



## **AS WE GATHER 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost July 7, 2024**

Life is not always easy. Life in and of faith is often less easy. In our readings today we encounter a few people who faced difficulty and challenges amid their godly callings. Ezekiel would be sent to speak the Word of God to a rebellious people who wouldn't happily receive the message. The apostle Paul would face his own personal struggles with his "thorn . . . in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7) as he brought the Gospel to many on his mission journeys. Jesus Himself would not be welcomed as Savior when He returned to His hometown of Nazareth. Though things were far from easy, God would bless the work that He called His people and His own Son to do. Even in our times of difficulty and challenges living as His people, we are reminded of the same truth from the Lord: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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**Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.  
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.**

**A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones and hold any applause for acknowledgements during the announcements. Thank You.**

### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION**



As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- \*Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- \*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- \*Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- \*Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

#### **Please Note**

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church to come and receive a blessing at the altar.

We offer a traditional communion wafer,  
Off-White Color Wafers are Gluten Free.

While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.  
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

### **WELCOME**

### **PREPARATION**

**HYMN “Blessed Assurance”** Fanny J. Crosby/Phoebe P. Knapp

**Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood**

#### *Chorus*

**This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long**

**Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love (*Chorus*)**

**Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with His goodness lost in His love (*Chorus*)**

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### **INVOCATION**

**☩** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**☩** Amen.

**PSALM** *Psalms 123*

**☩** To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!  
**☩** Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy upon us.

- P** Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- C** **Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**  
**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.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- 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.**

## WORD

### INTROIT *Psalm 132:13–16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8*

- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
- C** **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**
- P** For the LORD has chosen Zion;
- C** **He has desired it for His dwelling place:**
- P** This is My resting place forever;
- C** **here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**
- P** I will abundantly bless her provisions;
- C** **I will satisfy her poor with bread.**
- P** Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
- C** **and her saints will shout for joy.”**  
**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.**
- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
- C** **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

## SALUTATION

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. O Lord, though we are unworthy, You show mercy. Though we are underserving, You pour out Your grace. Though we fail, You grant us forgiveness.
- C** **In our callings in faith and sent as Your people, sustain us through Your Spirit that we together as Your church may serve You in joy and gladness;**
- P** 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 Ezekiel 2:1–5

“<sup>1</sup> He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” <sup>2</sup>And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ <sup>5</sup>And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL *Romans 11:33, 36*

- P** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
- C** **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**
- P** For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
- C** **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

## EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 12:1–10

“<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or

out of the body I do not know, God knows—<sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>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 of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **VERSE** *Mark 6:13*

**P** Alleluia. They cast out many demons

**C** and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them. Alleluia.

## **HOLY GOSPEL** **Mark 6:1–13**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—<sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you

depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.”

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

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

## **SONG “10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)” Jonas Myrin; Matt Redman**

### *Chorus*

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

### *Verse 1*

**The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)**

### *Verse 2*

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)**

### *Verse 3*

**And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus)**

**Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name**

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## SERMON “Traveling Light” Mark 6:1-13

### 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.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs. God of continued mercy, Your power is made perfect in weakness and Your grace is sufficient for us. As You called people of the past to proclaim the way of salvation, so also use us as Your instruments to proclaim the Gospel and to live as lights even among scorn and despising from a sinful world. Sustain Your church to remain strong in faith until the day You make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** [*Petitions...*] Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### OFFERING “Give Thanks” LSB 806

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.**

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# SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

- P** 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy” st.2 LSB #507

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

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## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### 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.**

### PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI “Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB 507 st. 4

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**#763 “It Is Well With My Soul “ #547 “The Lamb”**

**#770 “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *Psalm 136:1*

**P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**C** **His steadfast love endures forever.**

**P** Lord, as we have been called, gathered, and enlightened through Your Spirit as Your church, You have sustained and nourished us that we may live as Your people in this present life and at Your time rejoice in life everlasting. Your grace is sufficient and Your forgiveness is assured.

**C** **Strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **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.**

## CLOSING HYMN #644 “The Church’s One Foundation”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

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**Altar flowers today are given by Dan & Joan Samuelson to the Glory of God.**

## Reader Today: Kathy Hammar

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thur. July 11 10:30 a.m. Grief Support Group

### BIRTHDAYS

July 3 Joan Cooperman	July 6 Andrea Meckley	July 10 Frank Ethington
July 15 Roberta Hinson	July 16 Madiline Liebsack	July 17 Bobbie Kale
July 17 Fred Koopman	July 17 Bud Macy	July 23 John Kuran
July 23 Beth Reineking	July 24 Sandy Copeland	
July 24 Kim Gohlinghorst	July 24 Serene Webb	July 26 Norene Gorder
July 29 Sheri Asay	July 30 Norris Fullmer	

### ANNIVERSARIES

July 6 George & Gail Snow	July 11 Ron & Linda Grimsrud
July 12 Phillip & DeAnn West	July 14 James & Madeline Liebsack
July 20 Fred & Bonnie Koppman	July 30 Jim & Roberta Hinson

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