

YOU are in
the **SP**IRIT,
since the **SP**IRIT
of **GOD** dwells
in **YOU**.

Roman 8:9, NRSV



Welcome to drive-in worship at Spirit of Christ!

Please tune your radio to 96.5 FM to hear the service.

July 12th, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

In the Spirit of Christ

Praise Band

Invocation

- P** We begin in the name of the Father, of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

- P** In the parable of the sower, Jesus explains the nature of the old self as it receives God's word. He tells us that the seed sown on the path illustrates the failure to understand the word's message about God's kingdom.
- C** **Lord, forgive us for being "foolish and slow of heart to believe."** *(Luke 24:25)*
- P** The seed on rocky ground describes hearing the word but having no root, and falling away in times of trouble.
- C** **Lord, forgive us because "we all, like sheep, have gone astray."** *(Isaiah 53:6)*
- P** The seed that fell among the thorns speaks to the worries of life and the deceitfulness of wealth choking the word.
- C** **Lord, forgive us for the times when we, "eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced ourselves with many griefs."** *(1 Tim. 6:10)*

We take time in silence to confess our personal and communal sin before God, confident that we will receive forgiveness.

P It can be painful to acknowledge the times when the word has not born fruit in our lives. However, we live in a promise that rights all wrongs. The Word made flesh did not return to God empty, but accomplished what God desired and the purpose for which God sent him. He has claimed your life, putting the bad soil to death and cultivating life. In the stead and by the command of the Living Word Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus lives in your heart and will produce a crop yielding a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown. Worship and minister in his peace and by the power of his Spirit!

G **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P 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 your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ 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,

¹¹ 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.

¹² You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,

and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.
This will be for the LORD's renown,
for an everlasting sign,
that will endure forever."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.³ Then he told them many

things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear."

¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ 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. ²² 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. ²³ 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."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563

- 1 **Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

- 2 **Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

- 3 **Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.**

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

Homily

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563

4 **Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.**

5 **When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

6 **Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.**

Following the hymn you are welcome to take a moment to step out of your car and stretch and, if you're comfortable, greet those near you with a word of the Lord's peace. You're also invited to bring forth any written prayer requests.

Prayers of the Church

Preface

spoken

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Sanctus

Praise Band

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Holy is the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, holy is the Lord.**

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

Praise Band

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us
And give us your peace.**

Distribution

We believe that as we partake of the bread and wine in Holy Communion, Jesus the Messiah is feeding us with his own true body and blood. In eating his body and drinking his blood we receive the promise that our sins are forgiven, and that we will therefore live eternally with God. We also believe that this eating and drinking is a confession of our faith.

If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and if you share our understanding of Christ's Real Presence in this meal, you are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood for your benefit.

We Know That Christ Is Raised

LSB 603

- 1 **We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold;
And our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!**

- 2 **We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!**

- 3 **The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Alleluia!**

God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850

- 1 **God of grace and God of glory,
On your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

- 2 **Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail yis ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage**

**For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**

3 **Cure Your children's warring madness;
 Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
 Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

4 **Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving you whom we adore,
 Serving you whom we adore.**

Dismissal

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

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

G **Amen.**

Christ Our Human Likeness

LSB 847

1 **Christ, our human likeness sharing,
 Heaven's love on earth portrayed;
Christ the Shepherd, tending, caring,
 In his death our ransom paid:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
 Be your life in us displayed.**

2 **Hear the word that Christ has spoken,
 Help the weak, the hungry feed;
See the pow'rs of darkness broken,
 Sinners pardoned, captives freed:**

**Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
Help us meet our neighbor's need.**

3 **Christ, in ev'ry congregation
Build your temple, stone by stone,
With your word as firm foundation
For a faith matured and grown:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
Make in us your Gospel known.**

4 **Come, O living Christ, renew us,
As of old in wind and flame;
With the Spirit's pow'r endue us,
Servants of your saving name:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
Christ whose kingdom we proclaim.**

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God!**

Serving in Worship This Morning

July 12th, 2020

Elders

Jeff Williams

Nick Fuhry

Terry Elhardt

Phil Hagel

Phil Marquardt

In our prayers

Celebrating birthdays this week: Lori Miller 7/13, Micah Miller 7/13, and Eric Gunderson 7/18

Celebrating an anniversary this week: Charles & Jan Johnson 7/18

Do you have a prayer request? Sue [sd_hurst@yahoo.com] is available to receive and distribute your prayer requests and can also add you to the email distribution list.

Notes of Information

Drive In Worship Drive-in worship will continue each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Portals of Prayer Booklets Daily Devotionals for the months of July-September are available now.

Gospel of Matthew Online Bible Study Pastor Jason is leading an online Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew. Videos are posted on the Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church facebook page and at soclc.org.

Zoom Bible Study Pastor Jason's lectionary Bible study is held Fridays at 1pm via Zoom live video conferencing. Those who wish to attend please email Pastor Jason [soclcpastor@gmail.com] and we'll send you the meeting code. Studies will also be posted on youtube and linked from soclc.org.

Congratulations Graduates! Join us in praying for this year's high school graduates Savannah Hofman, McKenzie Williams and Mandy Sillman.

Services and bulletins posted online Audio recordings of worship services and digital bulletins are posted weekly at soclc.org. Check them out if you're not able to make it to drive in worship or would like to avoid a paper bulletin!

Directory Updates If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or noticed your information is published incorrectly, please contact Lois Spadgenske via e-mail SecondTim1.5@gmail.com or phone 763-757-5377.

Spirit of Christ Book Club The Book Club meets next week! They will meet outdoors at church; bring a lawn chair if you'd like to join. Upcoming books to discuss:

- July 27** The Scarlet Thread by Francine Rivers
A fictional and inspirational book about love and marriage.
- Aug 3** The Silver Thread by Francine Rivers
- Aug 31** House of Living Stones by Katie Schuermann
- Sept 28** The Girls with No Names by Serena Burdick
- Oct 26** Bryson City Tales by Dr. Walt Lalimore

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NACE The food shelf is open and distributing food but in a different way. Currently it is drive up and you are handed bags of food. Food donations are always welcome as are checks so they can purchase food. If you have any questions you can contact Joan Mager at 763-434-9652.

'The Lutheran Hour' can be heard at 6:00 a.m. Sundays on WCCO radio.

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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