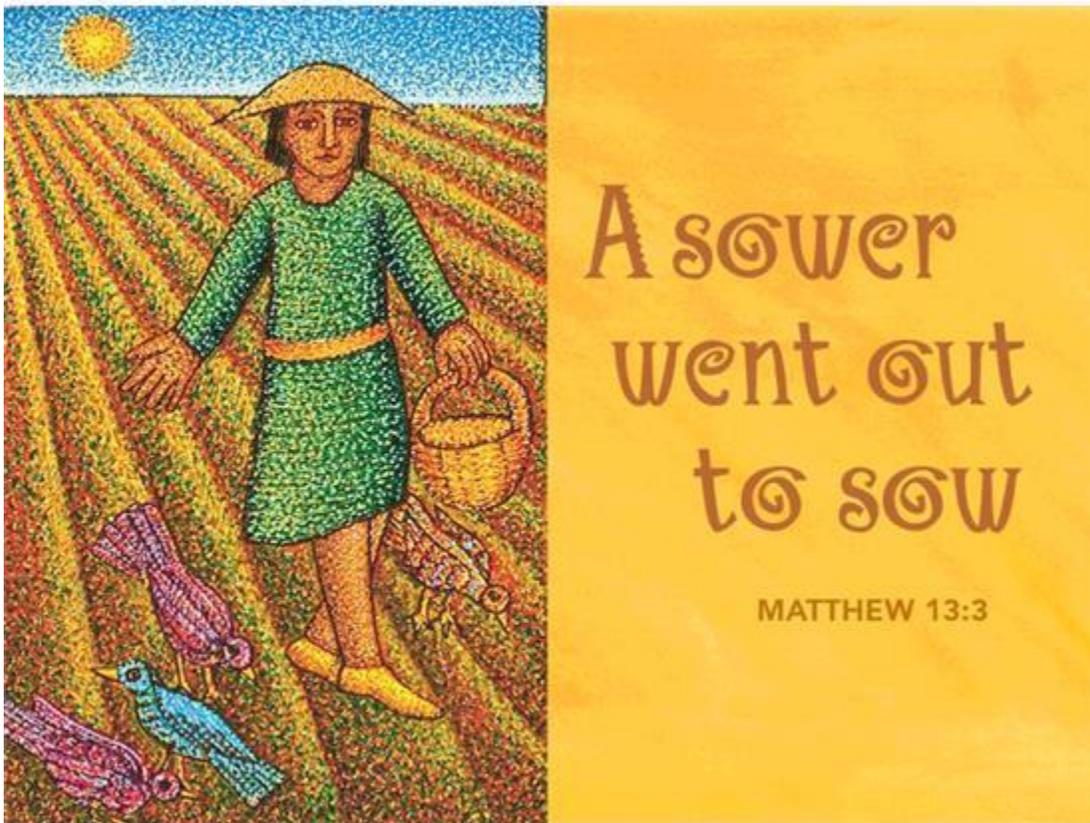


**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
ELW Holy Communion Setting One  
Sunday, July 12, 2020



**All Saints Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
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John Womack, Director of Music and Organist  
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## **Introduction to the day**

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.

## **---GATHERING---**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## **NARTHEX TIME**

**9:50-10:05am**

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Lisette Branscomb**  
*Congregational President*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Rev. Julie Crosby**

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

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG**

## **GREETING**

**Rev. Julie Crosby**

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**

**Joanne Swanson**

Let us pray.

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.**

**---WORD---**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN**

**Mac McCann**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13**

**Kevin Swanson**

A reading from Isaiah.

*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.*

<sup>10</sup>For 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,  
<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 succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For 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.

<sup>13</sup>Instead 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**

**Kevin Swanson**

Your paths overflow with plenty. (*Ps. 65:11*)

- [ <sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.  
<sup>2</sup>To you, the one | who answers prayer,  
to you all | flesh shall come.  
<sup>3</sup>Our sins are strong- | er than we are,  
but you blot out | our transgressions.  
<sup>4</sup>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. R  
<sup>5</sup>Awesome 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.  
<sup>6</sup>You make firm the mountains | by your power;  
you are girded a- | bout with might.  
<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring | of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.  
<sup>8</sup>Those 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.  
] <sup>9</sup>You 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.  
<sup>10</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.  
<sup>11</sup>You crown the year | with your goodness,  
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.  
<sup>12</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,  
and the hills be | clothed with joy.  
<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- | selves with  
grain;  
let them shout for | joy and sing.

