

# The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday – July 18, 2020 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – July 19, 2020 – 8:15 am. Worship & Live-Streamed  
10:45 am. Worship



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## † Call to Worship †

Hymn # 892 “Come, Ye Thankful People Come”



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,  
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
 There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

### Invocation

*LSB 203 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*LSB 203 Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**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.

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 254 Alt.*

- P** Holy and gracious God,  
**C** I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

### Absolution

*LSB 151 (Alt.) [John 20:19–23]*

- P** Upon this, your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you. 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, by His authority, and by His command, I therefore forgive you “all your sins” in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## † Service of the Word †

Psalm 119: 113-120 (SAMECH)

- P** <sup>113</sup> Outraged am I with the double-minded;  
**C** **but Your law**<sup>(† Torah)</sup> **I love.**
- P** <sup>114</sup> Over me as a shield and hiding place You are;  
**C** **I hope in Your word.**
- P** <sup>115</sup> Out! Away from me you evil-doers;  
**C** **that I may keep the commandments of my God!**
- P** <sup>116</sup> On Your promise establish me, that I may live,  
**C** **and let me not be put to shame in my hope!**
- P** <sup>117</sup> Oh, sustain me, that I may be safe,  
**C** **and devote myself to Your statutes continually!**
- P** <sup>118</sup> Off You cast all who go astray from Your statutes;  
**C** **truly their cunning is in vain.**
- P** <sup>119</sup> Out, like dross You discard all the wicked of the earth;  
**C** **therefore, I treasure Your testimonies.**
- C** <sup>120</sup> Overwhelmed is my flesh with awe of You;  
**and Your judgments I revere.**

**All** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn # 942 “Kyrie! God, Father”

Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,  
Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i-son!

Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va - tion for all You came to bring.  
O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne:  
Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli - ca - tion. E - le - i-son! E - le - i-son!

Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the  
gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this  
sin-ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i-son! E - le - i-son!

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

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<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

***“I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.***

<sup>7</sup>***Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.***

***Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.***

***Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.***

<sup>8</sup>***Fear not, nor be afraid;***

***have I not told you from of old and declared it?***

***And you are my witnesses!***

***Is there a God besides me?***

***There is no Rock; I know not any.”***

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle: Romans 8:18-27

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<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 205 John 20:31*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, *“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”*

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, *“The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”*

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn # 659 “Lord of Our Life”

1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our  
 2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your  
 3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our  
 4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your

night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your  
 foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their  
 shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when  
 Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its

Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.  
 fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.  
 hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:  
 end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

## Sermon "The Sorting ..."

### Hymn # 956 "Create in Me"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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### Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

**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  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

#### Responses:

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

#### Final Petition:

**P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, who taught us to pray;

### Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,

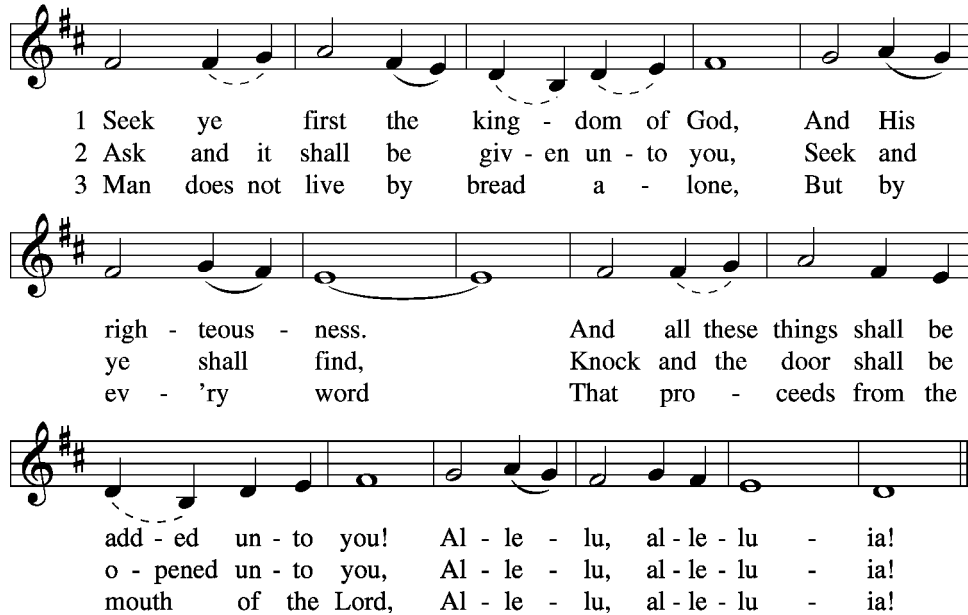
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.

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** Amen.

### Hymn # 712 "Seek Ye First"



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His  
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and  
 3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by  
 righ - teous - ness. And all these things shall be  
 ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be  
 ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the  
 add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
 o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
 mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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