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RADIO BROADCAST SUNDAYS, 10AM ON KATL 770 AM OR AT KATLRADIO.COM.

This congregation practices 'open communion.' We invite all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ's words, 'This is my body' and 'This is my blood,' mean exactly that: that in this sacrament we truly receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins. According to the teaching of Scripture and the Lutheran tradition, Christians receive this gift worthily when the words, 'given and shed for you,' are received by grace through faith. You may receive the wine by dipping the bread into the dipping chalice or by drinking from the principal chalice. Repent, and be served!

We are an inviting community of faith, aiming to bring everyone closer to Christ through His Word in fellowship, education and service. Come and See!

The Order of Word and Sacrament
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 12, 2026

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We Gather

Invocation

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We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Church Gathers and Exits

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*Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Proclamation of the Word Pastor Blayne

We Respond to God’s Word

Children’s Church kids return

- *Hymn of the Day *“We Plow the Fields and Scatter ”* LBW #362
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*Closing Hymn *“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”* WOV #783
*Apostolic Sending
Postlude

Next Week’s Readings: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 119:57-64; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“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, 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 shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For 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. ¹³Instead 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.”

Psalm 65:9-14*

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;*

the river of God is full of water.

¹⁰You prepare the grain,*

for so you provide for the earth.

¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;*

with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹²You crown the year with your goodness,*

and your paths over flow with plenty.

¹³May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,*

and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹⁴May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,

and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;*

let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

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

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, 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 produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁸{Jesus said to the disciples,} “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 has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along 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 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. ²²As 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. ²³As 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.”

Announcements

- Welcome to those listening to our radio broadcast, sponsored by Pete & June Minow in honor of Pete's 99th birthday and Pete & June's 75th anniversary. Congratulations!
 - Council met prior to the service.
 - Join us for a meal after the service—fried chicken and potluck!
 - Holy Communion will be served at HRH Residential Living this afternoon.
 - The Let Me Shine Preschool Committee welcomed new members Ashley Wheeler, Mollie Phipps and Becky Watts. Others on the Committee are LeAnn Zumpf, Justin Hughes and Kassy Harding. Thanks go to Skye Watts, Kate Hoff, and Lea Moore whose terms ended, and for recent staff Heather Notsch, Lisa Kuntz, Alexis Chapmon and Gabby Ewalt.
 - Thank you to everyone who helped with Wednesday's work night. Forty new child-safe window blinds provided by LMS were installed throughout the church. The like-new chairs and tables from the ROCKS program were cleaned and placed in the Fellowship Hall--thanks to Lea and Joyce for making that happen!
 - Cathy Filler, Barb Bender and Bernie & Jeff Skidmore, Corey Bollinger and others faithfully maintain the landscaping and lawn around the church this summer. Thanks!
 - Wednesday: "Come and See" Midweek Summer Worship at 6; Men's Fellowship at 6:30.
 - *Attendance last Sunday: 32, Wednesday: 21. Giving: \$990*
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Prayer Concerns

Hayden Smotherman, her parents Robert and Tiffany and family

Al Turnquist, Amy Lockie, Ron Watts, Pastor Steve Rice, Vanessa Joblinske, Mavis Heinle, Andrea Carlson, Kevin, Lucy, Erin, Tristin, Jessica and Tim