



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

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Welcome!

You are one of God's
beloved children
and our honored guest.
We pray you remain safe
and well during this time.

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Church Office Hours
Tuesday through Thursday
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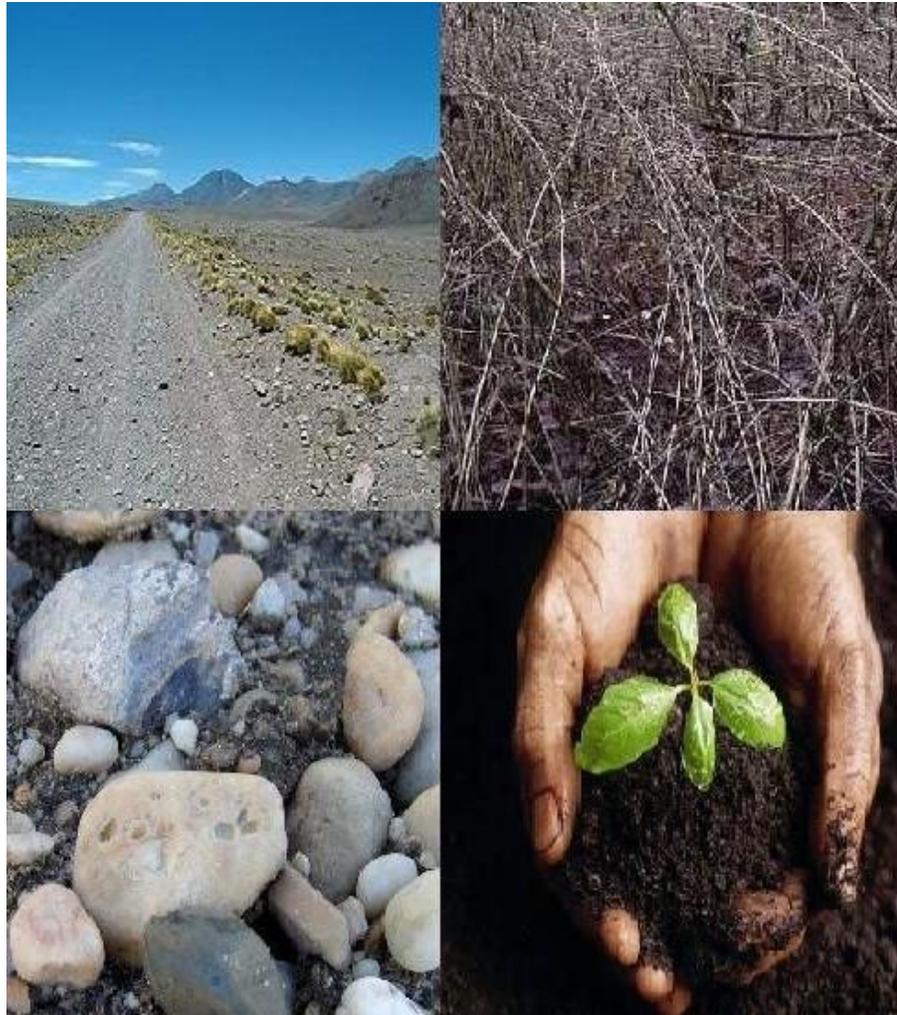
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Parables of the Four Soils
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2020

-----**GOD WELCOMES US TO WORSHIP**-----

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit. ~ Matthew 28:19

Prelude

Words of Welcome (*Please have a cracker/ bread ready for communion*)

Confession And Promise of Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

All: Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for self-reflection)

P: Reconciling God,

**All: we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

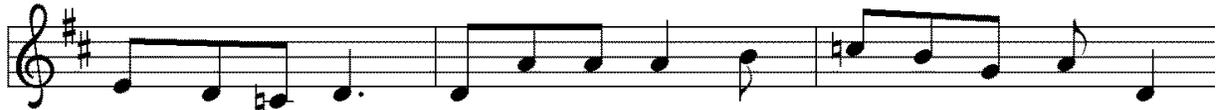
P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness

4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings

light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



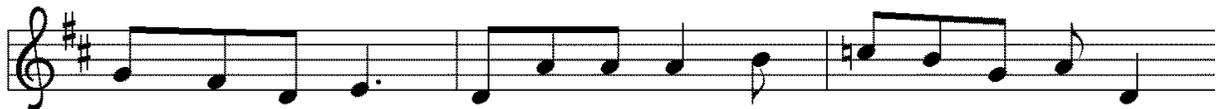
brought here to you in the light of this day.

now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the

Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,

make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.

fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray (*pause*): Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help 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.

