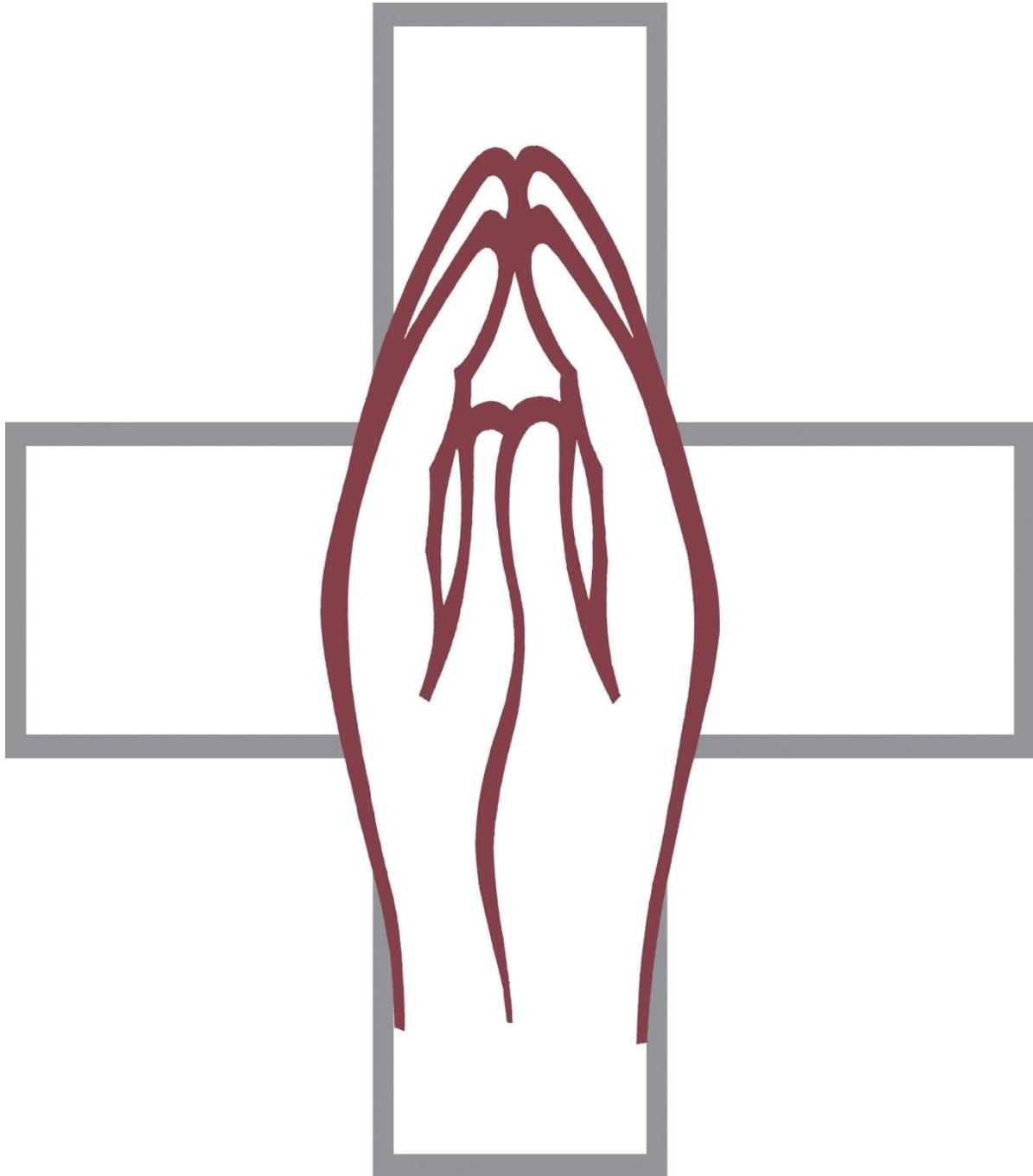


The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 28/29, 2019



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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am - Divine Service

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

Thy Strong Word *LSB #578 vv1-4*

Invocation and Psalm 119 *(selected verses)*

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

People **With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord!
I will keep your statutes.**

Pastor I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.

People **I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I hope in Your words.**

Pastor My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,
that I may meditate on Your promise.

People **Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love;
O Lord, according to Your justice give me life.
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.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You invite us to ask, to seek, to knock. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, lead us to turn to You in all things, that we live as those who have received forgiveness in You, the source of all truth, having opened our lives to Your grace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Thy Strong Word *LSB #578 vv5-6*

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:20-33

²⁰Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

³⁰Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

Pastor I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing Your praise;

People **I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name
for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,
for You have exalted above all things
Your name and Your word.**

Pastor On the day I called, You answered me;
my strength of soul You increased.

People **All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of Your mouth,**

Pastor and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

People **For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly,
but the haughty He knows from afar.**

Pastor Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your
hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.

