



Growing FAITH at home

12 July 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hearing God's word brings
new life and growth.

Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

How have you grown over this past year (e.g. physically, socially, emotionally, vocationally, intellectually, spiritually)? What things have helped you to grow?

2

In your faith life at present, are you more like the path, the rocky ground, the thorn patch or the good soil?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	Parable of the sower and seed
M	Genesis 25:19-34	Jacob and Esau
T	Mark 4:26-32	Two parables of seeds
W	John 5:24-29	Hearing Jesus' words
T	Hebrews 4:12-13	The word of God is active
F	Romans 8:1-11	Life through the Spirit
S	Psalms 65:1-13	Praise awaits you, our God
S	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	Parable of the weeds

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Holy Spirit, lead us to think about and do things that please God. Help us to welcome, hear and understand your message, and do what it asks. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's Word take root in your heart and may you grow as his child.

Sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

Creative Response

Gather four small pots or containers.

Fill the first with gravel to represent a path, the second with rocks, the third with thorns or thistles, and the fourth with good soil.

Place these in your home devotional area. As part of your household devotional times this week, say the following prayer:

**Lord God, please keep us from having hearts that are hard, like a path.
Keep us from having hearts that are shallow, like soil on rocky ground.
Keep us from having hearts that are easily choked, like seeds among thorns.
Instead, make our hearts like good soil, so that we gladly receive your word and accept it. Amen.**

mealtime prayer

*From soil and seed you give us food to chew.
show us the work you want us to do. Amen.*

verse for the week

The seeds that fell on good ground are the people who hear and understand the message. They produce as much as a hundred or sixty or thirty times what was planted.

MATTHEW 13:23

Service



Plant flower seeds in containers filled with potting soil this week.

Place in a sunny window and take turns in watering them over the next few weeks. Enjoy watching new life emerge and then take them to others and share the love of God's creation.