All: Amen.

-----GOD SPEAKS TO US-----

Introduction to the Day - *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.*

First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Romans 8:1-11

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

We continue with the Gospel acclamation and the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
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Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Laura Altman

-----**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**-----

Apostles Creed

All: **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.**

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic (*universal*) church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

*Each petition will end with the phrase, “Lord, in your mercy.”
Your response is “Hear our prayer.”*

Prayers conclude with:

A: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

P: Please share God’s peace with God’s people. Wherever you may be at, remind yourself that God’s peace is with you with a self-hug.

Offering

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Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

All: Amen.

----- **GOD FEEDS US** -----

Holy Communion

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

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

Please lift up your host at this time.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your holy people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Together we pray as our Lord Jesus taught us:

**All: 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Friends of Jesus, come to the table.
Receive nourishment for your journey.

All: Thanks be to God.

Distribution of Communion

We welcome ALL to receive the sacrament, celebrating in the belief that in, with and under the bread & wine, we receive Christ's true body & blood.

Until we are allowed to gather in person again, we will commune in community online, and only use the host. Be assured, Christ's body and blood cannot be separated. You received both elements in your cracker or piece of bread.

P: This is the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you

All: Thanks be to God.

Ingest host at this time.

Special Blessing for the First Sunday of the Month

Please lay your hands upon your head or another for this special blessing and repeat after me.

P: I lay my hands upon {name},
in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit
asking for God's healing and renewing presence
bring you wholeness and health. **All: Amen.**

Communion Table Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us forever in His Grace.

All: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

A: Let us pray. God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

All: Amen.

-----GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD-----

Blessing

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

All: Amen.

Announcements/Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

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**Thank you for joining us for worship this day!
Our lessons for next Sunday, August 9th, will be:**

<p>Isaiah 44:6-8, Romans 8:12-25, and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.</p>

Worship Service Participants

Rev. Laura Altman	Pastor/Narrator
Lisa Schmidley	Office Administrator
Kelly Peterson	Music Director
Nancy Frantsvog	Assisting Minister
Laura Piasecki	Liturgist
Don Altman	Sound Technician
Holly Sherwood	Video Technician
Jeff Forsyth	Director

Flowers on the altar are given by Pastor Laura & Don Altman in honor of God's Glory.

Celebrations This Week

Birthdays

August 2 ~ Norah Volland
August 2 ~ Diane Klockars
August 5 ~ Ryan Felice
August 5 ~ Eldred Frantsvog
August 6 ~ Lily Schweitzer
August 7 ~ Nina Latham
August 7 ~ Joe Piasecki

Anniversaries

August 2 ~ Bob & Myrtle Clark

Announcements

Important! Regarding In-Person Services: Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, we **will not** be meeting for in-person worship in August. In September, the Task Force and Church Council will be reevaluating the possibility of returning to church for services. The Council plans to meet on September 8th. **We will continue to live stream our services online, remembering that we are all together in spirit, wherever we are worshipping.**

MONETARY DONATIONS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!! Our Annual Back-to-School Rally will take a very different look this year. It is unclear if schools will open for in-person instruction, online only, or a combination of both. Either way, children will need supplies. Therefore the “rally” will be simply a “pick up backpacks” program held in a limited number of locations. Monetary donations to defray the cost of supplies will be collected by Outreach committee. **Monetary Donations are needed immediately, but will be accepted through August 5th.** Please send contributions to the office and mark: *School Supplies Drive - Outreach Committee*. THANKS!!!!

Awaken the Dawn – 36 Hours of Prayer – August 8 & 9 – Woodland Park: It is a time for the Church to come together! “Awaken the Dawn” is a nationwide movement on August 8th and 9th for 36 straight hours of prayer and worship. You can join the gathering at Woodland Park, anytime between 6 am on Saturday the 8th and 6 pm on Sunday the 9th. They will be praying and worshipping the entire time, really focusing on certain topics like racial reconciliation and government & church unity. They will be providing masks and will not exceed the number of more than 50 gathered together. Please reach out to Carmen Eby at 859-608-2004 if you would like more information. Also, they are looking for volunteers—ministers & trained laypeople—to lead worship & prayer in 2-hour slots. Let Carmen know if you're interested!

