

Sunday, July 12th ~ 7th Sunday after Pentecost

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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.

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.



Please join us for our coffee fellowship with treats and beverages and joyful conversations.



INTRODUCTION

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.

OPENING HYMN: Open Now They Gates of Beauty #533 Vs. 1-4

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Brief Silence for reflection.

Compassionate God,

C: 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.
C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

C: Open our ears to hear your word.

Reading

Psalms 65: 9-13 (please read bolded words)

L: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is ¹full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

C: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

L: You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

C: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

L: May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:1-11

C: Open our ears to hear your word.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Lord and Savior page 205

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 13th chapter

C: Glory to You, O LORD!

Pastor reads

L: This is the gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

MESSAGE

HYMN: For the Fruit of All Creation #679 Vs.1-3

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.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please respond to God of Grace, with **Hear our prayer.**

MEAL

We are fed with the presence of Jesus Christ.

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord your God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION/PRAYERS

Please take an empty cup when you come forward for communion. We have gluten free wafers—let your server know of this need. There is both wine and grape juice. You may lift up your prayers after communion by lighting a candle.

Music is played during communion