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*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.*

### ***Service of the Word***

#### ***The Gathering***

Prelude

*Chris Lehne*

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

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

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: 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.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting

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

The Gathering Song

*“Ancient Words”*

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart; Oh, let the Ancient words impart.  
Words of Life, words of Hope; Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam; Ancient words will guide us Home.

(Refrain) Ancient words ever true; Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts; Oh let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our Faith; Handed down to this age.  
Came to us through sacrifice; Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved; For our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart; Oh let the ancient words impart.  
(Refrain X 2) O let the ancient words impart

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, **C: 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. Amen.**

*The Word*

The First Reading

*Isaiah 55:10-13*

**F**or as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered 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 succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, 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 be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

*Psalms 65: 1-13*

**P**raise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, <sup>2</sup> O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. <sup>3</sup> When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. <sup>4</sup> Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. <sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. <sup>6</sup> By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. <sup>7</sup> You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. <sup>8</sup> Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. <sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. <sup>10</sup> You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. <sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. <sup>12</sup> The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, <sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -



lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, 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 brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> Let anyone with ears listen!"

"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 is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on 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 such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately 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 lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Message

**"Surprising Seed Sprouting"**

"Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." -Matthew 13:8

Song of the Day

***“You Are the Seed”***

**You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you’re a star that will shine in the night;  
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark.  
You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you’re the wheat that will bear golden grain;  
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, to witnesses wherever you go.**

**(Refrain) Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaim the great love of God,  
Messengers to tell the way of life, peace and pardon for all.  
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead Christ arose;  
"Lo, I'll be with you forevermore, till the end of the world."**

**You are the flame that will lighten the dark, so resplendent with hope, faith, and love;  
you are the shepherds to lead the whole world to waters and pastures of peace.  
You are the friends that I chose for myself, you’re the word that I want to proclaim.  
You are the new reign of God built on rock, where justice and truth are at home.**

**(Refrain)**

**You are the life that will nurture the plant; you’re the waves in a turbulent sea;  
yesterday’s yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield.  
There is no place for a city to hide, there’s no mountain can cover its might;  
let your light shine so that your loving works give honor and glory to God.**

**(Refrain)**

The Apostles’ Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition, please respond with “Your Mercy is Everlasting”*

***The Offering***

\*The Offertory Song

***“Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil”***

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**Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

**\*The Thanksgiving for the Word**

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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.**

*The Sending*

The Blessing

\*Sending Song

*“Cornerstone”*

**My hope is built on nothing less; Than Jesus blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame; But wholly trust in Jesus name**

**My hope is built on nothing less; Than Jesus blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame; But wholly trust in Jesus name**

**Christ alone; cornerstone Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all**

**When Darkness seems to hide His face; I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale; My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil**

**Christ alone; cornerstone Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all  
He is Lord, Lord of all**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless stand before the throne**

**Christ alone Christ alone; cornerstone Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all**

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# Announcements

*All events scheduled at Grace Lutheran and Providence Valley Churches have been postponed and/or cancelled until further notice. Please stay safe and healthy!*

*The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Wayne & Char Lehne in honor of Chris Lehne's birthday on July 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*Sympathies to the family of Kristi Michaelson. Graveside service was held July 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in Dawson.*

## ***New Blessings!***

*Layton Chad Listul was born on July 9th! Congratulations Chad, Andrea, and family!*

*Sophie Jade Mork was born on July 9th! Congratulations Austin & Kimberly!*

## ***Worship Opportunities***

*Worship will continue to be broadcast over the radio at **our summer worship time at 9:00am on Sundays**. Video of each worship will be available on both the Grace and Providence websites, Grace's YouTube Channel and Wednesday afternoons on Channel 8. Bulletins will be available for download on the websites and for pick up in the main entry of the church.*

***Joint Worship** services will be held on Sundays at Providence Valley Lutheran at 9:00am.*

***Midweek Communion** services have resumed. Join us on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm in Grace Hall.*

***Riverside Manor Communion** worship has resumed and will meet again on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.*

***Circle groups, bible studies, and board meetings** can resume as desired by the group while staying within the recommended guidelines. For a copy of the guidelines please contact the church office. Please notify staff of any gatherings within the church building so we can prepare adequately.*

*Thank you all for your input with these decisions and your understanding as our leadership begins to move forward during this time.*

## ***Tithes & Offerings***

*Grace and Providence Valley Lutheran Churches have options to give online! On our websites, [gracedawson.org](http://gracedawson.org) or [pvlchruch.org](http://pvlchruch.org), simply click on the "Give Online" tab at the top of the homepage. Or even easier, download our offering app on your phone! Simply search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" in your App Store and set up your account! And Grace Lutheran now has **TEXT OFFERING!** Simply text your offering amount to 800-675-7430!*

*Your offerings can also be mailed to:*

*Grace Lutheran Church – PO Box 549 - Dawson, Mn 56232 or*

*Providence Valley Lutheran Church - C/O 2722 100th Street - Dawson, MN 56232*

***Thank you for your continued support over the past several months, both financially and spiritually.***

## ***In our prayers***

*Butch Anderson, Jim Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Olivia Baldwin, Tom Beals, Todd & Arlys Buer, Gloria Burg, Ken Club, Jack Flayton, Carol Fleharty, Wilton & Madeline Gustafson, MaryAnn Heinrich, Monica Kennedy, Sharla Kruger, John Lund, Evelyn Lundgren, Brad Madsen, Julie Miron, Jeff Moe, Dexter Nelson, Kristi Peterson-Tomas, Pat Saltness, Mike Stangeland, Lauren Thoen, Joanne Trader, Larry Trader, Donna Weidenback, Bonnie Westfield, the family of Tom Erickson, the family of Kristi Michaelson, and the family of Debbie Clark (cousin of Jon and DuWayne Stratmoen).*