New Choir Director: We will be searching for a new choir director to begin hopefully in the fall. If you are interested or have any suggestions of potential candidates please let Penny Zimmerman (pzimm1@sbcglobal.net), Kelly Peterson (kemape78@gmail.com), or Pastor Laura (PastorLauraA@hotmail.com) know so that they may contact the person and explore the possibility. Thanks!

Do You Have a Special Need? If you are struggling financially at this time, please let us know. We have funds available to help pay for groceries, utilities, rent, etc. The process is confidential. Your church family would like to help. We have members who—out of their abundance—have provided funds for this purpose. For assistance, contact Pastor Laura at 859-230-5735. We are blessed to be part of a community of Christians who love and care for one another.

Book Club will meet Sundays this Summer at 11:30 a.m. on ZOOM. The Next Meeting is TODAY AUGUST 2nd. This summer, our BOOK CLUB will be reading *How to Be an Anti-Racist*, by Ibram X. Kendi. Please join us as we discuss this book on Sunday mornings at 11:30. Please note: the hard-copy book is on back-order with Amazon. Please order the electronic version, available for download immediately after purchasing. Please reach out to Haley (haley.bergstrom@doane.edu) or Melanie (meleichner@gmail.com) with any questions or if you need help with downloading the book,. We look forward to meeting with you this summer! **For today's meeting, August 2nd, we will be looking at Chapters 10 & 11.**

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404809964?pwd=b082OTZxeVZxd09wQVlmZEtHalJEZz09>

Meeting ID: 894 0480 9964

Password: glclex

Summer Devotionals are Here. If you would like a physical copy of the Summer edition of *Christ in Our Home*, please reply to this email or call Lisa in the church office. Please indicate if you would like the large print or regular version. Lisa will mail out devotionals as she receives requests. Don't miss out on these books full of insightful reflections.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayers for the loved ones and family for Geof Casey (*family friend of Dee and Kevin O'Connor*) who passed away on 7/27;
- Connie Fowble (*Ray & Marilyn Roe's daughter*), whose father-in-law passed away, which gave her two memorials to attend this past week with his on Tuesday 7/28, then a family service on Saturday 8/1 for her mother Marilyn;
- Dan Fronczak (*Pastor Laura's Uncle*), who is back in the hospital after being in a rehab center and has now tested positive for COVID;
- Pernie Jennings, whose sister Irene Loch passed away last week, with a service to be held on Thursday 7/30;

- The family of Fred Justus, who passed away suddenly, but peacefully on Friday 7/24 when he didn't wake up from an afternoon nap;
- The church – our congregation, IK Synod, ELCA, and Bishops Bill Gafkjen & Elizabeth Eaton;
- Our congregational council, committees, and Pastor Laura. And our following members, friends, and family:

Page Anderson;	Lavreen Hall;	LuAnn & Glenn Schmuck;
Don Blevins;	Beth Janecek;	Jill Selzer;
Geoffrey Buhlig;	Janet Koerner;	Holly Sherwood & Family;
Lisa Carr;	Jennifer Kohonen Conklin;	Joyce, Ken, & Mason Staib;
Craig Cook;	Jim Miller;	Tammy Stevenson;
DeAnne Olsen Cravaritis;	Patty Navarro;	Michele Taylor;
Amanda Curtis;	Gail Pederson;	Katie Thompson;
Tom & Ruth Dooling;	Mike Popadic;	Jonathan Warren;
Bailey Ford;	Eunice Quast;	Mackenzie Webb;
El Frantsvog;	Georgia Rigsby;	Rochelle Williams;
Carla & Jim Greathouse;	Denny Roberts;	Kara Wilson;
Family of Bill Green;	Angela Roberts;	

- Those who struggle to or are unable to attend services, including:

Carla Greathouse;	Toni Steinke;
Ray Roe;	Shannon Talley.

Please remember to pray daily for the families listed on Gethsemane's monthly newsletter calendar, those who are serving in the military; for all those wishing to return to the work force; for the countries in conflict; and for all those whose needs are known only to God.

How to Connect With Us



Check out GLC's Website! Please see our webpage at <http://glclex.org/> for our updated information on ways we connect to the community and see the great things GLC is doing. Please contact the church office with any questions.



Hey Facebook Users - Please be sure to LIKE our Gethsemane Facebook page and be connected in a new way. You can find us by scanning this QR code or at <http://www.facebook.com/glclex>.

Pastor Laura works out of her church office Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and works from home Monday afternoons and Saturdays. An up-to-date schedule is posted outside her door. Her Sabbath time includes Monday mornings and Fridays. For any emergencies, please use her cell phone: (859) 230-5735.

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