

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 12, 2020

Gracious Growth, Bountiful Harvest

Hi, I'm Pastor Mike and I want to Welcome you to **the online worship of Saving Grace Lutheran** in beautiful Chino Valley, AZ! We believe that God brought you here on purpose and we're very glad that you have chosen to be with us so that we can worship together. We pray that God will bless you today so that what He gives you here, you will be able to take with you into your life experiences and connections in the week ahead.

For your in-home participation, the service order, as well as, the sermon is provided on our website. Click on "Today's Service" and "Today's Sermon" to receive copies of both.

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**TODAY**, As We Gather *please reflect on these words . . .*

Plants in God's good earth respond to the showers He sends, producing plants for pasture and crops for harvest. In the psalm, David says it is as if "the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy." It is all natural, and so is our producing fruit for God as His Word works through us. That God works through us sinners is all grace; if we but hear the Word and let the Spirit give us understanding, a bountiful harvest will follow. Jesus likens it to seeds producing yields of up to a hundredfold. But we are no mere plants, as Paul points out in the Epistle. Because we have been adopted by our heavenly Father, we are brothers and sisters of Christ, the children of God, calling out to Him, "Abba! Father!" Our growth in faith is indeed by the grace of God, and to Him belongs all the credit for the bountiful harvest He reaps through us.

**OPENING HYMN**

868 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun *Arranger Peter Prochnow,  
Michigan District LCMS The Hymnal Project*



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly  
2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science  
3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -  
4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and  
as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing  
freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from  
sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.  
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

5 Direct, control, suggest this day  
All I design or do or say  
That all my pow'rs with all their might  
In Thy sole glory may unite.

△ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

*Isaiah 55:11–12; Psalm 32:5; 124:8; Matthew 13:23; Romans 8:16*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** In today's Epistle, Paul reminds us that "the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." Let us therefore go to our gracious heavenly Father, confessing our sins.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** In the Old Testament Reading, God promises, "My word . . . shall not return to Me empty; it shall accomplish . . . and shall succeed."

**C** But we do not trust You in all things. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, heavenly Father.

**P** Then God tells us, "You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace."

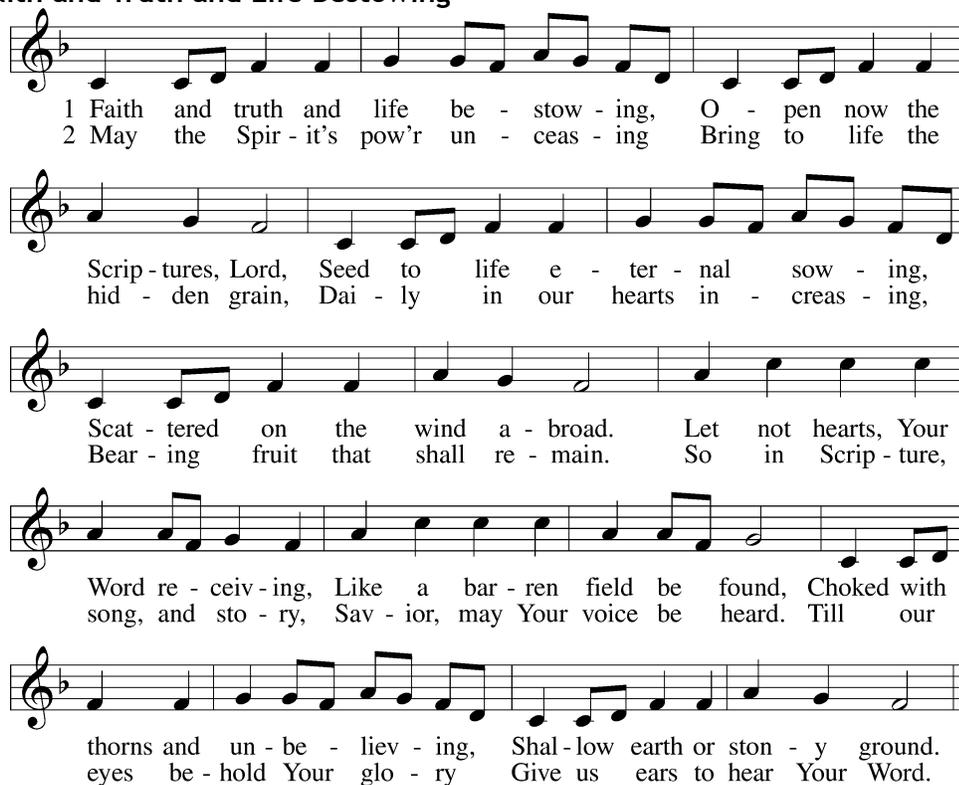
**C** But we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. Hear us, free us, and lead us in paths pleasing to You, heavenly Father.

**P** In the Gospel, our Lord explains that "the one who hears the word and understands it . . . bears fruit." By the grace of God, we believe and understand that Jesus, the Word of God in the flesh, succeeded in destroying death and rising victorious for us. For His sake, God forgives us and uses us to bear fruit for Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Word planted inside you produce a great harvest for our gracious Lord.

