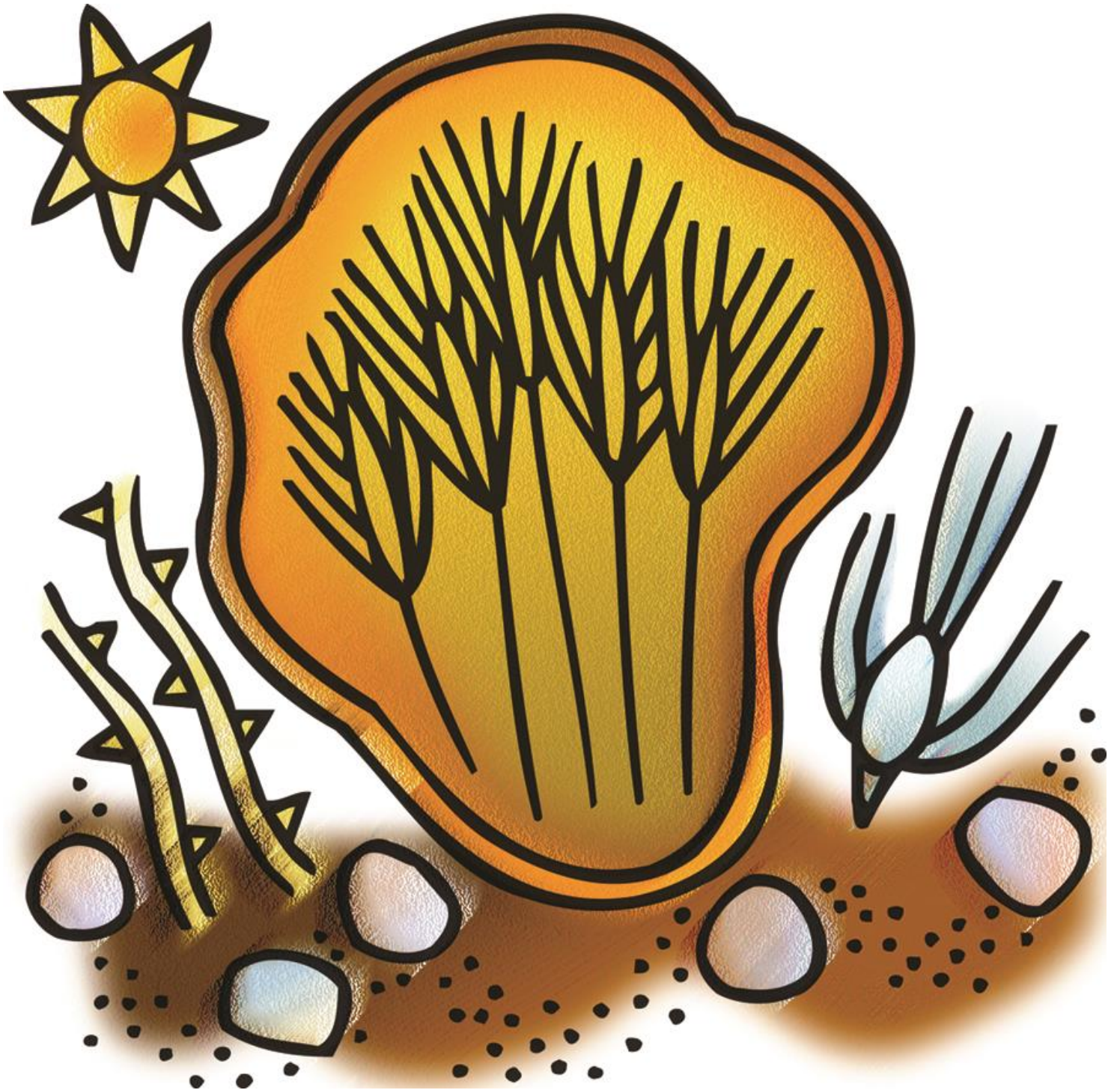


SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020  
6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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Sunday, July 12, 2020

9:30 am

## INTRODUCTION

*God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest.*

## PRELUDE

## + Gathering +

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GATHERING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in-crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

## GREETING

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

## KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, 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 +**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## READING

A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup>For 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,  
<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 succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For 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.

