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~ Matthew 13:23



Sunday, July 12, 2026
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Four

*Regular font: Worship Leader; **Bold font: Congregation***

Prelude

WELCOME

GATHERING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Morning Has Broken" **ELW 556**

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

Divine sower, scattering seed, never hoarding, wasting life - or so the world thinks:

Give us the depth to receive the gift so freely given and the maturity to revel in love's abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of life. **Amen.**

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ 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,
¹¹ 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.

¹² 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.

¹³ 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65:1-13 (*spoken responsively*)

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

² **To you, the one ¹ who answers prayer,
to you all ¹ flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are strong- ¹ er than we are,
but you blot out ¹ our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your ¹ courts
to dwell there!**

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness¹ of your temple.

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of¹ our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans¹ far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains¹ by your power; you are girded a-¹ bout with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring¹ of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor¹ of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your¹ marvelous signs;**

you make the dawn and the dusk to¹ sing for joy.

] ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is¹ full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide¹ for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth¹ out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and¹ bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year¹ with your goodness, and your paths over-¹ flow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be¹ rich for grazing, and the hills be¹ clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them-¹ selves with grain;

let them shout for¹ joy and sing.

Please stand

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ 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. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and

brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!”

¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ 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. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ 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.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY “As Rain From the Clouds” **ELW 508**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God’s steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah’s vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or

condemnation overwhelm throughout the world (global concerns may be named). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns (especially). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith (especially Bishop Nathan Söderblom, whom the church commemorates today). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

PEACE

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MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise.

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life.

You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world; he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and famine of death.

Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the son of your praise:

(spoken)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

Please kneel or sit

We ask that you Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said; 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

DISTRIBUTION

Please kneel or sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet” **ELW 523**

“On What Has Now Been Sown” **ELW 550**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“This is My Song”

ELW 887

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude:



Come Have Your Picture Taken!

Grace Guild- Veterans Collection
Grace Guild will be taking a picture today showing the items that were

collected for the Veterans. Please stop in the **Fellowship Hall directly after today's service** so we can take a group picture for Thrivent.

Also, new T-shirts will be available at the same time. Please come by and help yourself.

Prayer List

For Health:	Jessica A	Michael G	For Safety:
Joyce G	Charlotte D	Barbara S	Andrew C
Cathy L	Jonathan A	Don R	Todd S
Marion B	Curt R	Fred B	Michael C
Lily V	Joan A	Bill B	Tyler G
Holly N	Dick C	Roselies K	Erik B
Lisa A	Karen R	Alexis S	Justin Earl B
Dylan G	Pat J	Justin Z	Evan G
Aiden J	Alexis R	Tom Z	David P
Helen A	Malynda A	Marjorie T	
Matthew A	Annamaria T		
Bud J	Lee T		

SERVING TODAY

Howard Swanson - Lector
Donna Berndtson - Worship Assistant
Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson - Ushers/Greeters
Carol Murphy - Altar Guild
Sarah Dzialo - Organist



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The **Worship & Music Committee** is collecting snack donations for the summer months to be donated to the Food Bank. We will be collecting **starting in June**. A few Ideas for items would be:

juice boxes or canned juices	packaged peanut butter & crackers
fruit in small containers	packaged cheese & crackers
applesauce in small containers	breakfast bars (Belvita, Kind or any brand)
boxed raisins	granola bars
microwavable popcorn	cookies
gummy fruit snacks	crackers
peanut butter	chips
pretzels	



Make sure to use a **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Card** whenever you donate to Goodwill. See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for July August and September** are available in the Narthex and the Red Box outside the preschool doors.

Council Members: President - Kathy Richards, Vice President - Paula Brown, Secretary - Barbara Helming, Financial Secretary - Rick Borg, Other Members - Beth Keser, Bob Redman, Peter Willse, Christine Kelsey, Kate Schneider

Today: July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday: **6:00 p.m.** N/A

Friday: **7:00 p.m.** N/A

Next Sunday:

July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church



Next weeks readings: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17;
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Attendance: Last week - 30; Last year - 48

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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