

We are Going Home!

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Text: Isaiah 55:10-13

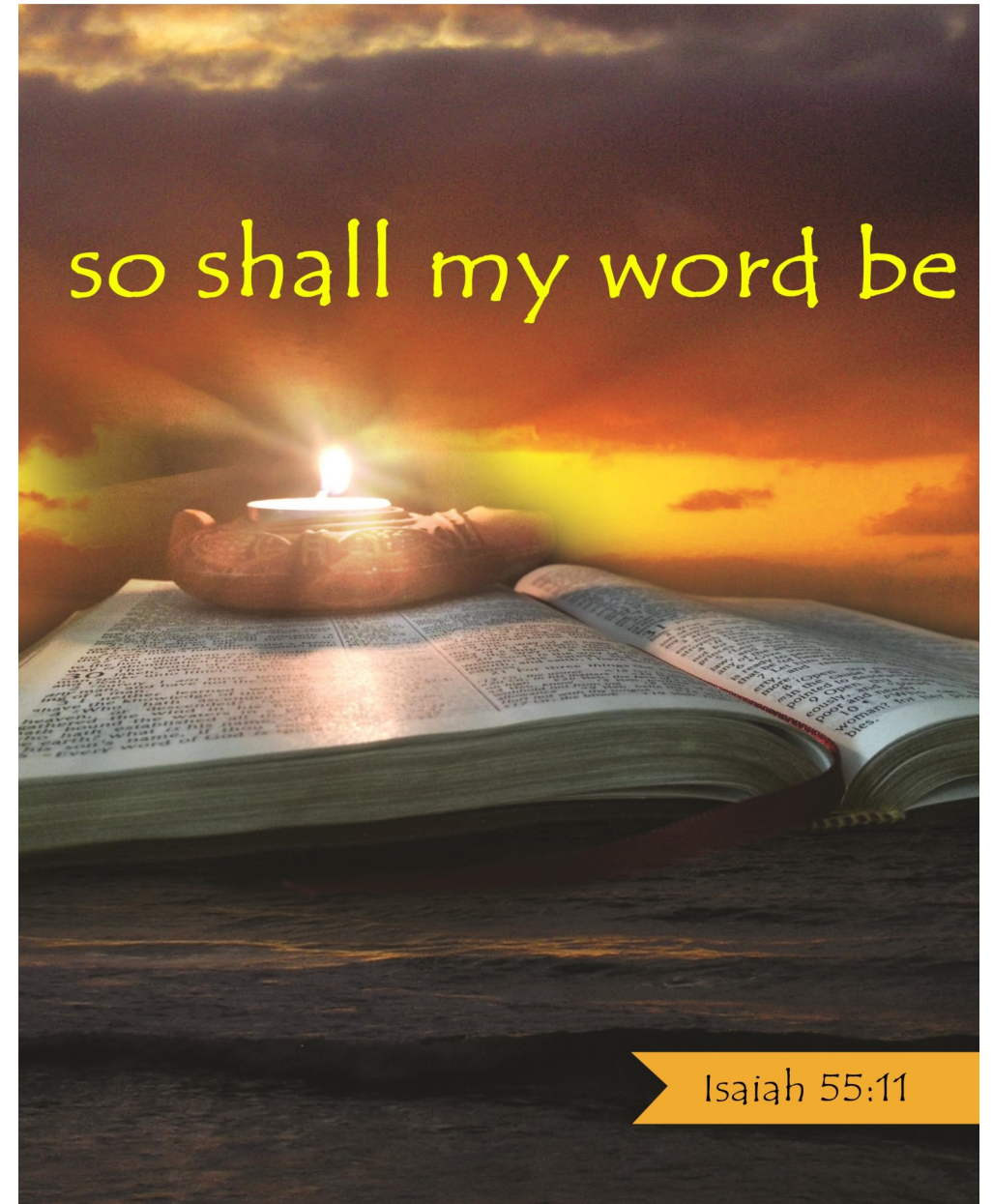
Verse for Meditation

“So 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.”
Isaiah 55:11

Points to Ponder

1. Home – what does it remind you of?
2. History of Israel_
70 years of Babylonian Captivity: _____ - _____ B.C.
Homesick
3. Israelites in exile are not only far away from home; they are far away from _____.
4. Isaiah 55
 - The Lord forgives (55:7b).
 - The Lord has a plan (55:8).
 - The Lord's Word works (55:10).
 - The exiles will return home (55:12).
5. Are we away from home? Are we homesick?
6. How do we get home?

