

6th Sunday after Trinity

July 12th

Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

The reading is taken from Paul's Letter to the Romans

If you belong to Jesus, you are not punished for your sins. Jesus has made a way for you to be forgiven. God's Spirit gives life and freedom. Through Jesus, He sets us free from sin and from the punishment sin brings.

We could not save ourselves by trying to keep all the rules. So God sent His Son, Jesus, to help us. Jesus defeated sin for us. Now we can live the way God wants us to live—not by following our selfish desires, but by following God's Spirit.

People who only think about themselves do what they want. But people who follow God's Spirit think about what pleases God. Thinking only about selfish things leads to sadness and death. Thinking about what God's Spirit wants brings life and peace. A mind that fights against God does not want to obey Him. People who live only for themselves cannot please God. But God's Spirit lives in you if you belong to Jesus. Anyone who does not have Christ's Spirit does not belong to Him. Even though our bodies grow old and die because of sin, Jesus gives us true life because He has made us right with God. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. And God, who raised

Jesus, will also give life to you through His Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord

The Parable of the Sower

One day, a farmer went out to plant seeds in his field. As he scattered the seeds, they landed in different places. Some seeds fell on a hard path. Birds came and quickly ate them up.

Some seeds fell on rocky ground. They started to grow, but there wasn't much soil. When the hot sun came out, the little plants dried up and died.

Some seeds fell among thorny weeds. The weeds grew bigger and crowded the plants, so they couldn't grow well.

But some seeds fell on good soil. They grew into strong, healthy plants and produced lots of grain.

Jesus told this story to teach that God's message is like a seed. When people listen, believe, and follow God's word, it can grow in their hearts just like seeds grow in good soil.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.