
☞ SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ☞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • JULY 7, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✝ Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✝ HYMN

OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING
LBW #559

✝ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

✝ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ the God of manna, the God of mercy, the God of miracles.

All: Amen.

WL: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

WL: God, our provider,

All: **Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding and rely on our own strength rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Forgive us, gracious God. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

WL: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's compassion and mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

All: Amen.

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. When we are weak, let us rest in your strength, that we may faithfully witness to your love, peace, and power in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

EZEKIEL 2:1-5

R: Our first lesson on this Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is from the second chapter of the prophet Ezekiel.

He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says.’ And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

R: The Second lesson is from the twelfth chapter of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from 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 about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (FROM ARGENTINA)

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, Lord.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 6:1-13

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

TODAY’S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE SONG

GOD’S LOVE IS GREATER

Repeat each short phrase the cantor sings

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: **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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

All: **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.

✠ PAX DOMINI

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

All: Amen.

✠ AGNUS DEI

O CHRIST, THOU LAMB OF GOD

LBW #103

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with the gifts you have given to us. In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

✠ BLESSING

WL: 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.

All: **Amen.**

✠ SENDING HYMN GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER
LBW #343

✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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