

Resurrection Ev. Lutheran Church  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
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Worship Services  
Sundays 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
Monday Evening Worship 7:00 pm

# WELCOME

## Prayer of the Day:

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## Order of Service:

Service of the Word

## Hymns:

379; 562; 283

## Sermon:

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Theme: Sow Kingdom Seeds

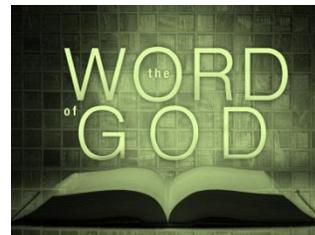
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## The Scriptures:

Old Testament—*Isaiah 55:10, 11*

Epistle—*Romans 8:18–25*

Gospel—*Matthew 13:1–9, 18-23*



## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### OPENING HYMN *Amazing Grace*

1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

2 The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

4 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-3, abr.; John P. Rees, 19th century, st. 4.

### STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS



M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.  
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness continues forever.  
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

### THE WORD

Today's lessons all relate somewhat to the world of nature and growing things. It makes comparisons between the growing things we see around us in the summertime and the "growing things" we see in God's kingdom. Seeds have become growing plants; plants are being watered and are bearing fruit.

The Old Testament lesson, Isaiah 55:10, 11, tells us that God's Word produces results as does the moisture that comes down out of the skies. It simply is in the nature of things that where there is rain, there are plants and produce. Likewise, the preaching of God's Word will be effective. Beleaguered Israel can count on the Lord to keep his promises.

The Epistle, Romans 8:18–25, blends with the other two lessons better than most Epistle readings in the Pentecost season. In the world of nature, we not only see beauty and growth but also pollution, decay and calamity. Even though there is much in God's creation that is beautiful and enjoyable, it is also easy to see how sin has spoiled and continues to spoil perfect beauty. Even nature shows a need for redemption!

The Gospel lesson, Matthew 13:1–9, is the Parable of the Sower. Although the seed is powerful and full of promise, the results are not uniform when it is sown. May the Lord's word of forgiveness and salvation in Christ produce an abundant harvest among our hearers.

### FIRST LESSON

#### **Isaiah 55:10-11 (NIV84)**

<sup>10</sup>As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup>so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

### SECOND LESSON

#### **Romans 8:18–25 (NIV84)**

<sup>18</sup>I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

<sup>19</sup>The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

<sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

<sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

<sup>23</sup>Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

<sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?

<sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

#### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

STAND

#### **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 13:1–9, 18-23(NIV84)**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.

<sup>2</sup>Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY / I Love to Tell the Story**

1 I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.

*Refrain:*

I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

<sup>3</sup>Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed.

<sup>4</sup>As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

<sup>5</sup>Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.

<sup>6</sup>But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

<sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.

<sup>8</sup>Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

<sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear

<sup>18</sup> "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

2 I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.  
*Refrain*

Text: Arabella C. Hankey, 1834–1911, abr.

## SERMON

STAND

**Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 ;**

**Theme: Sow Kingdom Seeds**

STAND

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING** (Please place your offering in the plate at the back of church).

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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.

STAND

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN *Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening*

1 Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning, As a servant to his lord.  
Let me show respect and honor To your holy, precious Word,  
That each day, my whole life through, I may serve and follow you.  
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure And my heart's most precious treasure.

2 Oh, what blessing to be near you And to listen to your voice!  
Let me ever love and fear you; Let your Word still be my choice.  
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at your Word,  
But to all who feel sin's burden You give peace and words of pardon.

3 Lord, your words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty needs.  
Lord, your words are bread life-giving; On your words my spirit feeds.  
Lord, your words will be my light Through death's cold and dreary night;  
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing.

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let your words in me take root.  
May your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638–83, abr.; tr. composite.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C:** Amen. Amen. Amen.



# NEWS & NOTES

## July 26, 2020

Our member, Keith Carpenter, passed away Sunday, July 19 from cardiac arrest. Keith was 54 – he leaves behind Kookie, his wife of 28 years, three children Grace (18) Faith (16) and John (14) whom we just confirmed last month. All three children were confirmed at Resurrection. The funeral is set for August 7.

Looking ahead:

July 28 at 6:30 is Spiritual Growth

July 30 at 6:30 is 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation. Congratulations to our graduates

August 4 at 7:00 is Outreach

August 11 at 7:00 is Ministry Coordinating Council

Installation

Sunday, August 16 Michelle Behrens will be installed as our Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher. We pray for God's blessings to Mrs. Behrens as she begins the new school year.

School Opening

August 12 at 6:00 pm is Orientation Night

August 18 is the first full day of school; Chapel is scheduled for 8:15