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LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
(LC-MS)**

“Sharing the  
Love of  
Jesus”

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Divine Worship  
8:00 a.m.  
Family Worship  
10:30 a.m.

Sunday School &  
Bible Class  
9:15 a.m.

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*He told them  
many things*



**July 12, 2020 FAMILY Communion Service**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Five minutes before the service, the Pastor and Elder are praying for you.**

## **Family Service**

### **OPENING PRAISE SONG:**

Please Stand

### **INVOCATION:**

*This is the Day which the Lord has made;*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*(The sign of the Cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism)*

*We begin our Worship Service, in the Name of the Father and of the (t) Son and of the Holy Spirit*

**Amen.**

*Be Seated*

### **SERMON PRAISE SONG:**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Isaiah 55:10–13**

<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.”*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON TEXT: Isaiah 55:10-13**

**SERMON: “God’s Word Will Not Return To Him Empty”**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD,*

**all the earth!**

*Serve the LORD with gladness!*

**Come into his presence with singing!**

*Know that the LORD,*

**He is God!**

*It is he who made us,*

**and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

*For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,*

**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**EPISTLE**

**Romans 8:1–11**

*<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.*

**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>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.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

#### **NICENE CREED:**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life (†) of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** *(Each Petition ends with the Words, “Lord, in Your mercy” with congregational response, “Hear our Prayer”)*

#### **LORD’S PRAYER:**

*Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**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.**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out the many sins that I am guilt of. Wash me thoroughly from my sinfulness, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my sins, and my sin is ever before me. There are too many times that I have not loved my neighbors as You have loved me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

*The Lord God has heard your confession and plea for forgiveness. God's endless and undeserved love continues to flow to us by the power of His Son, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority the announce and forgive you all your sins ,in the Name of the Father and of the (t) Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

## **LORD'S SUPPER**

**CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**BENEDICTION:**

*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 with favor and give you (†) peace.*

**Amen.**

**CLOSING PRAISE SONG:**