



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

12 July 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hearing God's word brings  
new life and growth.

## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	Parable of the sower and seed
M	Genesis 25:19-34	Jacob and Esau
T	Mark 4:26-32	Two parables of seeds
W	John 5:24-29	Hearing Jesus' words
T	Hebrews 4:12-13	The word of God is active
F	Romans 8:1-11	Life through the Spirit
S	Psalm 65:1-13	Praise awaits you, our God
S	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	Parable of the weeds

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase  
was important to you as you read these verses?

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Holy Spirit, lead  
us to think about  
and do things that  
please God. Help us  
to welcome, hear  
and understand your  
message, and do  
what it asks. Amen.

### BLESSING

May God's  
Word take root  
in your heart  
and may you  
grow as his  
child.

## Caring Conversations



Share your  
highs and lows  
of the day,  
or respond to  
the following  
questions:

1

How have you  
grown over this  
past year (e.g.  
physically, socially,  
emotionally,  
vocationally,  
intellectually,  
spiritually)? What  
things have helped  
you to grow?

2

In your faith life at  
present, are you  
more like the path,  
the rocky ground,  
the thorn patch or  
the good soil?



## Sundays after Pentecost

**GREEN** is a sign of life and nature and as such  
represents growth, life and hope.

## Creative Response

Gather four small pots or containers.

Fill the first with gravel to represent a path,  
the second with rocks, the third with thorns  
or thistles, and the fourth with good soil.

Place these in your home devotional area.  
As part of your household devotional times  
this week, say the following prayer:

Lord God, please keep us from having  
hearts that are hard, like a path.  
Keep us from having hearts that are  
shallow, like soil on rocky ground.  
Keep us from having hearts that are  
easily choked, like seeds among thorns.  
Instead, make our hearts like good soil,  
so that we gladly receive your word and  
accept it. Amen.

### mealt ime prayer

From soil and seed you give us food to chew.  
Show us the work you want us to do. Amen.

verse for the week

The seeds that fell  
on good ground are  
the people who hear  
and understand  
the message. They  
produce as much as  
a hundred or sixty  
or thirty times what  
was planted.

MATTHEW 13:23

## Service



Plant flower seeds in  
containers filled with  
potting soil this week.

Place in a sunny  
window and take  
turns in watering  
them over the next  
few weeks. Enjoy  
watching new life  
emerge and then  
take them to others  
and share the love of  
God's creation.