<sup>13</sup>Instead 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.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are as follows:

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950  
 Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson  
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GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<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 is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on 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 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. <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 lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

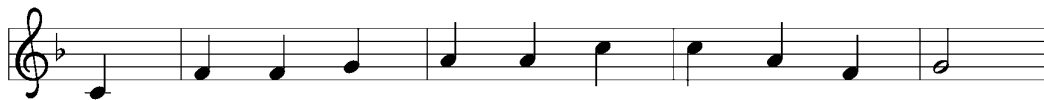
Pastor Jason Williams

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Rain from the Clouds



1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,  
2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown  
3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,



as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.  
on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.  
a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.



Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow  
Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow  
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow



+ **Meal** +

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*The offertory time is an opportunity to receive the gift of music and to reflect on how we might practice gratitude and generosity toward one another. It is in gratitude that we can find solace during this time, by seeing goodness in the face of despair, hope in the midst of anxiety, and joy in the midst of fear. One aspect of practicing gratitude and generosity is stewarding the financial resources in our care. If you would like to make a gift to the ministry of the church, you may visit [stjohnswilmette.org/give](http://stjohnswilmette.org/give) to donate online. You may also write a check made out to St. John's Lutheran Church and mail it to 1235 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. St. John's is deeply grateful for the generosity of our members and supporters, which allows us to be generous to others through our ministry.*

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father/Mother/Parent in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## + Sending +

### CHARGE

Go out into the world in peace; have courage;  
hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak,  
and help the suffering; honor all people;  
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### BLESSING

In the name of Creator, † the Christ, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

### On What Hast Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the  
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -  
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in  
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,  
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!  
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.  
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.  
Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR



## IN OUR PRAYERS

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| † Janet Rassenfoss and Alan Swanson, on the birth of their first grandchild, Molly Francis Wilka, on 7/6/20.                                  | † Doug Peters, managing cancer and recovering from surgery                     |
| † The family and friends of Bob Anderson who died 6/8/20  | † The family and friends of Jean Olan, cousin of Bill Kaspar, who died 6/11/20 |
| † The family and friends of Matt Dossa, nephew of Jim Dossa, who died 6/7/20  | † Linda Bengfort, mother of Pastor Allison, ongoing back pain.                 |
| † Pastor Mike Flowered and family as they mourn the death of Mike's mother, who died on June 12   | † Greyson Nester   |
| † Chad Johnson, recovering from a bike accident on 5/30/20  | † Margaret (Maggie) Oxland   |
| † The family and friends of Helene Tadros, Olga Domchenko's sister, who died 4/6/20, and especially for William Sciarrino, Helene's caretaker | † Marty Anderson   |
| † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing                                      | † Linda Basnik, wife of Chad Johnson, in need of healing                       |
| † Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga Domchenko, in need of healing  | † Ellie Basnik, mother-in-law of Chad Johnson, cancer diagnosis                |
| † Doris Regan, mother of Jan Wendel & Sharon Regan, recovering from cancer surgery  | † Ross Johnson, brother of Chad Johnson  |
| † Janet Witt, cancer diagnosis  | † The family of Paul Escamilla, friend of Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh           |
| † Michael Rager, brother of Christi Wise, in need of healing  | † Sydney Johnson, her work   |
| † Virginia Milnikel, broken arm   | † Mark Voosen  |
| † Susan Crist   | † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus                           |
| † Bob Oakes, recovering from hospitalization  | † Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink   |
| † Lani Miller   | † Jodi Kretzman, friend of Peter Knobel  |
|   | † Jessica Sandoval, friend of the Radde family                                 |
|   | † Fred Rudolphi, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing                     |
|   | † Steve Aschbacher, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing                  |
|   | † the officers of the Rogers Park police district                              |

