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As We Gather

New Tree, New Fruit

If you have ever enjoyed a homegrown tomato or plucked a ripe peach straight from the tree, you know there is no substitute for good fruit. Today, the Holy Spirit is continuing the work begun in your Baptism, bringing forth good fruit. Too often, we imagine bearing good fruit is a result of our own careful cultivation, paying special attention to getting things right. The Spirit takes another approach. Just as the flavor of fresh fruit is a delight to our senses, the Spirit delights our soul with the tantalizing tastes of joy, kindness, gentleness, and love! The Spirit teaches us to crave what is good and, in so doing, leads believers to produce the fruit the Lord always intended.

PRELUDE

HYMN “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” #913

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Ezekiel 17:22–24, adapt.*

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: **and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

Pastor: Thus says the Lord God: “I Myself will take a sprig and plant it on a high and lofty mountain,

People: **that it may bear branches and produce fruit.**

Pastor: And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord;

People: **I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree,**

Pastor: dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish.

People: **I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it.”**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Almighty Father, we confess that by our inability, insolence, and inaction, we have not made Your ways our ways.

People: **For our failure to walk in the ways of love, joy, and peace, forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we admit we too often conform our desires to the world around us, adopting its compromised standards for living.

People: **For our failure to value the gifts of patience, kindness, and goodness, forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: Holy Spirit, our very natures are set against You, Your Gospel proclamation, and the fruit You intend to bring.

People: **For our failure to manifest the fruits of faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, forgive us, Lord.**

For Jesus’ sake, melt our sinful hearts, and mold us into the reflections of Your righteousness that You call us to be.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh and by His

authority, I therefore forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

KYRIE

pew hymnal page 151

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: ♪ **Lord have mercy**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: ♪ **Lord have mercy**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: ♪ **Lord have mercy**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: ♪ **Lord have mercy**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

People: ♪ **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast" *pew hymnal page 155*

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**
2. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**
3. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen. **Refrain**
5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Final Refrain**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **Amen**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 19:9b-21

(The Lord brings Elijah assurance that he is not alone in resisting the temptations of idolatry.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Galatians 5:1, 13-25

(Rather than the desires of the flesh, the Spirit cultivates in believers the craving and the capacity for bearing good fruit.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA and VERSE *pew hymnal page 156*

♪ **Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 9:51-62

(Jesus faces the lonely task of ministry, setting His face on the saving task ahead of Him in Jerusalem.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.

People: ♪ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: ♪ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast" #577

SERMON *Pastor Mark Croucher*

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Holy Spirit, grow the faith of all those who believe.
Bring forth the fruit of holiness and supply them with
opportunities to display that fruit for the sake of their neighbor.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Abiding Holy Spirit, be a companion for all who feel lonely and isolated, and preserve them from depression and despair. Send us, Your people, to be visible and tangible witnesses that Your presence is with them always. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Ministering Holy Spirit, safeguard and support all those You have called into ministry. Encourage them amid the challenges of their Gospel work that they do not face the trials and triumphs of this mission alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Interceding Holy Spirit, plead for all who face sorrow, sickness, or adversity, comforting them with Your tender care, especially Liz, Myron, Betty, Karla, Debbie and Rosalyn.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Sanctifying Holy Spirit, strengthen Your church. Give all the baptized passion for Your Word, eagerness for service, and courage to reject the world's faulty wisdom and misplaced priorities. Fan into flame hearts that might be a beacon for those in darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Eternal Holy Spirit, preserve Your church until the day of the return of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

pew hymnal page 160-166

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: ♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ♪ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly valid, worthy, and constructive that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by His perfect obedience fulfilled the Law on our behalf, and by His death and resurrection secured the blessings of salvation for all who would believe and trust in Him. You feed Your faithful people, grafted as branches onto Christ, the Vine, in this Supper with the fruits of His cross, that in receiving the true body and blood of the Savior, we might be forgiven and equipped for every good work, until in eternity we join with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to honor and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, we praise and adore You for the gift of faith that You give and cultivate among Your people, connecting us to the redeeming work of Jesus. Receive our thanks and strengthen our hearts yet again as we partake of this Holy Meal, secure in faith and forgiveness, and emboldened to display the hallmarks of having been made righteous through the victorious sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ Amen
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

PAX DOMINI

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

People: ♪ Amen

AGNUS DEI

♪ **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

♪ **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.
Spirit of faithfulness and truth, we rejoice that by faith we have been made fit to receive the nourishment of Christ's true body and blood. Safeguard this holy people from temptation and danger, and prepare us to represent the name of our loving and

living Savior, Jesus, that by our actions and interactions, more may be brought into the eternal kingdom of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **A-men**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: ♪ **A-men**

HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessings” #643

POSTLUDE

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THE MESSENGER

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WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and “Like” us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Pr. Mark Croucher
 Dan Henggeler, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Deborah Carter and Rosalyn Hepting

LAST SUNDAY’S ATTENANCE:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, July 6th is "A Little Light, Reading" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler The Book of Job is not light reading, but Christians read it in the Light of Christ. (Job 1:8) Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.