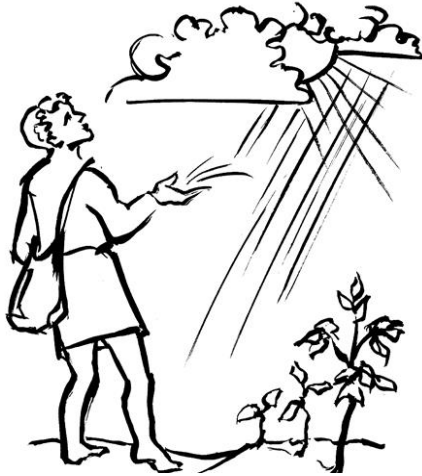


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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Eternal God our creator,

in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ✠ forgives you all your sins.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "Open Now They Gates of Beauty" #533 ELW

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “For the Beauty of the Earth” #879 ELW

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

God’s word to Israel’s exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

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.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

[¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

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.

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

Glory to you, O Lord

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON: "Plant and Water!"

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Come Be Fed"

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your living word that goes out and does not return empty. Make your church a partner in accomplishing what you desire. Unite us in faith, witness, and mission. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For land, creatures, and people suffering from drought, that gentle rain bring life and hope. For mountains, hills, and the trees of the field, that all creation clap for joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For nations suffering the violence and hunger of war (*especially*). For exiles and refugees. Lead them home in peace and bless them with your fullness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For victims and perpetrators of race-based crime. For all who suffer sorrow, illness, or injury (*especially*). Bring them justice, healing, and new life by the power of your Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For this congregation and its leaders; through our shared work, let your word prosper among us and bring life to the community beyond our doors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for all who have died recently, for strangers and dear ones who have blessed our lives and sparked our hope (*especially*). Give comfort and confidence to all who mourn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

Offering Hymn

"The King Is Coming"

Randy Tofteland

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.
Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

Offering Prayer

Merciful God,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

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, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into 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.

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. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

CLOSING HYMN: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

#697 ELW

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir – directed by Sheila Penoyer

Greeters: Maynard & Kathy Berland

Digital Organ: 8:30am Keith Kellen 10:00am Julie Swaggert

Ushers: 8:30am Chuck & Elsa Carlson 10:00am Darrell Kelly

Lectors: 8:30am Char Berg 10:00am Carolyn Morris

Hospitality Hosts:

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: July 9, 2017: 8:30am: 76 10:00am: 46

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

July 17 through July 23, 2017

Monday	7/17	1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		5:30 pm	Council Meeting at Mary B’s home
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/18	9:00 am	Crafters
		10:00-12:00	Pastor’s Text Study
Wednesday	7/19	8:00-12:00	WIC
		8:30 am	Women’s Bible Study
		9:30 am	Stitchers
		5:30 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	7/20	8:00am	ROMEOS
		10:30 am	Worship & Music Meeting
		12:30pm	Funtimers
		6:00 pm	Bells
Friday	7/21	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	7/22	7:30 am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	7/23	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. Information will be gathered for Evangelism.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. There will always be someone to help you with making coffee and running the dishwasher.

HOLDEN VILLAGE TRIP Spots are still open to join in the Holden Village Trip. All are welcome! The week at Holden Village is August 27-September 1. Information sheets are in the Narthex or contact Pastor Terry. Holden's website: <http://www.holdenvillage.org>

VEGGIE STAND is now open every Saturday morning at 7:30am. Donations of baked goods: pies, cookies, bars, breads, etc. are always welcome. Drop off your donations that morning or leave at the church on Friday. All proceeds go to the Benevolence fund. Let's make this a wonderful year. Any questions please contact Elsa Carlson: home 218-678-3408 cell 218-251-4551

BEEF & CORN FEED the Annual Beef and Corn Feed is scheduled for Saturday, July 29th from 4:30 – 7:00pm. *Volunteer signup sheets are available in the Narthex.* Pans of bars are needed for the event.

FOOT CLINIC Our next Foot Care Clinic will be held on Saturday, August 5th, 2017. Call the church office to make an appointment: 320-684-2123 (M-F 11:00am – 3:00pm).

REFORMATION FESTIVAL Gather together at Luther Seminary on Oct. 27-28, 2017 to celebrate and commemorate 500 years of Reformation history, there will be 24 exciting workshops to engage everyone - from pastors to lay people. Many of these focus on music and include:

- Marty Haugen, composer of contemporary hymns and liturgical music, presenting on The Assembly Singing as Instrument.
- Susan Palo Cherwien, freelance writer and musician, giving a workshop on Words Matter: The Songs We Sing.
- Sowah Mensah, music professor at Macalester College and the University of St. Thomas, presenting on African Drumming.
- Dona Peña, composer and performer, giving a workshop on Latino Music.

Mail in registration forms are available in the church office.

PARSONAGE CELEBRATION SERVICE Sunday, August 6th, 2017 featuring the musical group Dakota Road. One Worship Service that day at 10:00am followed by a free picnic and tour of the new Parsonage. All are welcome! Bars and Cookies will be needed for the picnic that day.

SAVE THE DATE: The Jamboree this year will be one performance only, Friday, September 22, 2017 at 7:00pm



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Presents

A Parsonage Celebration Service



Sunday, August 6th, 2017 at 10:00am

Featuring the musical group

DAKOTA ROAD: *Their songs of faith and love, hurts and hopes, are shaped by a passion for justice and a vision for the church, the neighborhood, and the whole world to be peace-filled welcoming places.*

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