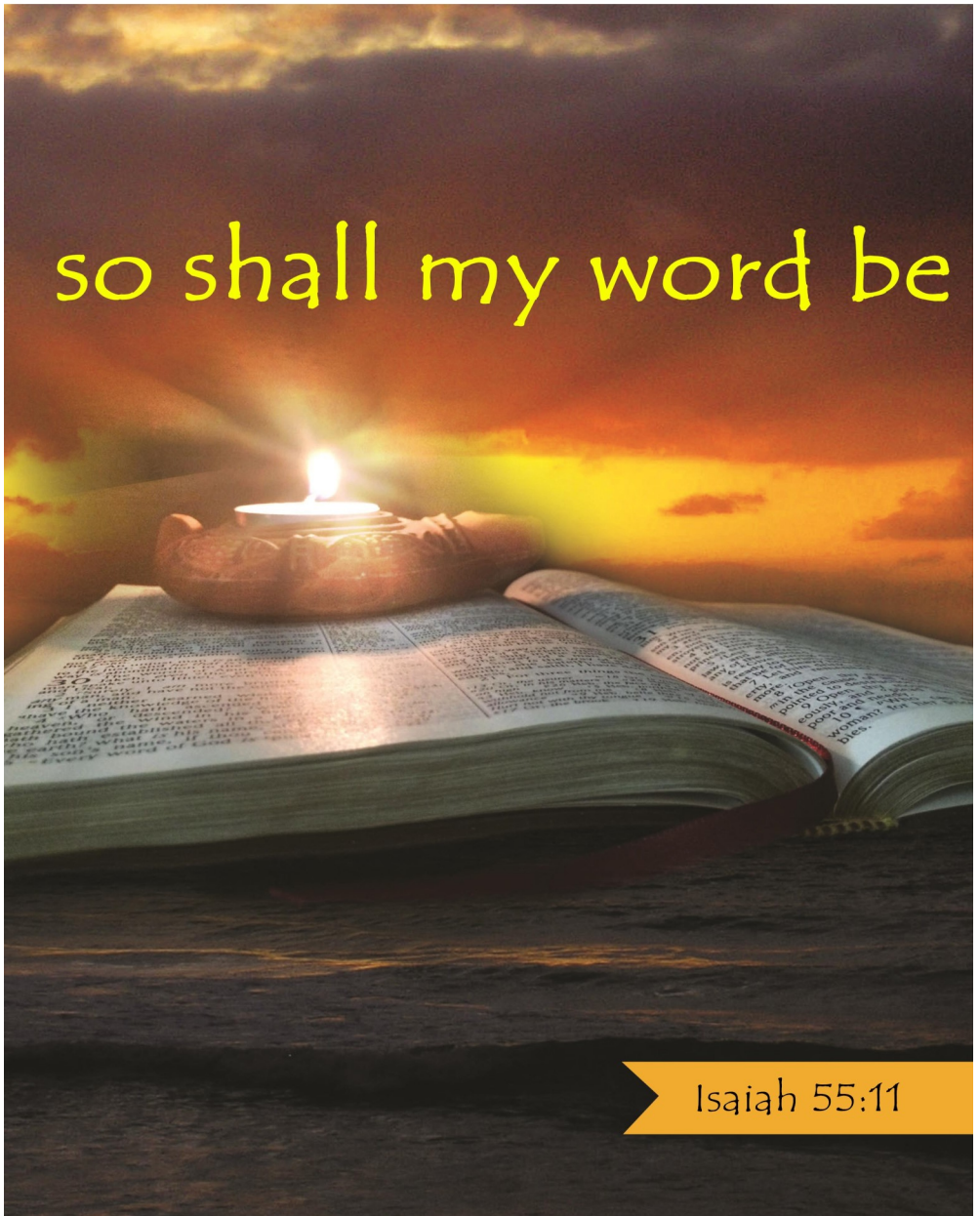


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6 p.m. Sat., July 11, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., July 12, 2020



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

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

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(6 p.m. Sat., July 11 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., July 12, 2020)

### Servants of God's House

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu

**Organists:** 6 p.m. Sat., Joyce Seymour ; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Mabel Huldeen

**Ushers:** Tim Draube Team

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

**Readers:** 6 p.m. Sat., Ron Cason; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Don Olson

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**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.

## DIVINE SERVICE THREE

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

### The Ringing of the Bells

### The Wave of Fellowship

Hymn of Invocation

"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

LSB 868

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

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

**C: Amen.**

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.** *Psalm 124:8*

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

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 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 Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy" (*Sung*) *Mark 10:47*

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**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis- "Glory to God in the Highest" (*Sung*)

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P: Glory be to God on high,

**C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.**

**we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

**C: And with thy Spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Gracious God, who has given us this good earth in which to live and who sends rain and sun to cause plants to produce fruit and grain for harvest, continue to send Your life-giving Word to us so that we resist the cares of this world and return to You a harvest of new sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

(God's Word accomplishes His plans as surely as rain gives growth to plants.)

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| <p><sup>10</sup>“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, <sup>11</sup>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</p> | <p>it. <sup>12</sup>“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. <sup>13</sup>Instead 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.”</p> |
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L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

**C: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are | all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.**

The Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:12–17

(Because the Spirit leads us, we know we are children of God.)

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| <p><sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For 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. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but</p> | <p>you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and 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.</p> |
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L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia (Sung)

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**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

The 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.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** (Sung)

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.

<sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear.”

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower:

<sup>19</sup>When 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. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet 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. <sup>22</sup>As 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. <sup>23</sup>As 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (Sung)

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The Apostles' Creed

(on the back cover of the hymnal)

(Please be seated)

Hymn of the Day “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

LSB 577

Sermon “We Are Going Home!” Text: Isaiah 55:10-13

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

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:** Thank you for joining 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?

Offertory Hymn      "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"      LSB 893  
(stand as you are able)

The Offertory (*Sung*) *Psalm 51:10-12*      Page 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Church

P: Holy Lord, mighty God, You are the strength of the hills and the hope of the ends of the earth. Give to our hearts Your perfect peace, that we may not be anxious nor live in fear but rest all our hopes, dreams and desires upon Your merciful goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Holy Lord, mighty God, You send forth water upon the earth, that it may bring forth abundant fruit and feed our bodies with all that we need. Help us to be wise and faithful in the use of the rich bounty of the earth, that the poor may be supplied and that we never fail to give thanks to You for all You have given us for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Holy Lord, mighty God, Your Word will not return to You empty but will accomplish Your purpose in sending it. By Your Holy Spirit, make our hearts good soil for Your Word to be planted, that we may give evidence of a sturdy faith and show forth in our lives the good works You have called us to do. Be with 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.**

P: Holy Lord, mighty God, Your Spirit accompanies the witness of Your people who speak Your Word before the world. Grant success to the missionary and mission planter and to every pastor and church worker, that those who hear may believe and those who believe may bear the good fruit of faith in their lives. Lord, in Your

mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, You know how weak and frail we are. Give to those afflicted in mind, body or soul the fullness of Your healing grace, that according to Your will they may be restored to health. Hear us for all those suffering or recovering from the pandemic’s ravages, for those who have requested our prayers, and for those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, Your Word endures forever. Keep our hearts from being overburdened by the things of this mortal life, whether in time of plenty or in time of want. Deliver us from persecution and sustain us from all tribulation, that our hearts may ever be fixed upon the true treasure of Your grace. Accept the tithes and offerings we bring as part of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: In Him, with Him and through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

(on the back cover of the hymnal)

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.** *(Sung)*

The Closing Hymn

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

LSB 921

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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# We are Going Home!

Date: 07/12/2020

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?