

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

## WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

**Drumheller "Passion Play"** – Wayne details re: Friday, July 17, leave by bus at 2 pm

**Painting with 'Bob'** – Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm

## INTRODUCTION

God's word is 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. God brings forth life where there is death in every direction.

The parable of the sower invites our reflection, repentance, and, ultimately, new life in considering the sort of spiritual life we practice. Are we hospitable or inhospitable to God's word? This parable is a vivid reminder of all God has overcome—rocks, scorching sun, thorns, and snatching—to bring life to the world.

We take a moment to center our hearts and minds for worship.

## GATHERING

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
✝ one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG: "God is Here Today" ACS 993 (sing twice)



*Dios es - tá a - quí, tan*  
God is here to - day; as

*cier-to co-mo el ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan*  
cer - tain as the air I breathe, as

*cier-to co-mo la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan*  
cer - tain as the morn-ing sun that ris - es, as

*cier-to co-mo que le can - to y me pue-de o - ír.*  
cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

**Psalm 119: 105-108**

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light upon my path.

**I have sworn and am determined  
to keep your righteous judgments.**

I am deeply troubled;  
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

**Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips,  
and teach me your judgments.**

Your decrees are my inheritance forever;  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

**I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes  
forever and to the end.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Glory" JTH

$\text{♩} = 120$   $\frac{4}{4}$

Glo-ry to God\_, Glo-ry to God\_, Glo-ry to God\_\_\_ on

8  
high! Glo-ry to God\_ and hope for all peo - ple on earth\_ Glo-ry to God\_,

14  
Glo-ry to God\_, Glo-ry to God\_\_\_ on high! Glo-ry to God\_ and peace to all peo - ple on

19  
earth. Your grace sanc - ti - fies us, Your love calls\_ us

24  
in, Your word and Your Spi - rit\_\_\_ trans - form.\_ Glo-ry to God\_,

30  
Glo-ry to God\_, Glo-ry to God\_\_\_ on high! Glo-ry to God\_ and hope for all peo - ple on

35  
earth.

## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

It is our delight to pray. 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.**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 25:19-34

*This week's reading is the first of four episodes in the story of Jacob-Israel. Again, the Lord intervenes in nature so that the barren Rebekah conceives and bears Isaac twin sons. Although Jacob was younger than his twin, Esau, he eventually takes the birthright away from his brother. Jacob is portrayed in the Bible as deceptive, gripping his brother when he came out of the womb and driving a hard bargain by buying the birthright for a bowl of lentils. Thus, the cultural expectation of the eldest son being heir was thwarted with the Lord's blessing.*

A reading from Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
the one shall be stronger than the other;  
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – JTH

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You are the way\_ You are the truth. You are the light\_ of my life\_

You are the word, speak to my heart\_ and my soul. 1. 2. soul.

Today's gospel and sermon have been prepared and shared by Rev. Elina Singh, Assistant to the Bishop & Executive Administrator, British Columbia Synod.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 8-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. 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. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. 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. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 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. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON VIDEO

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" WOV 713



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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of life, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life regardless of how often we disregard creation's wonder. We look forward when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Venezuela as they mourn. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

God our host and table, we pray for the hungry, for all who must toil under the hot sun without refreshment, and for the chronically ill. We lift up Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Janet D, Dave, Austin, Tiffany, Patrick, Linda H, Carol, Murray, Shirley J., Isobel, Jim N., Clayton P, Marlene and Darcy, Doreen, Clayton and Margaret, Sheila, Ray, Nancy, Alan T, and those we name silently now . . . [*silence*]. May they rest in your unfailing love and presence. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. We give thanks for the Worship and Arts Committee and ask your blessing on them, and they work that they do. Hold in your care Doreen Skretting and Ray and Ingrid Speaker, as well as Pastor Joel, Vanesa and Hans. Remind us that wherever we are you are at work. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. In your mercy, O God, we lift up the longings of our hearts and the needs of our world. Renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you,**

## MEAL

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” JTH – sing twice

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 60. The score consists of three staves of music. The first staff starts with a whole rest for four measures, followed by the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are You God.' The second staff starts at measure 9 with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are You God,'. The third staff starts at measure 13 with the lyrics 'ho - ly are You God.' and ends with a double bar line.

Holy God,  
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.  
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, therefore,  
his acts of healing,  
his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever. **Amen**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!

***Together let us take and eat, the body of Christ given for you  
Together let us take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you***

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

**Video Contemplation: Psalm 36**

"Lamb of God" JTH – sing twice

$\text{♩} = 80$   $\frac{4}{4}$

Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

8

world. Lamb of God, oh, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

12

world. Lamb of God, oh, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

16

world. Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

"Seed, Scattered and Sown" W&P 121 – solo verses, refrain all

Refrain

Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and  
grown, bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the  
Liv-ing Bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land,  
wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by all; the  
Liv-ing Cup, the Liv-ing Bread of God.

Verses

1. Is not the bread we break a shar-ing in our Lord?  
2. The seed which falls on rock will with-er and will die.  
3. As wheat up-on the hills was gath-ered and was grown,  
D.C.  
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?  
The seed with-in good ground will flow-er and have life.  
So may the church of God be gath-ered in-to one.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: Pour out your Spirit on all who share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✠ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.

SENDING SONG "Post-Communion Canticle" JTH (sing twice)

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With thank - ful hearts we praise — Your Name,

7

Filled, re - freshed, re - stored — a - gain, Love ig - nites us in — its flame with hope a - new.

12

You turn to us with gift — of grace, Trans - form us as we leave — this place, Cre -

17

ate in us a ho - ly space for You. Strength - en — us each day,

23

For what comes our way. Help us — al - ways turn to You.

28

With thank - ful hearts we praise — Your Name, Filled, re - freshed, re - stored — a - gain,

33

May we live with hope — a - gain, hope in — You, Hope and Life —

38

— in — You! —

SENDING

Go in peace, for Christ is with you.  
**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

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