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10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 12, 2020



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Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 12, 2020

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Praise Team Accompanist: Doris Hill

Ushers: Bill Hanna Team

Missionaries: Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

Reader: Frank Tenuta

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER The Word works! The Word of God is our only source of everlasting life. Through Isaiah, God explains that His Word is as effective as rain causing growth in plants. As David writes poetically, His care causes all the trees of the field to clap their hands. And the Word will work in our lives so that we will "go out in joy and be led forth in peace," as Isaiah puts it. Indeed, Jesus, the Word in the flesh, succeeded in giving us peace and joy by rising victorious over sin, death, and the power of the devil. As a result, Paul explains in the Epistle, we are God's adopted children, calling out to Him, "Abba, Father." But there is work for us to do! As we let the Word work through us, we can expect that, in spite of opposition of all sorts from the world, if we but hear and understand, we will certainly bear fruit for our heavenly Father.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Lord of heaven and earth.

He is Lord of heaven and earth.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

Worship Services

Traditional (Sat., 6:00 p.m. & Sun., 8:15 a.m.)
Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m.)

Youth & Adult Bible Classes

9:30 a.m.

Pastor:

Rev. Kenneth Hsu

Christian Day School:

Preschool through Grade 5 (before and after school care)

Principal:

Mrs. Alyce Strong Davis

School Financial Consultant:

Mr. Lon Stuhr

Other Ministries for Children:

Vacation Bible School

Other Ministries for Youth:

Lutheran Youth Fellowship,
Juniors in Fellowship
Confirmation Program

Other Ministries for Adults:

Young at Heart Club (Dinners on 3rd Sunday noon)
Friends of Christ
Fellowship Club
Women's League,
Women's Circles, Sewing Group
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Offertory “I Worship You”

I worship You, Almighty God, There is none like You. I worship You, O Prince of Peace,
That is what I want to do. I give You praise for You are my righteousness.
I worship You, Almighty God, There is none like You. (Repeat)

There is none like You.
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The Prayer of the Church

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Kay Domsch, Kim Sparr, Sarah Gunn, Kathy Abbe, Sandra Andersen, Sue Barnes, Jeanette Hult, Jaden Koll, and Debbie Modlin. Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “Shout to the North”
Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

Chorus: Shout to the north and the south,
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow’r of our awesome
King of love. (Chorus 2x)

We’ve been through fire, we’ve been through rain,
We’ve been refined by the pow’r of His name.
We’ve fallen deeper in love with You,
You’ve burned the truth on our lips. (Chorus)

Rise up, church, with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high.
By His Grace again we’ll fly. (Chorus 2x)

Opening Song “Be the Center”

Jesus, be the center. Be my source be my light, Jesus.
Jesus, be the center. Be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

Chorus: Be the fire in my heart. Be the wind in these sails.
Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus, be my vision. Be my path, be my guide, Jesus. (chorus)

Jesus, be the center. Be my source by my light, Jesus.
Jesus, be the center. Be my hope, be my song, Jesus. (chorus)

Jesus be the center , be my source, be my light, Jesus,
Be my source, be my light, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

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Apostles’ Creed

First Lesson Isaiah 55:10–13
(God’s Word accomplishes His plans as surely as rain gives growth to plants.)

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. ¹²“For 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.”

Second Lesson Romans 8:12–17
(Because the Spirit leads us, we know we are children of God.)

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.

Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23 (Whoever hears the Word and understands it will produce a great harvest for God in spite of worldly opposition.)

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“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.”

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*

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

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalms 32:5*

(A moment of silence for reflection of God's word and self-examination)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: **Amen.**

The Song of Instruction “My Savior, My God”

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God has planned
I only know at his right hand Stands one who is my Savior

I take him at His word and deed
Christ died to save me: this I read
And in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Savior

That He would leave His place on high
And for sinful man to die
You count it strange, so once did I
Before I knew my Savior

(Chorus) My Savior Loves, my Savior Lives
My Savior's always there for me
My God: He was, my God: He is
My God: is always gonna be

Yes, living, dying: let me bring
My Strength, my solace from this spring
That He who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior (chorus)

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The Word

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WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

To our guest: We are glad that you are with us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

Matthew 6:25—Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?