

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

## Prelude,

Special Music by Driftless Voices Locus iste, Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

## Welcome & Announcements

### Welcoming ACS 1063 *God of the Fertile Fields* (all verses)

God of the fertile fields,  
shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:  
forth from your bounteous hand  
come gifts your love has planned,  
that all in ev'ry land  
be clothed and fed.

We would be stewards true,  
holding in trust from you all that you give;  
help us in love to share,  
teach us like you to care  
for people ev'rywhere,  
that all may live.

As grows the hidden seed  
to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.  
Let all our toil be used,  
no gift of yours abused,  
no humble task refused  
your love bestows.

God of the countryside,  
dear to the Christ who died to make us one:  
we pledge our lives anew  
in faithful love to you.  
Guide all we say and do.  
Your will be done.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

Let us confess our sin to God.

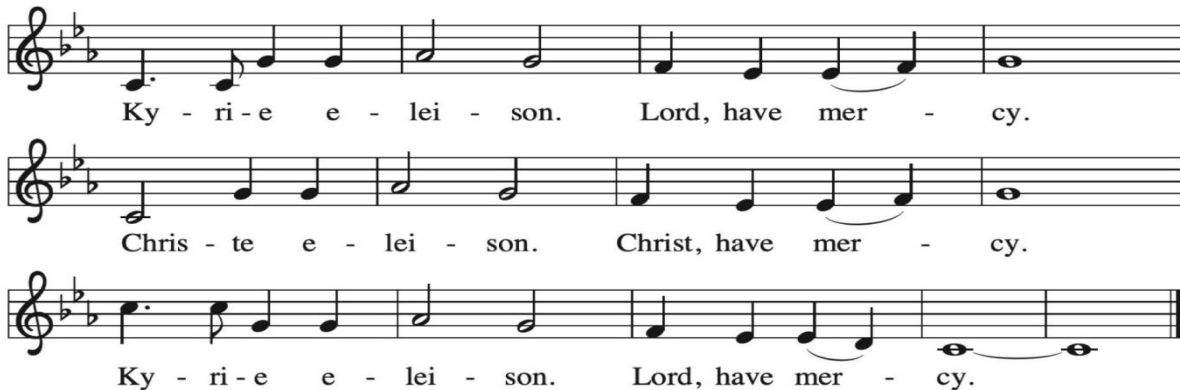
Compassionate God,

**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.**

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.**

## Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit helps 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.**

### First Reading **Isaiah 55: 10-13**

*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.*

### Gospel Reading **Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23**

*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.*

**Sermon Rev. Michael Short**

## Celebration Song ELW 681 *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* (all verses)

We plow the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand,  
who sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

### *Refrain*

All good gifts around us  
are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you, Lord,  
we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

You only are the maker  
of all things near and far.  
You paint the wayside flower,  
you light the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey you,  
by you the birds are fed;  
much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread. *Refrain*

We thank you, our creator,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer  
for all your love imparts,  
but what you most would treasure—  
our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain*

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815

## Profession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

### **Living together in trust and hope we are bold to say**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

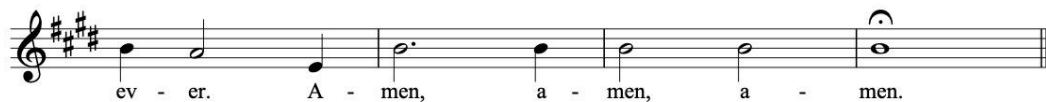
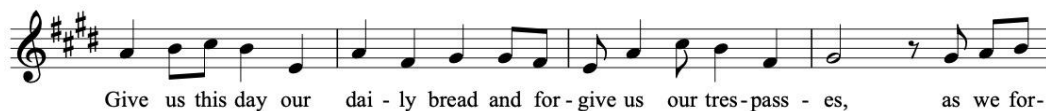
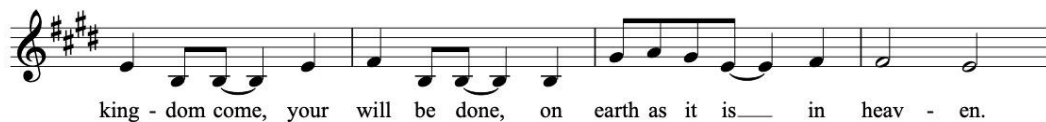


Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

*For children of all ages*

## Our Father

Setting by  
A. Eric Heukeshoven



### Communion Song ELW 679 *For the Fruit of All Creation* (all verses)

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

## **Wonders of Worship**

### **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.**

### **Closing Blessing**

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

### **Sending Song ELW 547 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (all verses)**

Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us

to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

## Dismissal

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

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## Postlude

**Special Music** by Driftless Voices, Der Englische Gruß, Op. 22, n. 1, Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

**Your Gifts Make a Difference - Thank you!**

**Today's Worship Assistants 9:30**

Preaching: **Pastor Michael Short**  
Presiding: **Pastor Kristen Massa**  
Assisting Minister: **Steve Everson**  
Lector:  
Altar Guild: **Sharon Neitzke, Donna Peterson,  
Lacey Konkel**  
Acolytes:  
Ushers: **Mia Martin, Don Peterson, Brent Herber**

Musicians: **Central Singers, Driftless Voices:**  
Adelyn Ackermann, Casiana Sas,  
Alexander Pederson, Martin Schmidt  
Bread Baker: **Janet Heukeshoven**  
Fellowship:  
Communion Assistants: **Sally Bentson, Mary**

**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

**Ella Korn** (Health)

**Linda Garrison** (Health)

**Karen Freiheit** (Health)

**Scott Steele** (Health)

**Bobbi** (Cancer)

**Irene Warren** (Health)

**Peter Huggenvik** (Health)

**Kay Brand** (Health)

**Toni** (Health/Recovery)

**Don Klagge** (Health)

**Clarence Dow** (Health)

**Diane Conrad** (Health)

**Joyce Brekke** (Cancer)

**Heidi Krenzke** (Cancer)

**Kevin Brand** (Health)

**Chuck Bentley** (Health)

**Roger Brand** (Health)

**Heidi Wemette** (Health)

**Josh G.** (Health)

**Nash K.** (Health)

**Nicole Primus** (Health)

**Roger Knudson** (Health)

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### **This Week at Central:**

**Sun July 12:** 9:30 am, Worship

**Mon July 13:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Vacation Bible School

**Tues July 14:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Vacation Bible School  
9:00 am, Quilters  
6:30 pm, Council Meeting

**Wed July 15:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Vacation Bible School  
1:30 pm, Esther Circle

**Thur July 16:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Vacation Bible School  
1:30 pm, Hannah Circle

### **Next Week at Central:**

**Sun July 19:** 9:30 am, Worship

**Mon July 20:** 9:00 am, Social Concerns

**Tues July 21:** Newsletter Articles Due  
9:00 am, Quilters  
11:00 am, Blood Drive

**Wed July 22:** 6:00 pm, WELCA Bible Study