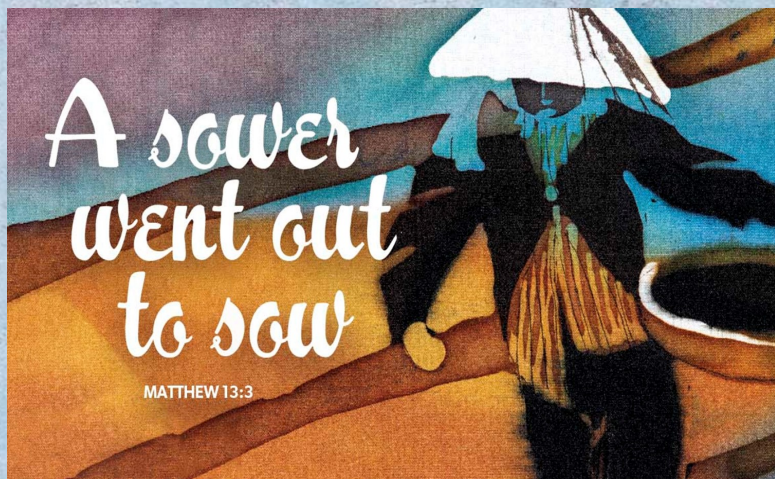


Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church



Seventh Sunday in Pentecost
July 16, 2023

Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...

Gathering Songs - 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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: Handt Hanson

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GOOD SOIL

PM

Prepare Our Hearts

Prepare our hearts to worship You – the Ever Faithful, Ever True.
Forgive our sins and make us new.
Prepare our hearts to worship You.

Prepare our hearts for holy ground. Let our defenses tumble down.
Come do what only You can do:
Prepare our hearts to worship You.

Prepare our hearts to worship You – the Ever Faithful, Ever True.
Forgive our sins and make us new.
Prepare our hearts to worship You.

David Moffitt and Sue C. Smith

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Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Righteous God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of + Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Greeting / Prayer of the Day

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.**

Sharing of the Peace

Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed.

Hymn of Praise - Thy Word

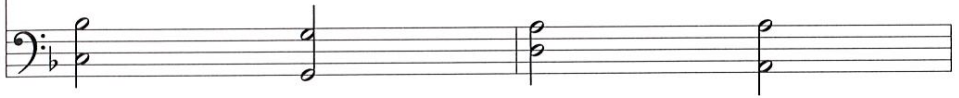
Refrain



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get your love for me and yet my



still you're there right be - side me, and noth - ing will I fear as
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be my guide and



Refrain



long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.



Text: Amy Grant, b. 1960

Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957; arr. Keith Phillips, b. 1957

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Children's Time

First Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:105-112

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

**C: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.**

L: I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

**C: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.**

L: I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

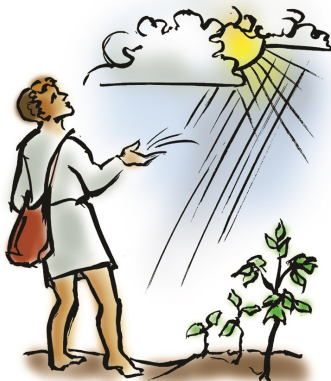
**C: The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.**

L: Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

**C: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever,
to the end.**

Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written for two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 3/8. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Words: traditional liturgical text

Music: Norah Duncan IV

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

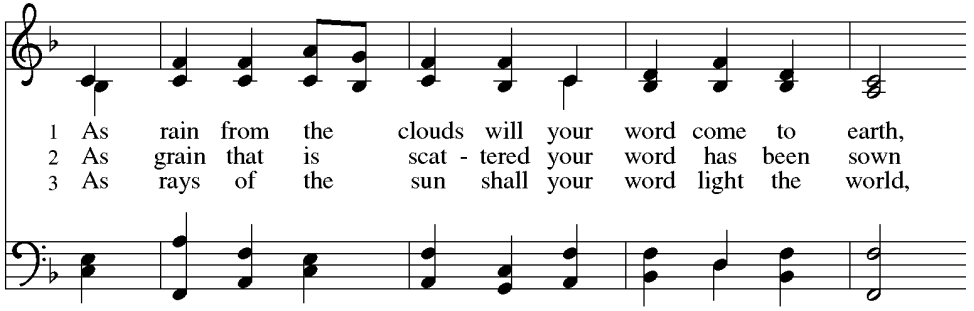
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



