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Safety Scissors  
1-24 pack of Crayons  
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Pencils  
Pencil Box  
Glue Sticks  
Erasers 3 Compositions Books

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL \$18**

1 pack College Ruled Paper  
2 Plastic Folders  
1 Pack of Pencils  
1 Pack of Highlighters  
2 Packs of Pens (Black/Blue)  
3 Spiral Notebooks  
1 Ruler

**July 16, 2023**  
**Psalm 119:105-112**

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.  
<sup>106</sup> **I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,  
to observe your righteous ordinances.**  
<sup>107</sup> I am severely afflicted;  
give me life, O LORD, according to your word.  
<sup>108</sup> **Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,  
and teach me your ordinances.**  
<sup>109</sup> I hold my life in my hand continually,  
but I do not forget your law.  
<sup>110</sup> **The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
but I do not stray from your precepts.**  
<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my heritage forever;  
they are the joy of my heart.  
<sup>112</sup> **I incline my heart to perform your statutes  
forever, to the end.**

**Romans 8:1-11**

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life

and peace. <sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. <sup>8</sup> So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. <sup>10</sup> And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

### **St Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. <sup>2</sup> And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

<sup>18</sup>"Therefore hear the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. <sup>20</sup> But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but

endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. <sup>22</sup> Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

**The Farmer Sows a Seed**, by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
(tune of "All Through the Night")

"Once a farmer went out sowing," Jesus began.  
"Soon the tender plants were growing there on his land.  
Every day he labored, tending,  
Weeding, working, hope unbending.  
So his care was never-ending  
For what he'd planned."

God of love, when he was sleeping,  
His harvest grew.  
Even with his faithful keeping, life came from you.  
You awakened seeds he'd sown there;  
You gave strength to what was grown there.  
He was never all alone there; he looked to you.

Long ago our church was planted  
Here in this place.  
Those who loved you worked and tended in your embrace.  
Here they built a place of worship,  
Labored well in faith and friendship,  
Preached and served in times of hardship, all by your grace.

In our joyful celebration,  
God, this is true:  
You sustain this congregation; life comes from you.  
In the times we pray and gather,  
When we risk for things that matter,  
As we love and serve our neighbor, we trust in you.