

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Sunday Morning Worship

## Opening sentences

Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,

**but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.**

## Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Hymn LHS310 Out of the depths I cry to Thee

## Confession and forgiveness

Dear friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**He made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

**Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us for all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become the children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. So may the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins.

**Amen.**

## Hymn LHS67 And can it be, that I should gain

## **Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13**

Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;  
to you our vows will be fulfilled.

You who hear prayer,  
to you all people will come.

When we were overwhelmed by sins,  
you forgave our transgressions.

Blessed are those you choose  
and bring near to live in your courts!

We are filled with the good things of your house,  
of your holy temple.

**The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,  
God our Saviour,

the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas,

who formed the mountains by your power,  
having armed yourself with strength,

who stilled the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,

and the turmoil of the nations.

Those living far away fear your wonders;  
where morning dawns and evening fades,  
you call forth songs of joy.

**The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the land and water it;  
you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water  
to provide the people with grain,  
for so you have ordained it.

You drench its furrows  
and level its ridges;  
you soften it with showers  
and bless its crops.

You crown the year with your bounty,  
and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the deserts overflow;  
the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks  
and the valleys are mantled with grain;  
they shout for joy and sing.

**The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

**Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever more.**

**Amen.**

### **Lord have mercy**

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

### **Prayer of the day**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lord God, everything is in your care. Put away from us all things that are harmful, and give us whatever is profitable for us.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Readings**

The First Reading:

Isaiah 55:10-13 God's word will succeed

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading:

Romans 8:1-11 You are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 The parable of the sower

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Jesus**

### **Hymn LHS511 Almighty Father, bless the Word**

### **Sermon**

### **Apostle's Creed**

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

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence 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.**

## **Hymn LHS515 On what has now been sown**

### **Offertory**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

### **Prayer of the church**

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for all your goodness and grace, through Christ our Lord. Today we thank you for sowing your word in our hearts, and that by your Holy Spirit you cultivate the soil of our hearts to receive this word. In your mercy, help this word to grow and produce fruit that will nourish our neighbour and glorify you.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Assist your holy church throughout the world to sow the good news lavishly to all people. Bless pastors, teachers, and all Christians to speak the word in their respective vocations. We pray for Lutheran Media Ministry, that their work of proclaiming your Son via modern technology will be met with open ears and hearts.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Bless and prosper our land with all that is good and true. We give you thanks for giving us our daily bread by means of all who work the land. Bless farmers, orchardists, viticulturists, market gardeners and all who till the soil, that they may see their work as service to their neighbour. In your mercy provide them with favourable weather conditions so that they may have a plentiful harvest.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Give to all our leaders wisdom and honesty. Move the wealthy and powerful to contribute generously to the betterment of our society. Help all citizens to

work for the common good and provide help for all who are needy. Bring refugees to a place they can call home.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Graciously help and heal all whom we know are sick in mind, body and spirit – and in particular we commend to you (*insert names*). Assure them of your love for them in Christ, and help them to glorify your name in sickness and in health.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the gift of your word. Let your word take root in our hearts. We ask you to listen in mercy to the prayers of your people; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

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 favour, † and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Hymn LHS221 Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word**