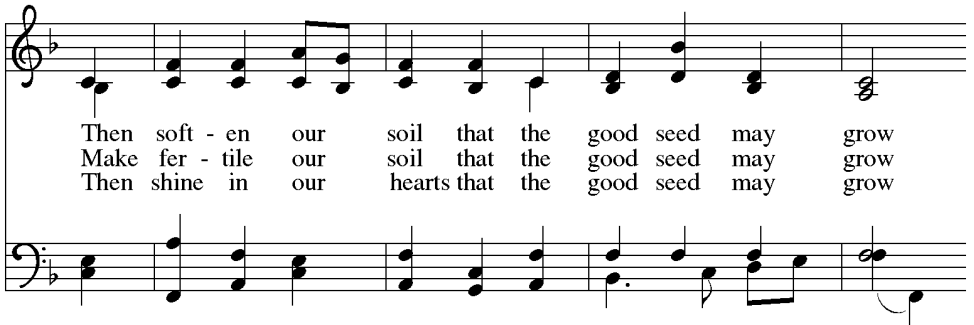
Hymn of the Day - As Rain from the Clouds



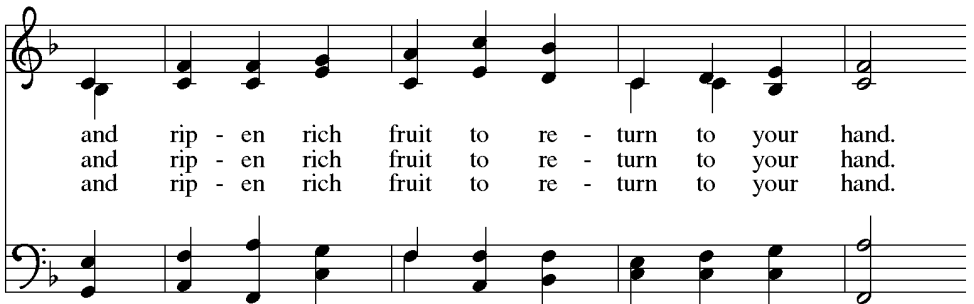
1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown,
3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,



as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.
on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.
a - wak - ing and warm - ing, and heal - ing our land.



Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow
Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow



and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.

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We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;

we thank you, good gar-d'ner, for your ten-der toil.
we thank you, good gar-d'ner, for your ten-der toil.
we thank you, good gar-d'ner, for your ten-der toil.

We bless you, best farm-er, for hun-dred-fold yield,
We bless you, best farm-er, for hun-dred-fold yield,
We bless you, best farm-er, for hun-dred-fold yield,

for har-vest of grace in our once-bar-ren soil.
for har-vest of grace in our once-bar-ren soil.
for har-vest of grace in our once-bar-ren soil.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: AFTON WATER, Jonathan E. Spilman, 1812-1896; arr. hymnal version

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Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed

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.**

Offering

*As you leave, you may place your offering onto
the plate located at the back of the church
or use the online options available on our website.*

Offertory Song - Thankful Heart

My open hands receive blessings You pour out on me.
Your tender care restores my soul.
Your faithfulness endures as mercy covers all my sin.
Your perfect love has made me whole.
Beyond the words I'm searching for,
I long to give you something more.

Chorus

**Here's my thankful heart, thankful heart,
offered up with gratitude for all You've done for me.
Here's my thankful heart, thankful heart,
offered up in praise to You.**

I'm unworthy of the gift of Your unfailing love,
but You embrace me as I am.
You provide my needs and raise a harvest from
the seeds I sow in faith. I bless Your name.
Beyond the words I'm searching for,
I long to give You so much more.

Chorus

Offertory Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers

Prayer Response:

P: Hear us, O God, C: **Your mercy is great.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

BLESSING / Announcements

CHURCH *Matters*

The June/July Edition of the Newsletter will be published on our website this weekend. Hardcopies are available in the Narthex. Those who requested hardcopies, please check your mail folder.



Change is in the Air

Glory 50 Plus

plans to meet informally during the summer.

Friday, July 21st at 12:00 noon

Bring your own "Paper Bag" lunch and beverage.

Bring a chair too!

Anyone who is 50 plus,
is welcome to join this gathering for an informal visit.

No meeting No agenda

An opportunity to visit and get to know each other a little better.

Sending Song - For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing, for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh; arr. R. Vaughan Williams

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Dismissal

Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

Worship Planners, Altar Guild, Musicians, AV Techs,

Greeter:	Maggie Hensel & Val Voros
Usher:	Barb Anderson
Reader:	Andreas Guelzow
Coffee Setup/Cleanup:	Pat Becker
Church Lock-Up:	Pat Becker

To volunteer, please sign up on the sheet on the easel in the Narthex.

Events This Week:

Praise Band - Tuesday 7:00pm
Fireside Wednesday - 6:00pm
Glory 50 Plus Paper Bag Lunch - Friday 12:00pm

Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
July 9, 2023	27	63	***will be reported next week***

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.
This can be accessed on our website, glorylutheran.ca.

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