

Pastor's Bible Class

July 12, 2026

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost – Proper 10

#586 “Preach You the Word” (Tune: “God Loved the World So that He Gave”)

- 1) Preach you the Word and plant it home
To men who like or like it not,
The Word that shall endure and stand
When flow'rs and men shall be forgot.
- 2) We know how hard, O Lord, the task
Your servant bade us undertake:
To preach Your Word and never ask
What prideful profit it may make.
- 3) The sower sows; his reckless love
Scatters abroad the goodly seed,
Intent alone that all may have
The wholesome loaves that all men need.
- 6) Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend His planted Word.

Read Isaiah 55:10-13

1. In verses 10 and 11, Isaiah establishes a metaphor to communicate the ways in which God works. What are the points of comparison in this metaphor and what truth does it communicate?
2. Why is this truth about the effectiveness of God's Word so important? See verses 8-9.
3. According to verses 12 and 13, what will be the result of the Lord's purposeful work?
4. What examples does Isaiah use to illustrate this result? What do these examples from creation tell us about the extent of God's deliverance? See Romans 8:19-23.
5. What is the “everlasting sign” mentioned in verse 13? See Isaiah 9:6-7.

Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23

6. Why did Jesus use parables?

7. List the four types of “soil” on which the sower’s seeds landed and then briefly describe the fate of each:

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8. After telling this parable to the “crowds” He says, “He who has ears let him hear.” According to verses 10-17, what does this proclamation mean? See also I Cor. 2:9-11

9. In verses 18-23, Jesus explains this parable to His _____. In short, why do three of the four types of “soil” fail to produce fruit?

10. Read verses 4 and 5 of our opening hymn:

*4) Though some be snatched and some be scorched / And some be choked and matted flat,
The sower sows; his heart cries out, / “Oh, what of that, and what of that?”*

*5) Of all his scattered plenteousness / One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
And bears a harvest hundredfold: / “Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!”*

How does the hymn writer answer the question from #9? *Hint: It’s also Isaiah’s answer in Isaiah 55:11.*

Devotional Thought (The Lutheran Study Bible)

“The Lord invites all to seek Him in His Word and to receive His good and satisfying gifts. Though the Lord invites us to listen diligently to His Word, we often listen carelessly or not at all. When we shut out God’s life-giving Word, we are left to labor for that which does not satisfy. Jesus has accomplished the purpose for which He was sent: the pardon for sin which He won at the cross. He gives abundantly to those from every nation who turn to Him” (TLSB, 1182).

Prayer

Lord God, may Your Word continue to accomplish Your purposes among us and around the world. Teach us to hold Your Word sacred and gladly hear it and learn it. Amen.