

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
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**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION:**

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 65:1-4a, 5a, 8a*

*Pastor: Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed.*

**People: O You Who hear prayer, to You shall all flesh come.**

*Pastor: When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.*

**People: Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts.**

*Pastor: By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,*

**People: so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe of Your signs.**

*Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” (Lutheran Service Book, #811)

Oh, that I had a thousand voices  
To praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,  
Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be,  
What great things God has done for me.  
  
O all you pow'rs that He implanted,  
Arise, keep silence now no more;  
Put forth the strength that God has granted!  
Your noblest work is to adore.

O soul and body, join to raise  
With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

You forest leaves so green and tender  
That dance for joy in summer air,  
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,  
You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,  
You live to show God's praise alone.  
Join me to make His glory known.

All creatures that have breath and motion,  
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,  
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,  
Help me to sing God's praises high.  
My utmost pow'rs can never quite  
Declare the wonders of His might.

Creator, humbly I implore You  
To listen to my earthly song  
Until that day when I adore You,  
Together with the angel throng  
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing  
Eternal anthems to my King.

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### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: DSIV, page 203, absolution—right column**

*Pastor: Friends in Christ, our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

*Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*Pastor: 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. 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.*

**People:** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People:** **Amen.**

**KYRIE:** LSB, Altar Book, page 257 (sung)

*Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor: 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.*

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: Spirit of Life, since by the Word of God You have caused faith in Jesus to take root in our hearts, so nourish it that it grows daily and produces fruit that blesses others; for, with the Father and the Son, You live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**BELL CHOIR ANTHEM:** “I am Trusting, Thee, Lord Jesus” (LSB, # 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.*

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**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 55:10–13***

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth;  
it shall not return to Me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

“For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the Lord,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 65:9a,13

*Lector: [O LORD,] You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it;*

**People: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.**

**EPISTLE READING:** *Romans 8:12–17*

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by Whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 65:4b, 8b

*Lector: We shall be satisfied, [O LORD,] with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!*

**People: You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.**

*Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter:*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL READING:** *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose

they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed.*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed

**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!**

**SERMON:** “The Reckless Farmer” (*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*)

**HYMN:** “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast” (LSB, #577)

Almighty God, Your Word is cast  
Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend  
And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the sly satanic foe  
This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart  
To bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares  
The rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundredfold  
The fruits of peace and joy.

So when the precious seed is sown,  
Life-giving grace bestow  
That all whose souls the truth receive  
Its saving pow'r may know.

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## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.**

#### **PREFACE**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

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

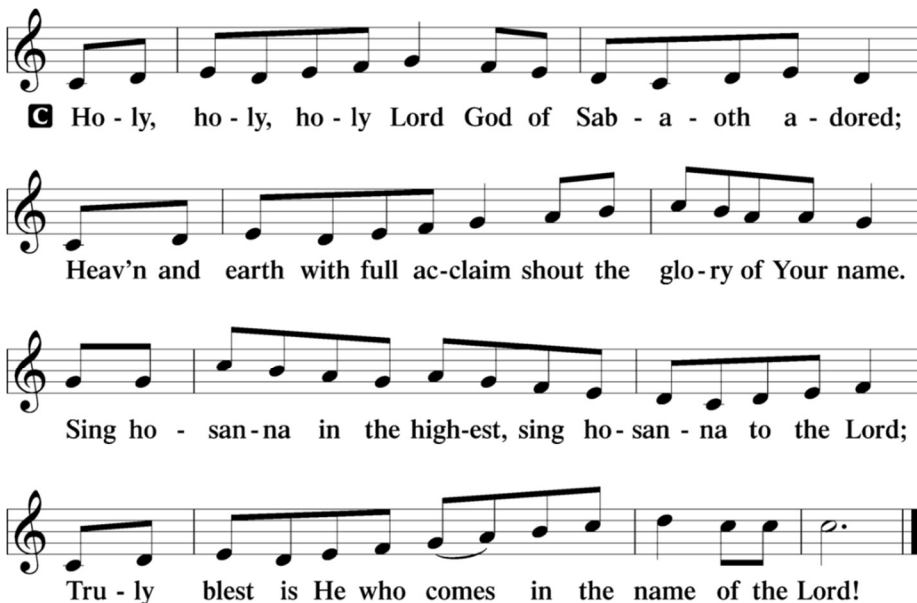
*Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

## PROPER PREFACE

*Pastor: 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His 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 cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**People: Amen.**



## AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION

**The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.**

### DISTRIBUTION SONG: "What A Beautiful Name "

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is  
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What a powerful Name it is  
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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: “Who You Say I Am”**

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me?  
I was lost, but He brought me in.  
Oh His love for me.  
Oh His love for me!

Who the Son sets free,  
Oh is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God.  
Yes I am.

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free,  
Oh is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God.  
Yes I am.

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me.  
I'm a child of God.  
Yes I am.

I am chosen not forsaken.  
I am who You say I am.  
You are for me not against me.  
I am who You say I am.  
(Repeat)

Who the Son sets free,  
Oh is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God.  
Yes I am.

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me.  
I'm a child of God.  
Yes I am.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives” (LSB, #602, verses 1-2, 5-6)**

The gifts Christ freely gives  
He gives to you and me  
To be His Church, His bride,  
His chosen, saved and free!  
Saints blest with these rich gifts  
Are children who proclaim  
That they were won by Christ  
And cling to His strong name.

The gifts flow from the font  
Where He calls us His own;  
New life He gives that makes  
Us His and His alone.

Here He forgives our sins  
With water and His Word;  
The triune God Himself  
Gives pow’r to call Him Lord.

The gifts are in the feast,  
Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine  
Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood  
Remove our ev’ry sin;

We leave His presence in  
His peace, renewed again.

All glory to the One  
Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love  
Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us  
Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His  
Great love by which we live!

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “O Lord, We Praise Thee” (LSB, #617)**

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead

In all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.

All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:

O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union

Nor despise this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

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### **COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and bless You that You have fed us with Your body and blood to forgive our sin, strengthen our faith, and equip us for disciple-making. Abide in us always by Your Spirit that in our daily lives we glorify You and point others to You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION:** *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

*Pastor: 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.*

**People: Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN:** "Almighty Father, Bless the Word" (LSB, #923)

Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!  
We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus  
*with*

Liturgist: Rev. Walt Pohland

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

Musicians: Adam Perez, Amanda Theilen and Joel Marriott  
Faith Lutheran Church Handbell Ensemble, Director: Joyce Best  
Organist: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

8:15 Lay Reader: Mike Best

11:00 Lay Reader: Carol Hancock

Children's Message: DCE Jonathan Loesch