



Parable of the Sower, Albrecht Dürer, c. 1503

Reminder - We ask that you adhere to these guidelines:

- You can sit in front of your cars in lawn chairs if you choose.
- Please use restrooms before you arrive. However, should you need to exit your vehicle to use a restroom, our hallway will be taped off in 8 feet increments. Enter & exit only through the side door. Do not congregate in the hallway.
- Please bring your own communion elements, bread & juice! We will not have extra elements on hand. Please use juice, as you cannot legally have an open container of wine in your vehicle!
- Offering can be left in a bin on the way out of the parking lot!
- If you are in a larger vehicle, please park in the back.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God...

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"10,000 Reasons"

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul. O my soul

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before. O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me.
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing.
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending.
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Ending

Worship Your holy name.
Lord I'll worship Your holy name.

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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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray... ..in Jesus Christ we pray,

C Amen

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.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For 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 to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For 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. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God

dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship,”

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Prior to reading:

P The Holy Gospel...

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!”

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.”

After the Gospel reading:

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

Even If

They say sometimes you win some
Sometimes you lose some
And right now, right now I'm losing bad
I've stood on this stage night after night
Reminding the broken it'll be alright
But right now, oh right now I just can't

It's easy to sing
When there's nothing to bring me down
But what will I say
When I'm held to the flame
Like I am right now

I know You're able and I know You can
Save through the fire with Your mighty hand
But even if You don't
My hope is You alone

They say it only takes a little faith
To move a mountain
Well good thing
A little faith is all I have, right now
But God, when You choose
To leave mountains unmovable
Oh give me the strength to be able to sing
It is well with my soul

I know You're able and I know You can
Save through the fire with Your mighty hand
But even if You don't
My hope is You alone
I know the sorrow, and I know the hurt
Would all go away if You'd just say the word
But even if You don't
My hope is You alone

You've been faithful, You've been good
All of my days
Jesus, I will cling to You
Come what may
'Cause I know You're able
I know You can

I know You're able and I know You can
Save through the fire with Your mighty hand
But even if You don't
My hope is You alone

I know the sorrow, I know the hurt
Would all go away if You'd just say the word
But even if You don't
My hope is You alone

It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

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BAPTISM

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents Respond, "I do."

P As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: ...

...Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents Respond, "I do."

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture your child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors Respond, "I do."

P People of God, do you promise to support Eloise and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C We do.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

P Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land. By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not over-

whelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our fragile bodies; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each: Sustain Jax with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of God, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Jax, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

P Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

C ***(After Baptism)*** **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

PRAYER SONG

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry

ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Lord in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

"I Will Follow,"

Intro

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move

I will follow You
Who You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)

Interlude

Yeah I will follow You yeah
Light unto the world
Light unto my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone. *Chorus*

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow
Chorus

Ending

Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah

THE LORD'S PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and 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.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

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 with favor + and give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Love the Lord

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength. *Repeat*

With all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind
and with all your strength

I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind,
and with all my strength. *Repeat*
With all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, with all my strength

I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
and with all my strength
I will love You Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind,
and with all my strength. *Repeat twice.*

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **We Will! Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER LIST

We hold the following in our prayers...

- Bernadette Stassen (mother of Dan Stassen, in hospice)
- Berniece Helgeson (mother of Sonya Brewers, recovering from heart surgery)
- Darlene Schuler (mother of Elaine Sandquist, in hospice with late stage dementia)
- Elaine Kuehl (mother of Glen Kuehl, entering hospice)
- Jolene Breczinski (recently hospitalized)
- Karen Kupfer (cancer, mother of Ronda Bursell)
- Marie Seeman (breast cancer, recovering from surgery)
- Mary Leonard (aunt of Ashley Grams, colon cancer and urothelial carcinoma)
- MaryJo Hennen (friend of Arlyss Hovland, diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia)
- Molly Zobrist (knee replacement)
- Michael Weiss (diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma)
- Pastor Delwayne Hahn (former St. Stephen Interim Pastor, being treated for acute myeloid leukemia)
- Phil Green (nephew of Roger Green, has ALS)
- Rachel Hirdler (niece of Sandy Hoffbeck, beginning chemotherapy for Osteosarcoma)
- Steve Knutson (on going treatment for Multiple Myeloma)
- Tori Bursell (Knee Surgery at Gillette Children's Hospital)
- Family of Janet Bahn
- Family of Erica Nelson
- Family of Kelly Hadler (brother of Danette Deragisch & Tracy Soehl)
- Family of Morry Jacobson (father of Tanya Larson)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Eloise Eileen Drefs who is being baptized today!

Eloise is the daughter of Jon & Brooke Drefs. Her sponsors are Victoria Drefs and Shane Freiborg. Eloise was born on October 17th, 2019. Welcome to the Lord's family Eloise!

Congratulations to Holly Izetta Amundson on her baptism yesterday (July 11th) at St. Stephen! Holly is the daughter of Sam & Alissa Amundson. Her sponsors are Jon Popowski and Ashten Deibert. She was born on February 21st, 2020. Welcome to the Lord's family Holly!

Congratulations to Bryce Jeppesen & Alyssa Bossuyt on their wedding at St. Stephen yesterday (July 11th)!

Worship Participants - 10:30 a.m.

Presiding Minister
Worship Team

Pastor Lyle Snyder
Seth Boerboom, Abby Boerboom, Joshua Johnson, Jake Johnson