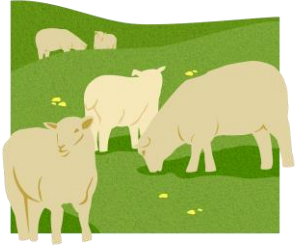


# Order of Service

(in-person & live-stream)

July 12, 2020



**As We Gather:** Plants in God's good earth respond to the showers He sends, producing plants for pasture and crops for harvest. In the psalm, David says it is as if "the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy." It is all natural, and so is our producing fruit for God as His Word works through us. That God works through us sinners is all grace; if we but hear the Word and let the Spirit give us understanding, a bountiful harvest will follow. Jesus likens it to seeds producing yields of up to a hundredfold. But we are no mere plants, as Paul points out in the Epistle. Because we have been adopted by our heavenly Father, we are brothers and sisters of Christ, the children of God, calling out to Him, "Abba! Father!" Our growth in faith is indeed by the grace of God, and to Him belongs all the credit for the bountiful harvest He reaps through us.

## **Daily Prayer LSB p.296**

**HYMN LSB #578 Thy Strong Word** *sts. 1–2*

**Invocation**

**Versicles**

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 55:10–13*

**Epistle Reading** *Romans 8:12–17*

**Holy Gospel Reading** *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23*

**Apostles' Creed**

**HYMN OF THE DAY LSB #578 Thy Strong Word** *sts. 3–4*

**SERMON "Thy Strong Word"** *Text: The Old Testament Reading*

**Kyrie**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

**Concluding Prayer**

**Benedicamus**

**CLOSING HYMN LSB #578 Thy Strong Word** *sts. 5–6*

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