**C** Amen. Thanks be to God!

### WORD

## 584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the  
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the  
Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,  
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,  
Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your  
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,  
Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with  
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our  
thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.  
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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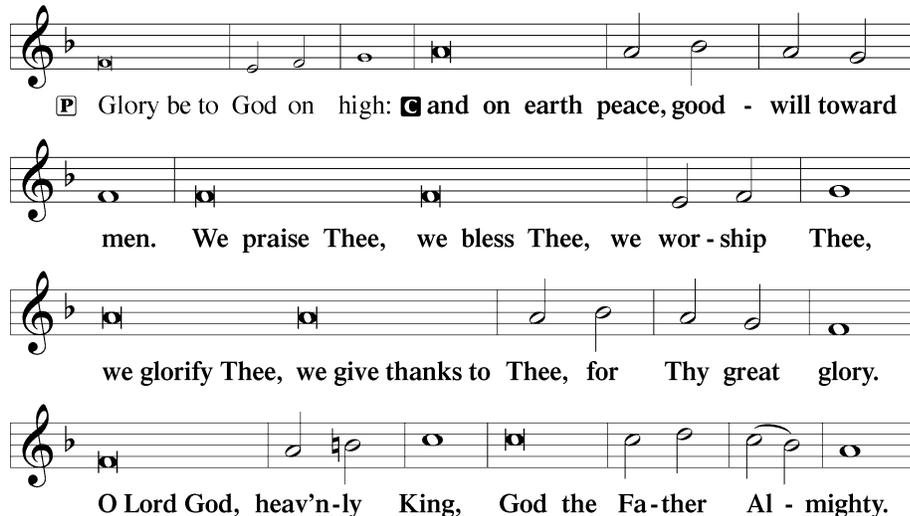
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### Kyrie

- P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy on us.
- P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy on us.
- P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen.

### Gloria in Excelsis

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**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation (sung)

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with Thy Spirit.

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning,

- C** *grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them*

- P** *that we may embrace and ever hold fast*

- C** **the blessed hope of everlasting life;**

- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:10–13*

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water 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 shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, 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 make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 65; antiphon: v. 5*

**P** By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed.

**C** **O You who hear prayer, to You shall all flesh come.**

**P** When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.

**C** **Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!  
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,  
the holiness of Your temple!**

**P** By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;

**C** **the one who by His strength established the mountains, being girded with might;  
who stills the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,**

**P** so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at Your signs.

**C** **You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.**

**P** You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it;

**C** **the river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, for so You have prepared it.**

**P** You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,

**C** **softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

**P** You crown the year with Your bounty;

**C** **Your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.**

**P** The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

**C** **the hills gird themselves with joy,**

**P** the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,

**C** **they shout and sing together for joy.**

**By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

## Epistle

*Romans 8:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears

witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**L** 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.

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “**A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, 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 produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear. . . .**

<sup>18</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 has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along 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 he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he 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 deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like  
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This  
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The  
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of  
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in  
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a  
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.  
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.  
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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## Sermon

### Offering

*Now is the time in our service where an offering is given. If you are a guest with us today, it is not expected that you give, however, if you feel blessed by God and led to do so, you certainly can by sending it to: Saving Grace Lutheran, PO Box 721, Chino Valley, AZ 86323. Thank you to everyone for supporting this ministry!*

## Statement of Faith from Luther's . . .

### Catechism

*Explanation of the Third Article*

**C** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

### Prayer of the Church

**P** We use today's psalm as we pray for the Church around the world and all people in their various circumstance.

David writes, "O You who hears prayer, to You shall all flesh come." Let us pray for those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*], who call to God in their distress.

**C** Heavenly Father, visit, relieve, restore, and console them in Your mercy, and use us to help meet their needs.

**P** David writes, "When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions." Let us pray for all who are wrongly accused or imprisoned by corrupt court systems.

**C** Lord of the nations, give them justice, clear their names, and free them; move governments to make reforms where they are needed.

**P** And let us pray for those who have acted rashly, destroyed relationships, or run afoul of civil laws.

**C** Lord Jesus, provide them opportunities and faithful counselors that they hear of Your mercy, repent, and repair their broken lives.

**P** David writes, "We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple." Let us pray for the Church here and around the world.

**C** O Holy Spirit, bless, protect, and guide Your people as they proclaim the Gospel, and invite one and all to the joys of Your mercy, forgiveness, and love.

**P** David writes, "By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness." Let us pray for all who make, administer, and adjudicate their nation's laws and seek peace across borders, and for all who serve their communities and nations by putting themselves in harm's way.

**C** Lord Jesus, raise up good and righteous people in positions of power, and give protection and courage to those having to make sudden decisions.

**P** David writes, "You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it." Let us pray for all who tend the soil, transport crops, and distribute food where it is needed.

- C** Gracious God, send rain and sun to farms, protection to pilots and drivers, and guidance for those who manage markets; through their efforts grant that all the hungry be fed.
- P** David writes, “You crown the year with Your bounty.” Let us pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed, those who lack adequate clothing or shelter, and all burdened with financial debt.
- C** **O Holy Spirit, open doors of opportunity so that they may provide for themselves and their families, rejoicing in all Your good gifts.**
- P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

### Lord’s Prayer

- C** **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.**

### Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

### Sharing of the Peace

*Please share **this** peace with someone in your home or by calling someone by phone if you are alone.*

### 921 On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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### Dismissal

- P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

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