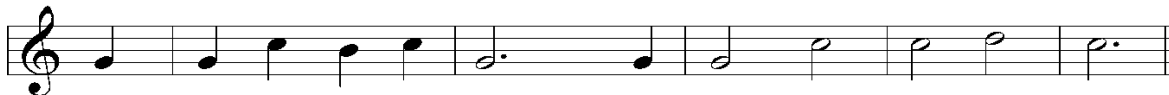
**GATHERING HYMN** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" *LSB 807*



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's ho - ly house of prayer  
Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word  
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round  
Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur - few call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
Hath none that can com - pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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**INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

P: Because we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition and have sinned in thought, word, and deed, let us employ the faith the Holy Spirit has given us and go to our gracious heavenly Father, asking His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God has given His only Son to bear the punishment of our sins on the cross so that we might know the peace of His presence now and the joys of heaven hereafter. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together: **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. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 55:10–13*

*(God's Word accomplishes His plans as surely as rain gives growth to plants.)*

L: <sup>10</sup>"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, <sup>11</sup>so 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. <sup>12</sup>"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. <sup>13</sup>Instead 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Karen Van Wert- Handbell Solo      "Peace Medley"**

*Arranged: Barbara Brocker*

### EPISTLE

*Romans 8:12-17*

*(Because the Spirit leads us, we know we are children of God.)*

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**

Isaiah 40:8

**All: Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew thirteenth chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(Whoever hears the Word and understands it will produce a great harvest for God in spite of worldly opposition.)*

P: <sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear." ...<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When 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. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet 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. <sup>22</sup>As 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. <sup>23</sup>As 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"**

LSB 577



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like  
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This  
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The  
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of  
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in  
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a  
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.  
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.  
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 come to 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.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs: We pray for the Church, that the message of salvation be proclaimed joyfully throughout all the world and that those who faithfully share the Gospel and who live it out in their lives know blessing and contentment. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for the nations of the world, that all would know times of peace and security. Grant that the leaders of our nation be endowed with wisdom and courage, that they seek the well-being of our people in every way. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all workers in the Church, asking the blessings of holy wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors, deaconesses, and teachers. By their devoted service in response to their calling, grant that faith and faithfulness abound and Your kingdom increase. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for our nation as we rejoice in the freedoms we enjoy. We give You special thanks for all those who serve in the military, in medical professions, as educators, and as emergency personnel. Grant that we live out our citizenship with dedication and gratitude. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for special conditions and circumstances. By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, be with our members and family members at McKenna, Lohart, Wilma, Edwin, and Lily as well as Pat at All Saints. Continue to bring healing from surgery to Steve, Marlys, Dean, Justin, and those we lift up in our hearts..... {pause } Grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

We also, pray for Mic and Marissa as well as Hannah and Tom. Be with both families as Hannah and Marissa have the gift of precious life within them and we pray for good health during the pregnancy and a safe delivery for mother and child. Be with Mic and Tom as they care for their families. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

## † CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: In preparation for the Lord's supper we pray the prayer Jesus taught us: **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.**

**THE PREPARATION** *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord's Words of Institution)*

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His 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 after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**ONE BODY IN CHRIST** *(We take Communion together with the invitation of the following words)*

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the one true faith, to life everlasting. Go in peace, joy, love and forgiveness. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together. **Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that, as sisters and brothers gathered in one body, we live renewed lives and show forth Your love in our nation and in our neighborhoods. Support us in this life, and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

### OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Drive up Communion following this service from 10:15 am to 10:45 am. We will hold off on the Sunday Bible Study on Romans until July 19. Moved from Friday at lunch time, to Sunday mornings, beginning July 19.
2. Men's Bible Study is taking a two-week break. Women's Bible study Wed. at 7 PM in the preschool classroom.
3. Pastor Jim will be back next Sunday, July 19.

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P: 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 His with favor and † give you peace.

## SENDING HYMN

### “On What Has Now Been Sown”

LSB 921



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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## THE SENDING

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission! **C: Amen! We will! Amen!**

## POSTLUDE

### † SOLI DEO GLORIA †

(To God be the Glory)

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## SERVING TODAY THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE 9:00 am

<b>Communion Support:</b>	Jon Dobberstein
<b>Lector:</b>	Mary Deluhery
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jason Kruse
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Colin Kruse
<b>AV:</b>	Jason Eickhoff
<b>Offering Counters:</b>	Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein
<b>Guest Pastor:</b>	Rev. James Fuchs

### Responding to God's Grace – Offerings

Contributions needed each month (General Fund): \$21,982.50

Contributions received June: \$21,627.27

## **Attendance 07-5-2020**

Worship: 27 at Holy Cross +14 Households streaming on-line

Communion: 26 + Drive Up

### **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 19, 2020 9:00 am**

**Communion Support:** Brit Weimer  
**Lector:** Robert Nowak  
**Usher:** Lance Lerum  
**Acolyte:** Morgan Schulze  
**AV:** Vivian Jobst  
**Offering Counters:** Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze



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# Holy Cross Happenings

July 5 – July 12, 2020

**Welcome Guests and Members!** Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

**We Welcome** Pastor James Fuchs today as he is officiating our worship and sharing the Lord's Word today. Pastor Jim and Vivian are taking vacation to move to their new home in New Prague. The Lord bless Pastor Fuchs' message.

**Volunteers Saturday, July 18,** to clean church - We are in need of 4 to 6 volunteers on Saturday morning, July 18, to disinfect/clean the church before Sunday, July 19. We will meet at 9:00 am at church. See Pastor for details. Thank you for considering helping out.

**Summer Women's Bible Study** - Join us for a Summer Women's Bible Study on the Book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah is a wonderful example for us in today's world. Nehemiah prayed constantly and relied on scripture. Read over this great book in preparation of our study. Great background reading is the book of Ezra, which is right before Nehemiah. We will be meeting in the Preschool Room July 15, 22, and 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 to 8:30 pm. Questions - contact Michele Lein. Join us and be changed by Scripture, the power of the Holy Spirit and the book of Nehemiah.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith He has given us His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

**Sun. July 12**

9 am

10:15 am - 10:45 am

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Live also via Zoom

Drive Up Communion at Holy Cross

**Tues. July 14**

(Resumes July 21)

2 Week break - Men's Bible Study via Zoom

**Wed. July 15**

12 pm

7 pm

Happenings Articles Due

Women's Bible Study Nehemiah – Pre-school room

**Sat. July 18**

9 am

CHURCH CLEANING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Sun, July 19**

9 am

10:15 am - 10:45 am

11:00 am - 11:45 am

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Live also via Zoom

Drive Up Communion at Holy Cross

July 19 Congregational Romans Bible Study via Zoom