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He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. **People: We declare together the goodness of God and that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Let us live by the Spirit, alleluia, and amen.**   The Peace Leader: The peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you)   The Proclamation of the Word   Prayer of Illumination  Almighty God, by your power, may you plant in us the seed of your Word and through the Holy Spirit may we receive it with joy and live according to it, so that we may grow in faith, hope, and love. Amen.    Scripture Lesson Isaiah 55:10-13 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, **11**so 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 succeed in the thing for which I sent it. **12**For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. **13**Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.   Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. **2**Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. **3**And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. **4**And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. **5**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. **6**But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. **7**Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. **8**Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. **9**Let anyone with ears listen!” **18**“Hear then the parable of the sower. **19**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. **20**As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; **21**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.[[a](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f1606ba25f61bd2fff7873030&id=b88f638b69&e=ea8fc2a60a)] **22**As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. **23**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.”    Time with Young People    Sermon **Take Root, Thrive, and Grow**   The Response to the Word   \* Hymn How Can I Keep from Singing? – GtG#821   Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.” Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”**   Generous God…   And now, we come together, to share our joys and concerns...   And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray...   **Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name** **Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.** **On Earth as it is in Heaven** **And give us this day our daily bread** **And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,** **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.** **For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**   Offertory Prayer   Hymn You Shall Go Out With Joy - The Trees of the Field – GtG#80 (Repeat 3x)   Charge and Benediction Leader: May the Word take root in us, **People: A sure and steady foundation,** Leader: May the Word thrive through us, **People: So that the Word is amplified for all to hear,** Leader: And may the Word grow in us, **People: And may that growth inspire us and others to worship and serve our Lord. Amen.** | | |