# Bethlehem Lutheran Church Wagga Wagga

# 6th Sunday after Pentecost

# 12th July, 2020

# The Theme Today: The Good Seed

# Invocation

# Confession of sins…

## **I**f we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

### But if we confess our sins. God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all wickedness.

## So let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

### Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone…forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

# …Pastor declares you forgiven

## As a called and ordained servant of the word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive the sins of all of you who repent and believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# Fairest Lord Jesus (LH 152)

### 1 Fairest Lord Jesus

### King of creation.

### Son of God, and Mary’s Son;

### Thee will I cherish,

### Thee will I honour,

### O Thou my soul’s delight and crown.

### 2 Fair are the meadows,

### Fair are the woodlands

### In the garb of verdant spring:

### Jesus is fairer,

### Jesus is purer,

### He makes the saddest heart to sing.

### 3 Fair is the sunshine,

### Fair is the moonlight,

### Bright the stars that gem the sky;

### Jesus shines brighter,

### Jesus shines purer,

### Than all the hosts of God on high.

### 4 Fairest Lord Jesus,

### King of creation,

### Son of God and Mary’s Son:

### Glory and honour,

### Praise, adoration.

### Ever be Thine, and Thine alone.

#### Words: A. Krieger 1634-1666

#### Music: Glaz Floksong Schlesische Volksleider Leipzig 1848

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# Prayer

## Let us pray that God’s Word will bear fruit. [silence]

### Kind and generous God, you have planted and watered the seed of your word in us. Use it to produce a rich harvest in us and through us. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# OT Reading

## **Genesis 25:19-34 -** *Jacob gains the birthright of Esau*

## This is the word of the Lord

### Thanks be to God

# NT Reading

## **Romans 8:1-11** - *You are not in the flesh…but in the Spirit*

## This is the word of the Lord

### Thanks be to God

# Gospel Reading

## **Matthew 13:1-9,18-23** - *The parable of the sower*

### This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

# We confess our faith in the Triune God

### I believe in God, the Father almighty,

### maker of heaven and earth.

### And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

### who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

### born of the Virgin Mary,

### suffered under Pontius Pilate,

### was crucified, dead, and buried.

### He descended into hell.

### The third day he rose again from the dead.

### He ascended into heaven,

### and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,

### from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

### I believe in the Holy Spirit,

### the holy Christian\* church,

### the communion of saints,

### the forgiveness of sins,

### the resurrection of the body,

### and the life everlasting.

### Amen.

#### \*or: catholic; ‘catholic’ here meaning 'universal'

# Children’s Talk

# Spread O Spread (LH 221)

### 1 Spread, O spread, almighty word,

### spread the kingdom of the Lord,

### where the breath of God has given

### life to people meant for heaven.

### 2 Tell them how the Father's will

### made the world, and keeps it still;

### how his only Son he gave,

### all from sin and death to save.

### 3 Tell of our Redeemer's love,

### who, for ever to remove

### all the guilt that in us lies,

### gave himself as sacrifice.

### 4 Tell them of the Spirit given

### now to guide us on to heaven,

### strong and holy, just and true,

### working both to will and do.

### 5 Up! the ripening fields you see,

### mighty will the harvest be;

### but the reapers still are few,

### great the work they have to do.

### 6 Lord of harvest, kind and true,

### give us strength to work for you,

### till the nations everywhere

### see your light, and know your care.

#### Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier 1774-1841 tr Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 (1858) alt

#### Music: J.A Freylinghousen’s Gesangbuch’ Halle 1704

#### Ad J.G. Stotzen, Stugart 1744

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# Message

## The Seed and the Soils

# Almighty God Thy Word is Cast (LH 267)

### 1 Almighty God, your word is cast

### like seed into the ground;

### now let your rain from heaven descend

### and righteous fruits abound.

### 2 Lord, do not let the enemy

### this holy seed remove,

### but give it root in every heart

### to bear the fruits of love.

### 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares

### the rising plant destroy,

### but let it yield a hundredfold

### the fruits of peace and joy.

### 4 And as the precious seed is sown,

### life-giving grace bestow,

### that all who hear your message, Lord,

### its saving power may know.

#### Words John Cawood (1775-1852)

#### Music ‘Scottish Psalter’ 1621

# Offering Prayer

## Thank you, Lord, for all your gifts, especially for your word, which comforts us and sets us free.

## May we take your message of love and forgiveness to heart, and live fruitful and productive lives, serving others for you.

### Amen.

# Other Prayers

# Celebration of Holy Communion

## The Lord be with you

### And also with you

## Let us lift up our 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 to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for your Word is our heritage and your ways are the joy of our hearts forever. You created the earth and planted it freely, bringing forth an abundant harvest of life. Through Moses and the prophets, you gave us your Word to be the birthright of all your children.

## You sent your Son, Jesus the Christ, among us in the likeness of sinful flesh, to teach us to walk according to your Spirit and to deal with the sin that constantly struggles to come to birth and rule over us, dividing us and robbing us of the joy of living. When he was killed by those who are hostile to you, you raised him from the dead and sent your Spirit to us, giving us life and sowing within us an abundant harvest of peace and righteousness. Therefore with angels and archangels we praise you joining in their hymn of praise saying….

# Holy Holy Holy

### Holy, Holy Holy,

### Lord God of hosts,

### Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

### Hosanna in the highest,

### Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

### Hosanna in the highest.

# Lord’s Prayer

### 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.

### Lead us not into temptation,

### but deliver us from evil. *Matt 6:9-13*

### For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

# Words of Institution

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said: Take and eat; this is † my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

## In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink of it, all of you; this is † my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

## The peace of the Lord be with you.

### Amen.

# Lamb of God

### Jesus, Lamb of God,

### You take away our sin.

### Have mercy on us, Lord.

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### Have mercy on us, Lord.

### Jesus, Lamb of God,

### You take away our sin.

### Give us your peace. Amen.

# Distribution

## *Meditate on the song ‘Holy Holy Holy”*

# Distribution

# Prayer of Thanks

## Almighty and merciful God, you have planted in us the seed of your word, and nurtured us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us by your Holy Spirit to grow in faith, hope, and love. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Amen.

# Blessing

# On what has been sown (LH 515)

### 1 On what has now been sown,

### your blessing, Lord, bestow:

### the power is yours alone

### to make it spring and grow.

### O Lord, the gracious harvest raise,

### and you alone will have the praise.

### 2 To you our wants are known,

### from you are all our powers:

### accept what is your own,

### and pardon what is ours.

### Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,

### and to your word a blessing give.

### 3 O grant that each of us

### who meet before you here

### may meet together thus

### when you and yours appear,

### and follow you to heaven our home.

### Let it be so. Lord Jesus, come!

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#### Music W.H. Havergal (1793-1870)

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# Announcements

# Call Meeting

# Sent out by God’s blessing

### 1 Sent out by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,

### The people of God from his dwelling take leave.

### The supper is ended; O now be extended

### The fruits of his service in all who believe.

### The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,

### Shall blossom in action for God and for all,

### His grace did invite us, his love shall unite us

### To work for God’s kingdom and answer his call.

### 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,

### The tasks of our everyday life we will face.

### Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,

### Embracing his children of each tribe and race.

### With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us.

### Unite us as one in this life that we share.

### Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving

### give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

#### Music Traditional Welsh melody

#### Words Omer Westendorf (1916- )

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