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11**

**Kevin Swanson**

A reading from Romans.

*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 death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For 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, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For 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. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For 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, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But 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. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Rev. Julie Crosby**

*Alleluia.* The word is very | near to you;\* it is in your mouth and | in your heart.

*Alleluia. (Deut. 30:14)*

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**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.*

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, 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 brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup><sup>4</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 is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on 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 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. <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 lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But 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**

**Rev. Julie Crosby**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Joanne Swanson

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, care for all who are in need (*especially*). For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries (*especially*) and deepen relationships with the wider community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, we pray especially for:

- John Womack; Leisa Wiggley; Officer Max Brewer; Bronwyn Yale Blanco; Rosie Marks; Marta; Sheila Wagner; Margaret Robinson; Rick Robinson; Sondra Fowler; and Pinky Palm.
- Chris Holdrich, Stephanie, and all healthcare workers.
- Bob, Ingrid, Sonya, Connie, and Phillip.
- Doni Saunders, Joanne Heckman, and Richard Kraus.
- The Szalkowski Family.
- Children, parents, teachers, and school administrators.

Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died in faith, especially Butch, Kathy, and Shirley. Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

---MEAL---

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Rev. Julie Crosby**

## **OFFERING**

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### **OFFERING of Bread and Wine**

Preparing your bread and wine

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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Joanne Swanson**

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Rev. Julie Crosby**

#### **+DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### **+PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### **+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his acts of healing,  
his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **+LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond:* Amen.

#### **COMMUNION SONG (Spoken)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Joanne Swanson**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **---SENDING---**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### **BLESSING**

**Rev. Julie Crosby**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

#### **SENDING SONG**

#### **DISMISSAL**

**Russ Silver**

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### ---PRAYER LIST---

- John Womack, for healing from COVID-19
- Leisa Wiggley (friend of All Saints' quilters), for healing from cancer
- APD Officer Max Brewer, now home, for healing and successful rehab and therapy
- Bronwyn Yale Blanco
- Rosie Marks (Cherie Mason's sister-in-law), recovering from colon cancer surgery
- Marta (long-time friend of Rica Kelly), for healing from health issues
- Sheila Wagner
- Margaret Robinson (mother-in-law of Sandra Robinson), recovering from broken hip and falls
- Rick Robinson (Sandra Robinson's husband), for healing
- Sondra Fowler (friend of Sandra Robinson), for healing
- Pinky Palm (wife of Pastor Randy Palm, Rock of Ages Lutheran), healing from a broken femur
- Chris Holdrich (John & Joyce Holdrich's grandson), for guidance and protection in his work as a healthcare worker
- Stephanie (friend of Joann Rosselle), for guidance and protection in her work as a healthcare worker
- Bob (brother of Cherie Mason), unemployed due to COVID-19
- Ingrid, Sonya, Connie, Phillip – underemployed/unemployed
- Doni Saunders (friend of Cherie Mason) – for reassurance and safety living in a care center where COVID-19 is present
- Joanne Heckman – for reassurance and safety living in a retirement center where COVID-19 is present
- Richard Kraus (father of Bruce Kraus) – for reassurance and safety living in a retirement center where COVID-19 is present
- Jerry & Jackie Szalkowski – smooth closing of the sale of their home; finding a new home; health issues; Jerry's retirement
- Children, parents, teachers, and school administrators – guidance, wisdom, and cooperation in making wise decisions for all as schools prepare to re-open
- Comfort and peace for the family & friends of Butch Morgan (cousin of Kelly Kraus), upon his death
- Comfort and peace for the family & friends of Kathy Colunga-Rosales, Lilburn Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, who passed away due to a brain tumor
- Comfort and peace for the family & friends of Shirley Fareed, upon her death, that justice be served