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## SERVING TODAY

<i>Preaching &amp; Presiding Minister:</i>	The Rev. Jason Williams
<i>Music Director &amp; Pianist</i>	Dr. Robert McConnell
<i>Cantor:</i>	Hannah McConnell
<i>Children's Message:</i>	Luke & Erin Rasmussen
<i>Minister of the Word:</i>	Jan Wendel
<i>Prayers of the People:</i>	Jan Wendel
<i>Virtual Usher:</i>	Luke Rasmussen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Guest Preacher**

Today we welcome Pastor Jason Williams, Pastor of Shekinah Chapel, as our Preaching and Presiding Minister. We thank him for his ministry among us.

### **Pastoral Care during Pastor's Vacation**

Pastor Allison will be on vacation through Tuesday of this week. If you are in need of pastoral care before her return, please contact Jan in the church office (847-251-1730). Pastor John Lang will be on call.

The **Saturday Candlelight Service** on July 18<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. Please join us for our Music and BBQ Fest!

A **Coloring Sheet** (for adults and children) and a **Children's Bulletin** have been emailed to you. Feel free to color during the service or throughout the week. Please take a picture of your work and email it to churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com to be included in next week's "Art Gallery."

### **Anti-Racism Resources**

Mylene Pollock's company, SmallGood, has created a list of anti-racism resources including books, podcasts, films, articles, and groups to follow on social media. "From light content to more thorough, there something for everyone, including kids," Mylene says. Check it out [here](#).

### **Face Mask Challenge**

Join the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge! COVID-19 is threatening vulnerable communities, and Lutheran World Relief urgently needs cloth face masks to send to them. The cloth mask you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. How many will you make to help stop the spread? Click [here](#) for more info.

### **Member Milestones: Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Please send us your birthdays and anniversaries so they can be included in the Member Milestones section of our eNewsletter! This section of the newsletter is also an opportunity to share any special events that come up in your or your family's life. Milestones may include happy occasions and other serious life cycle events, including but not limited to graduation, wedding engagement, illness, surgery, death in the family, job change, award received, etc. Please e-mail your information to [churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com).



### **Music + BBQ Fest**

On July 18th, join us for an evening of two things just made for each other, Music and BBQ, all from the comfort of your own home.

Pick up your Backyard BBQ meal at the church from 5-7pm, and tune into Youtube live for a concert at 7pm, featuring Curt Morrison of Tributosaurus, and Justin Roberts.

### **We need your help!**

Music + BBQ Fest is a fundraiser for St. John's, and we need you to help make it a success.

### **How Can I help?**

#### **Buy Tickets**

You can purchase tickets by mail by sending a check to Cindi Rachowicz at 2757 Bernard Place Evanston, IL 60201.

Make your check payable to St. John's Lutheran Church, and please indicate the number and type of tickets you are purchasing, and your choice of meat with your meal: pulled pork or chicken.

You can also purchase tickets by credit card from our website, [stjohnswilmette.com](http://stjohnswilmette.com),

Concert Only: \$25/person

Concert + BBQ Meal: \$45/person

Concert + BBQ Meal + Bottle of Wine: \$55/person

Kid's Meal: \$15/person

Delivery: \$10/family

### **Tell Your Friends**

We are planning an amazing meal and an exciting lineup of musical artists, but we need your help getting the word out. Tell your friends about our program and direct them to our website, [stjohnswilmette.com](http://stjohnswilmette.com), for more information.

### **Share Music + BBQ Fest on Social Media**

Social media is the best way to get the word out fast, and we're asking if you can share this event on your personal pages.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

9:30 AM

Online Worship with Children's Message

### THURSDAY

12:00-1:00 PM

Men's Group Online

### SATURDAY

5:00 PM-9:00 PM

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