

Pentecost 7

July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10 (Year A)

Themes of growth and abundance abound on this Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Word of God goes forth continually, reminding God's people that they are beloved, chosen, and cared for without fail. Because of his great love for humanity, God provides beauty to enjoy and hope in the midst of suffering. Some will hear this word of promise, and it will grow like a seed planted in fertile soil.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

You Will Go Out With Joy

Isaiah declared that God would rescue the Israelites from exile and bring them home. God's word is true and will not return empty, the prophet declared. It will accomplish all that the Lord has in mind, as the journey home will be a path through the desert transformed into paradise.

Psalm 65: (1-8) 9-13

God of Our Salvation

The psalmist praised the Lord for providing such abundance. The creation is evidence of God's generosity: rivers, pastures, and wagon tracks overflow with the abundance of God. Hills, meadows, and valleys raise a shout and sing for joy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Heirs with Christ

Paul reminded the Roman church that they were adopted as children of God and thus were heirs of the kingdom — joint heirs with Christ. Having been led by the Spirit, they found hope that could sustain and uphold them even in the face of suffering. They were children of God who followed the Lord and listened to his leading.

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

Parable of the Sower

In this familiar parable, Jesus compared the variety of ways in which hearers respond to the good news of the kingdom of heaven being near. He presented the fate of seeds sown on different types of soil to demonstrate how God's Word is received by various hearers. The parable helped the disciples understand how there can be such different responses to the news of the coming kingdom.

Suggestions for the Day:

Liturgical Color: Green

• In Ordinary Time use either the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise.

• Use the Apostles' Creed.

Consider using the hymn "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" as the Gospel Acclamation for this Sunday, to tie in to the Gospel lesson about the different types of soil.

Invite a farmer or gardener to come and talk to young people about soil conditions. How does Jesus relate soil condition to faith sprouting and blooming in our hearts?

Where in the world do people not have enough to eat? Is it because the soil is rocky and infertile?

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
For the Fruit of All Creation	563	---	894	679	---	---
We Plow the Fields and Scatter	362	---	---	680	263	263
When Seed Falls on Good Soil	236	---	---	---	68	68
Shout to the Lord	---	---	---	821	24	24
Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God	---	783	712	---	---	---
When Peace Like a River	346	---	763	785	224	224
You are the Seed	---	753	---	---	---	---
Today Your Mercy Calls Us	304	---	915	---	---	web
The Old Rugged Cross	---	---	---	---	139	139
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	499	---	686	807	227	227

The hymns suggestions above can be found in: LBW=Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV=With One Voice, ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB=The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC=The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles

You Never Let Go
(CCLI# 4674166)
May Your Roots Go Deep
(CCLI# 4707930)
I Am a Seed
(CCLI# 6206408)
Seed to Sow
(CCLI# 483420)
Blessed Be Your Name
(CCLI# 3798438)

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