#### SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23-24, 2022

"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."



Colossians 2:14, "[God cancelled] the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross."

Music of Preparation, Welcome, Announcements, Greeting Our Ministry: We are a people of God who are: "Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."

**Welcome!** Dear family, welcome to this time of worship. Share a word of peace with someone now.

**Devotions & Publications Available** are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... WORSHIP NOTES .....

Note About Attendance Cards...Remember that the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. *Please list the name of each person in worship.* (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

**To Our Visitors...**Our church and school has a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register in the main (west) entryway.

**For All Who Worship...**If you are arriving after the service has started, please allow our ushers to assist you with seating. We ask that you avoid entering during the confession, prayers, or Bible readings as these are quiet and meditative moments.

For Parents with Small Children...We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We also know that kids can be kids. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

#### **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE**

(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 151 in the Hymnal)

**Notes for Worship:** As you prepare for worship this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for all aspects of the Christian Life (some of the prayers are also located on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

## Before worship prayer

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You may open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. AMEN.

## We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

Opening Hymn: "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above" LSB, hymn #766, st 1-5

Our Father, who from heav'n above
Bids all of us to live in love
As members of one family
And pray to You in unity,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say
But from our inmost hearts to pray.

Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord, In purity to keep Your Word, That to the glory of Your name We walk before You free from blame. Let no false teaching us pervert; All poor deluded souls convert.

Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain And Your eternal righteous reign. The Holy Ghost enrich our day With gifts attendant on our way. Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage; Preserve Your Church from age to age. Your gracious will on earth be done
As it is done before Your throne,
That patiently we may obey
Throughout our lives all that You say.
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill
That sets itself against Your will.

Give us this day our daily bread, And let us all be clothed and fed. Save us from hardship, war, and strife; In plague and famine, spare our life, That we in honest peace may live, To care and greed no entrance give.

## **INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

- P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. Matthew 28:19b
- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9
- P: Dear Friends in Christ, let us humble our hearts before our Holy God and silently reflect upon our sins.

  (Moment of silent reflection)
- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

C: Amen.

## KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C: (Sung) Amen.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

## Gloria in Excelsis ~Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

- P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
- C: (Sung) Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: (Sung) And also with you.
- P: Let us pray . . . . O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen

(Please be Seated)

#### THE READING OF THE WORD

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 2:6-19

(Dead In Sin, Alive In Christ)

2 Timothy 4:22

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions. He has lost connection with the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

## Stand

## **Alleluia and Verse - Common**

John 6:68

- C: (Sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.
- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.
- C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 11:1-13

(Lord, Teach Us To Pray)

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: "'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation. "Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, That they may trouble us no more; We, too, will gladly those forgive Who hurt us by the way they live.

Help us in our community

To serve each other willingly.

Lead not into temptation, Lord,
Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.

Amen, that is, so shall it be.

Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

### Sermon: "Debt Cancelled"

Colossians 2:6-19

## Stand

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day

he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

(Please be Seated)

**Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards** 

#### **OFFERTORY - Create In Me**

LSB, Divine Service 3, pg 192-193

C: (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs....
  - O Lord, You taught us to call You Father and to pray with confidence. Grant us Your Spirit that we may deliver to You the burdens of our hearts in the name of Jesus and wait upon You to give answer to what we ask You for His sake; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Remind us, O Lord, to approach Your mercy with the humility of faith, rejoicing in what Your Son has accomplished for our salvation and in mercy for the whole world. Keep us from pride and arrogance, that, trusting You to grant us all things needful and beneficial, our hearts may rest in peace; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Deliver us from selfish greed and instill within us Your own compassion, that we not pass by those in need or turn away from those who cry out for mercy; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

- P: Give comfort, healing, and peace to the sick, the suffering, the aged, and the dying. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). O God, grant them peace, patience, and courage until they are delivered from all their afflictions; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: You have opened Your hand to us and granted us gifts well beyond what we deserve or have asked. Grant us a grateful heart that we willingly support Your kingdom with the tithes and offerings You are due and our neighbor in need; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . . ) P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

C: Hear Our Prayer.

- P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:
- C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

### **BENEDICTION**

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

  The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C: (Sung) Amen

## Closing Hymn: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" LSB, hymn #909 (tune924)

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever
And our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; Come with all Your loving-kindness, Hear Your people as they pray; And Your fullest benediction Shed within these walls today.

Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain; What they gain from You, forever With the blessèd to retain; And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run!

See You In Worship Next Week!

## After worship prayer

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

There is a Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that is wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you want a prayer for someone else, a concern or situation you may have, or yourself.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.

**Altar Flowers** Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of our dad, grandpa and great-grandpa, Louis Wolfe on his birthday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, by Jim & Carol Baron and John, Christie, & Layna Rahn; also in loving memory of my twin brother Joseph, and my mother, Edna Curwick on her birthday, by Carol Ginger; also in loving memory of my mom, Lori Duesenberg, on her birthday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, by Pastor & Lynda Koeppen.

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