

# The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday – July 10, 2021 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – July 11, 2021 – 9:30 am. Worship & Live-Streamed

10:30 am. Bible Study Hour



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## † Call to Worship †

### Hymn # 907 “God Himself Is Present”



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. “Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
 ho - ly!” Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
 an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:  
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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#### Stand

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

#### Invocation

LSB 151

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

#### Exhortation

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### Confession of Sins

LSB 254

- L** 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

- P** 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.  
**C** Amen.

# † Service of the Word †

## Psalm 1

- P** <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man  
**C** **who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,**  
**P** nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
**C** <sup>2</sup>**but his delight is in the law of the LORD,**  
**and on his law he meditates day and night.**  
**P** <sup>3</sup>He is like a tree  
**C** **planted by streams of water**  
**P** that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
**C** **In all that he does, he prospers.**  
**P** <sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
**C** **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**  
**P** <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
**C** <sup>6</sup>**for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,**  
**P** but the way of the wicked will perish.  
**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 # 912 “Christ Is Our Cornerstone”



- 1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Amos 7:7-15

*Amos 7:7-15*

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “*Amos, what do you see?*” And I said, “*A plumb line.*” Then the Lord said,

***“Behold, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass by them;  
<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”***

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “*Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words.*” <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

*“Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.”*

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “*O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there,*” <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “*I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs.*” <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, “***Go, prophesy to my people Israel.***”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14 (Lexham English Bible, Alt.)

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, <sup>4</sup>just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him, in love <sup>5</sup>having predestined us to adoption through Jesus Christ to Himself according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of the glory of His grace that he bestowed on us in the Beloved, <sup>7</sup>in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace, <sup>8</sup>which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure, that He set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven and the things on earth, in Him <sup>11</sup>in whom also we were chosen, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory <sup>13</sup>in whom you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse



**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.



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

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

<sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her.

<sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

<sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests.

And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom."

<sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?"

And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."

<sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

<sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her.

<sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.

<sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Hymn # 565 "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"



1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad-ness to this heart;  
 2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;  
 3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crushing load  
 4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;  
 5 Thy righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;



They tell me all is done, They bid my fear depart.  
 Thy stripes, not mine, contain The balm that makes me whole.  
 Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God.  
 Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.  
 No righteousness avails Save that which is of Thee.



To whom save Thee, Who canst alone For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Sermon "Evaluating the Source of Your Blessings" Ephesians 1:3-14 vs. Mark 6:14-29

Stand

**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  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

Sit

**Offering Hymn # 789 "Praise and Thanksgiving"**



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the  
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work  
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.  
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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**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 our risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

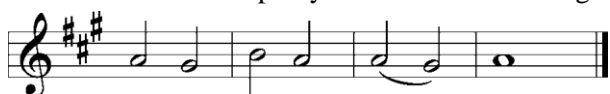
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Benediction

LSB 166 Numbers 6:24–26

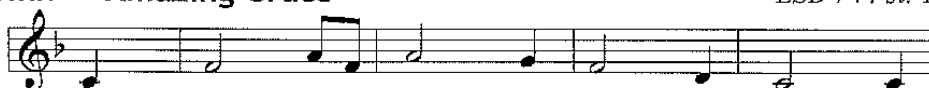
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\dagger$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn “Amazing Grace”

LSB 744 st. 1



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 When chains of sin had taught me fear The  
3 Though all my works are fil - thy rags, Be -  
4. Through ma - ny dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
cross brought per - fect peace! How sweet the grace of  
fore the Lord I'll stand; In fin - est right-ous-  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
Christ the Lamb, Whose blood bought my re - lease!  
ness re - ceived From His own nail - pierced hand.  
safe thus far, His grace will see me home.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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