

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water 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 shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
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 make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

L Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of
God!*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable |
his ways!

C For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*
To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live
according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die,
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not
receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the
Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit
himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if
children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we
suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, 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 produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

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 has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along 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 he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he 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 deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Sit: Children come forward to the altar steps

God's Word to His Lambs

Hymn of the Day

*Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast, **LSB 577***

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Sit

Offering

Prayer for Safe Travel - Youth Going to Higher Things

Kneel/sit

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all People according to their needs.

[Kneel or be seated]

--after each petition of the Prayer the following response is

spoken--

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

--the Prayer of the Church concludes--

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

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Sanctus LSB 195

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

Pax Domini

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Distribution

Distribution Hymn

*Preach You the Word, **LSB 586***

Distribution Hymn

*Word of God, Come Down on Earth, **LSB 545***

Distribution Hymn

*For the Fruits of His Creation, **LSB 894***

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Post-Communion Collect

Salutation

LSB 201

Benedicamus

LSB 202

Benediction

Hymn to Depart

*Father, We Thank Thee, **LSB 652***