



9:00 AM Sunday Worship, July 12, 2020

The 6th Sunday After Pentecost

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

Worship Livestream at www.facebook.com/elcvienna





Introduction

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.*

Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

Welcome

A Prayer for Healing

Pastor: In this time of pandemic and racial tensions, let us pray...

A moment of silence for reflection.

Pastor: From a world-wide pandemic of the coronavirus disease: from fevers and difficulty breathing, from sickness and dying, from fear and worry, from stress and weariness, from isolation and loneliness, from uncertainty and loss

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: From the sin of racism and injustice: from white supremacy and racist rhetoric, from personal and structural racism, from white privilege and race bias, from police brutality and political provocateurs, from violence and riots, from destruction and death

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: We are all ages and all colors, all genders and all creeds. We are all your children. For our families and friends, all communities and all nations, for all our neighbors, we pray

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: Almighty God, we believe in your healing and forgiveness. We believe in your love and new life. And so, in faith and hope, in Jesus' name we pray

All: heal us, O Lord. Amen.



Prelude

Flawless

Verse 1

There's got to be more
Than going back and forth
From doing right to doing wrong
'Cause we were taught that's who we are
Come on get in line right behind me
You along with everybody
Thinking there's worth in what you do

Pre-Chorus

Then like a hero who takes the stage when
We're on the edge of our seats saying it's too late
Let me introduce you to amazing grace

Chorus

No matter the bumps no matter the bruises
No matter the scars still the truth is
The cross has made
The cross has made you flawless
No matter the hurt or how deep the wound is
No matter the pain still the truth is
The cross has made
The cross has made you flawless

Verse 2

Could it possibly be
That we simply can't believe
That this unconditional
Kind of love would be enough
To take a filthy wretch like this
And wrap him up in righteousness
But that's exactly what He did

Bridge

Take a breath smile and say



Right here right now I'm ok because
The cross was enough

Pre-Chorus

Then like a hero who takes the stage when
We're on the edge of our seats saying it's too late
Well let me introduce you to grace grace
God's grace

Ending

No matter what they say
Or what you think you are
The day you called His name
He made you flawless
He made you flawless

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Invocation

Pastor: We are gathered to worship in the name of the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Opening Song

Build Your Kingdom Here



Build Your Kingdom Here

Words and Music by
Gareth Gilkeson and Chris Llewellyn

$\text{♩} = 137$ VERSE 1

G D G

1. Come set Your rule, and reign in our _____ hearts a -

4 D G D A⁽⁴⁾

-gain. In - crease in us, we pray. Un - veil _____ why we're

8 G D G

made. Come set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our

12 D G D A⁽⁴⁾

ver - y souls; Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now. _

17 G D A⁽⁴⁾ G D A⁽⁴⁾ D

We are Your church; We need Your pow'r in us.

VERSE 2 & 3

22 G² G D G

2. We seek Your king - dom first. We hun - ger and we
(3. Un) - leash Your king - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and

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Build Your Kingdom Here - 2

26 D G D A^{sus}

thirst; Re - fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and
far. No force of hell can stop Your beau - ty, chang - ing

30 G D G

prize. To see the cap - tives' hearts re - leased; The hurt, the sick, the
hearts. You made us for much more than this; A - wake the king - dom

34 D G D A^{sus}

poor at peace. We lay down our lives for heav - en's cause. _
seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. _

38 G D A⁽⁴⁾ G D A⁽⁴⁾

We are Your church; We pray, re - vive this
We are Your church; We are the hope on

43 D G² D G² A

CHORUS

earth. Build Your king - dom
earth.

48 Bm⁷ G² D A Bm⁷

here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your might - y hand. Heal our

53 G² A D A Bm⁷ G²

streets and land. _ Set Your church on fire. Win this na - tion



Build Your Kingdom Here - 3

58 D A Bm⁷ G² 3rd time to Coda

back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build Your king - dom

62 1. **TURNAROUND** A D A^{sus} D A^{sus} D A^{sus}

here, - we pray!

66 2. **INSTRUMENTAL** D A^{sus} D A^{sus} Bm⁷

3. Un - here, - we pray!

71 1. 2. D A^{sus} D G²

here, - we pray!

77 Bm⁷ D D.S. al Coda

Build Your

83 **Coda** **OUTRO** A D A^{sus}

here, - we pray!

85 D A^{sus} D A^{sus} D



Confession & Forgiveness

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

All: Amen.

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

Pastor: 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: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise

Glory To God- WOV 5 with organ



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



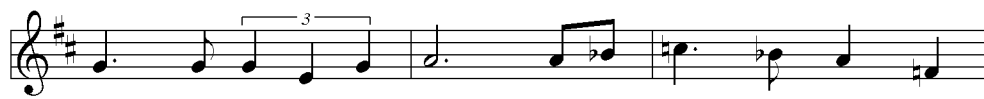
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

I
II For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: 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.



Word: God Speaks to Us in Scriptures and Prayer

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

Reader: ¹⁰For 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,
¹¹so 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.
¹²For 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.
¹³Instead 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.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 65:1-13

Reader: ¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
 to you shall vows be fulfilled.

**All: ²To you, the one who answers prayer,
 to you all flesh shall come.**

Reader: ³Our sins are stronger than we are,
 but you blot out our transgressions.

All: ⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to



dwell there!

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Reader: ⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

All: ⁶You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.

Reader: ⁷You still the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

All: ⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;

you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

Reader: ⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

All: ¹⁰You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

Reader: ¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

All: ¹²May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

Reader: ¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;

let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

Reader: ¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but



according to the Spirit. ⁵For 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. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

The Gospel Acclamation

(WOV 5) Revelation led

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.

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

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.



Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Pastor:¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When 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. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet 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. ²²As 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. ²³But 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."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

A Word

"The Sower" based upon Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

Hymn of the Day

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil
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Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. 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.

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Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson
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Apostles' Creed

Leader: We proclaim our faith together in the words of the 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.
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

Leader: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Leader: Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Bless our call process for a pastor for evangelism and mission. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Abiding God, care for all who are in need (*especially*). For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.



Leader: Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries and deepen relationships with the wider community. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Merciful God, you give healing. Bless the life-giving efforts of all medical professionals during this coronavirus pandemic. Protect them and give them wisdom, strength, and endurance. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died (*especially...*). Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

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

All: Amen.

Offering

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Offertory

Sketch No. 4 in D-Flat Major, Op. 58 No. 4

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Peace

Pastor: Family of God in Christ, the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always!

All: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

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



**All: 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sending: The Holy Spirit Leads Us in Mission to the World

Announcements

Blessing

Pastor: 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.

Hymn

On What Has Now Been Sown

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On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may

pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low

grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.
Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

Sending

Pastor: Go in peace and share the good news!

All: We will--thanks be to God!



Postlude

Sketch No. 3 in F Minor, Op. 58 No. 3

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God bless you!