

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27-28, 2025

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

***"Persevere With Thanksgiving"***



*Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."*  
*Luke 11:1-11*

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!** Jesus taught his disciples the "Lord's Prayer" we still pray, centuries later. As we worship, know that you are in company with countless generations, praising God who was and is and is to come. Welcome.

**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 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 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 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 FOUR

*(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 203 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** - Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. AMEN.

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

**Opening Hymn: "Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord"** LSB, hymn #771 (tune 528)

Be still, my soul, before the Lord,  
For God is always near.  
Before your mind is moved to pray,  
God listens and will hear.

You need not multiply your words  
Nor pray with practiced art.  
Beyond all speech, God understands  
The hunger of your heart.

Wait, then, in quiet confidence,  
Your anxious thoughts at rest.  
God knows your needs before you ask  
And works for what is best.

Be still, my soul, before the Lord;  
On God in patience wait.  
God's love, unseen, surrounds your life;  
God's help will not be late.

## 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.** *Psalms 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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise 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 . . . Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have strengthened Your people throughout the ages and emboldened them to come before You in all circumstances. Strengthen our faith and confidence so that we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently; through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Hymn: "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"** *LSB, hymn #766, st 1-4*

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.

**THE READING OF THE WORD**

**Epistle Lesson:** Colossians 2:6-19

*(Rooted In Christ)*

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its

legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

*Stand (as you are able)*

**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. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

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

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 11:1-13

*(Lord, Teach Us To Pray)*

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And he said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'" And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts

to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be Seated)*

**Sermon Hymn: "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"** *LSB, hymn #766, st 5-9*

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.

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: "Teach Us To Pray . . ."**

*Luke 11:1-13*

Stand (as you are able)

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**

Stand (as you are able)

**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: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I encourage you to lift your hearts to God and pray with me as Jesus has taught us and promises to hear us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,**

P: Heavenly Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people on behalf of our congregation, community, nation, and world.

**C: Holy be Your name.**

P: Holy Lord, we know Your name is holy. We ask that it be kept holy among us as we bear that name and live as Your people in this world.

**C: Your Kingdom come.**

P: Lord Jesus, we thank You for planting Your Kingdom among us as You made us Your own children in the waters of Holy Baptism. You forgive our sins and You bless us as we come to Your table. We eagerly anticipate the fullness of Your kingdom coming and ask that You continue to do Your good and gracious work in, through, and among us while we wait for Your return.

**C: Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

P: Heavenly Father, we know that it is Your will that all people come to the knowledge of the truth and are saved. Work Your will here on earth. Work through our governing authorities and their agents to bring Your will to all people.

**C: Give us today our daily bread.**

P: Loving Father, we thank and praise You for providing everything we need for our bodies and lives. Prevent us from being selfish and greedy. As You generously bless us, lead us to be a blessing to others, especially those who are in need.

**C: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

P: O Jesus, forgive and empower us to forgive others so that our relationships are ruled by Your peace. Create clean hearts within us so that we may approach You boldly, with confidence.

**C: Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

P: Heavenly Father, bless all those in need of Your healing. 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 Lord, bring them health, peace, and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God, as we face trials and temptations, strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit so we can stand firm against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Watch over all we name before You this day. Deliver us from evil now and forever.

C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

(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.

**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: “Come, My Soul, with Every Care” *LSB, hymn #779*

Come, my soul, with ev’ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not turn away.

Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring;  
For His grace and pow’r are such None can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin;  
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, Set my conscience free from guilt.

Lord, Thy rest to me impart, Take possession of my heart;  
There Thy blood-bought right maintain And without a rival reign.

While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
As my guide, my guard, my friend, Lead me to my journey’s end.

Show me what is mine to do; Ev’ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people’s death.

**See You In Worship Next Week!**

**After worship prayer**

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit 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 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.

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