

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 7, 2024

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



***“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”  
(2 Corinthians 12:9)***

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!** As a family of faith, we come to rest in Jesus’ presence, sing God’s praises and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, our Counselor. Welcome!

**Devotions & Publications** are available in the Main Entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... **WORSHIP NOTES** .....

**\*Communion:      *The Lord’s Supper - A Reverent Sacrament***  
The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:27,29, “Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the Lord’s cup in an unworthy way is guilty of sinning against the Lord’s body and blood. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the Lord’s body brings judgment on himself as he eats and drinks.” In view of the serious nature of the Lord’s Supper, Paul commands us to examine ourselves to see if we are partaking the supper for the purposes for which Christ instituted with our hearts properly prepared. We heartily invite Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to receive of the Lord’s Supper. Other guests, we ask you to see the pastor or lay minister first so that you may receive the supper to your benefit rather than to your harm as the Apostle Paul warns.  
NOTE: If you are allergic or cannot drink full strength wine, The two (2) cups in the center of each tray have water with a drop or two of wine.

**Note About Attendance Cards...**Remember that the only way we may know you are worshipping 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 have 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 on the slatted wall in the main entryway.

## DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

*(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 203 in the Hymnal)*

**Notes for Worship:** As you prepare to receive the Lord's Supper 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 use before and after receiving the Lord's Supper (page 308 as well as on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

### **Before worship prayer**

*Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

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

**Opening Hymn: "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"**      *LSB, hymn #729*

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,    Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,    Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon;    At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy    Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing    In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy    By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me;    Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying    All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power;    Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me    Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;    Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever    And for all.

## 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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C: **who made heaven and earth.**      *Psalm 124:8*
- P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.  
Let us humble ourselves before our Good and gracious God.  
*(Moment of silent reflection)*
- P: Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.      *Luke 18:13*
- C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God,  
C: **merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P: 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.
- C: **Amen.**      *John 20:19-23*
- KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy (Sung)**      *Mark 10:47*
- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory To God In The Highest (Sung)** *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**To God on high be glory    And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven    Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;    Your holy name we sing  
Our thanks for Your great glory,    Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten,    The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,    You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;    Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated    At God's right hand on high**

**For You alone are holy,    You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,    Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit    Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.    "Amen!" our glad reply.**

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . . O Lord, though we are unworthy, You show mercy. Though we are underserving, You pour out Your grace. Though we fail, You grant us forgiveness. In our callings in faith and sent as Your people, sustain us through Your Spirit that we together as Your church may serve You in joy and gladness; 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:** 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 *(My Grace Is Sufficient For You)*

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God

knows - and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Stand

**Alleluia and Verse**

*John 20:31*

**C: (Sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 6:1-13

*(Jesus Rejected In Nazareth)*

[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of

their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff - no bread, no bag, no money in their belts - but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Sermon Hymn: "Children of the Heavenly Father"**

*LSB, hymn #725*

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

**Sermon: "MY Grace"**

*2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

Stand

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

C: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**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. . . . God of continued mercy, Your power is made perfect in weakness and Your grace is sufficient for us. As You called people of the past to proclaim the way of salvation, so also use us as Your instruments to proclaim the Gospel and to live as lights even among scorn and despising from a sinful world. Sustain Your church to remain strong in faith until the day You make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Sending Father, when Your Son was in this world, He was rejected in His hometown. Though despised, He continued on in the mission for our salvation and forgiveness of sins all the way to the cross. Build us up as Your disciples within Your church to proclaim and receive the forgiveness of sins won for us through His death and resurrection. Raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, and others to be sent by You to proclaim Your message of Law and Gospel. Strengthen us to live as Your church each day among our neighbors, pointing to Your light and Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Compassionate Father, we face daily the trials of this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh. Often a “thorn in the flesh” is a barrier to our faith and trust in You. Remind us Your grace is sufficient and Your power is made perfect in weakness. For those who are weak in body, mind, and spirit, grant Your continued presence. O Lord, we pray that You be with those hospitalized this past week (*Epecially, . . .*). 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 Lord, heal according to Your will, and use us as Your church to encourage, support, and reflect Your grace to all who are in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Sustaining Father, You gather us together as Your people to hear Your Word and to receive Your means of grace. As Your church, strengthen our fellowship as we receive the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Fed, nourished, and strengthened in faith, enable us to faithfully uphold Your calling to us as we are sent by You. 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.

**C: Amen**

*(Please be Seated)*

### **Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards**

#### **OFFERTORY - Let The Vineyards**

*LSB, Hymn # 955*

**C: (Sung) Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*(In preparation to receive the Sacrament, please read the Communion notes on page 2)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Colossians 3:1*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Psalms 136*

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

#### **SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung)**

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

P: Let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray as we come to the feast of His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins:

**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.**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had

given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*Mt 26:26-28, Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*(Please be Seated)*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### **LSB618 - I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain.*

*Refrain*

*Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain.*

Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain.*

Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain.*

What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain.*

*Refrain*

*Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

#### **LSB744 - Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace - how sweet the sound -  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

**LSB735 - Have No Fear, Little Flock**

Have no fear, little flock;    Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen    To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock;    Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you    In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above;    Praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you,    Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God;    Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you,    In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. . . . As we have been called, gathered, and enlightened through Your Spirit as Your church, You have sustained and nourished us that we may live as Your people in this present life and at Your time rejoice in life everlasting. Your grace is sufficient and Your forgiveness is assured. Strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**BLESSING**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 103:1*

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: Amen.**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**Closing Hymn: “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”**

*LSB, hymn #722*

Lord, take my hand and lead me    Upon life’s way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me    From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor    I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior,    And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages,    I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages,    Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding,    I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding,    In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen    And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen    My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me,    O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me    Unto the end.

**See You In Worship Next Week!**

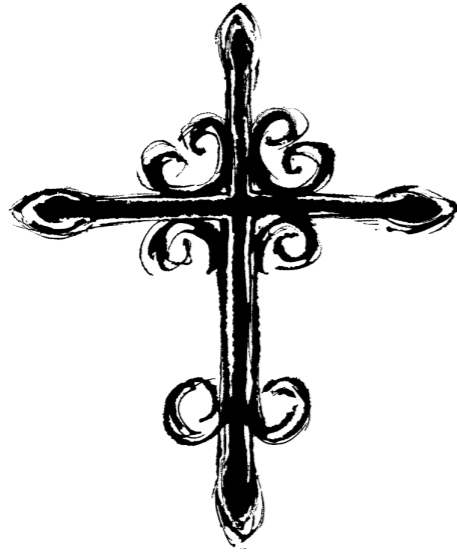
***After worship prayer***

*Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

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

*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 my mom, Eugene Wood, on her heavenly birthday, by Rob & Mary Wood; also given in loving memory of my mom, Lori Duesenberg, on her birthday, by Pastor & Lynda Koeppen.



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