People **The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord,
endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.
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.**

Epistle Reading: Colossians 2:6-15

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (*Graham Duench, Lauren Gray*)

"More Than Wonderful" by Lanny Wolfe

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 11:1-13

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

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

Pastor ¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be Your name Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." ⁵And He said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn

Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord *LSB #771*

Sermon

Genesis 18:20-33

"IS THAT ANY WAY TO TALK TO GOD?"

Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus *LSB #770*

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me.

Pastor Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Pastor Heavenly Father, ruler of all things, Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, healed all manner of infirmities and cured all manner of diseases. Mercifully help those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness—that they receive mercy and healing according to God’s will, that they find peace in the love of Jesus, and that their hearts may be opened to receive the love of Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

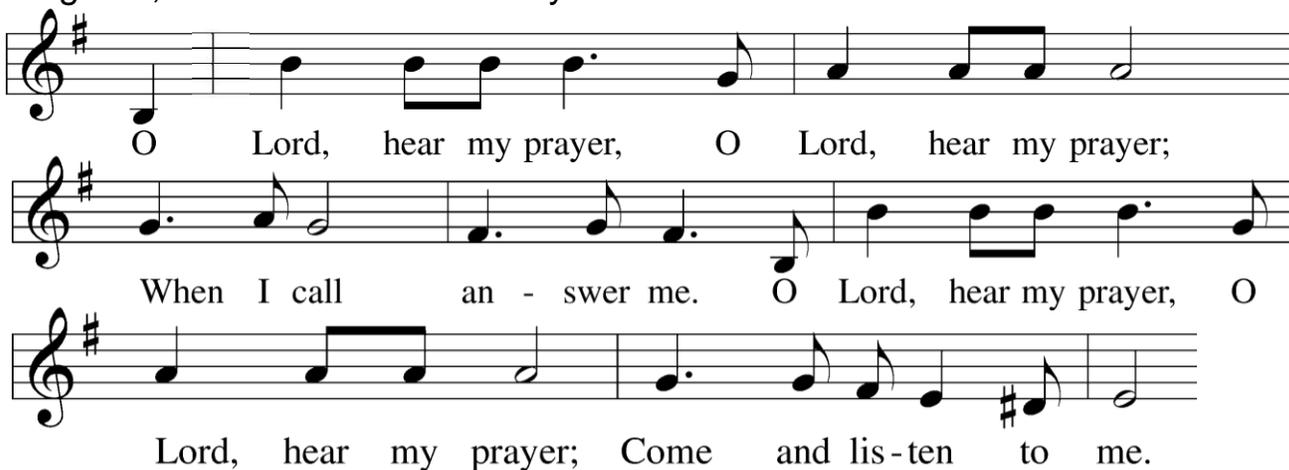
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Pastor In remembrance of and thanksgiving for all those who have gone before us in the faith; we remember Abraham, who pleaded to God for mercy on the righteous people of Sodom. As You taught us, we pray for the coming of Your kingdom, both now and in eternity:

People



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When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me.

Pastor In faith we entrust our prayers to You, heavenly Father. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Benediction

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

O Sing to the Lord LSB #808

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Organist Jennifer Massicotte
Special Music Graham Duench (*trombone*), Lauren Gray & Jennifer Massicotte (*piano duet*)
Sound Operators Erik Reed & Bridgemohan

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember **Stephen and Kathy Wilson** as they mourn the passing of Kathy's brother Arnold Schellenberger. We also remember **Bruno Fergin** who has been in hospital this week and ask for continued healing and strength for those who are undergoing treatments for various long-term ailments. We ask God to bless **the upcoming Pastoral Mission to Ethiopia** and to watch over Pastor Chuol's wife Mary and their son Jack who have already traveled to Africa.

The Flowers at the Altar have been placed in thanksgiving to God in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents, Rev. Robert and Irene Morley by Amy Cottenie & Christa Hruska. May the Lord continue to bless their lives together and we thank them for the wonderful example of commitment and love they have shown to us. *"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity"*. Colossians 3:14

Staff Vacation: Continuing on vacation this week are: Pastor Roland & Anita Syens returning on Wednesday, August 6; Janet Cumby returns on Tuesday, July 30. Lenora Wallden returns on Thursday, August 1.

Coming Events...

Prime Time August Events: Signup sheets are in the Parlour. Please join us **August 1** and **August 29** for a time of fun and fellowship.

Youth Swim Night!! August 13 from **6 pm - 9:30 pm**. Swimming and pizza dinner at Arnold and Cheri Drung's house. Please RSVP to Lenora by August 11.

Please Note...

Building Renovations: Please prayerfully consider a gift to the facility improvement fund as we strive to raise \$100,000 to upgrade the church building. To date we have raised \$74,932.

Welfare Fund: As an integral part of the ministry of Holy Cross, the Welfare Fund provides financial assistance to individuals or families who are experiencing financial or material needs. As a result of a high volume of requests for support, the fund is almost empty. Any contributions to build the fund back up would be greatly appreciated.

Pre-Authorized Offering Changes: Reminder to those participating in the pre-authorized offering program - the LAST WITHDRAWAL BY FAITHLIFE WILL OCCUR on AUGUST 20, 2019. The new provider will begin September 1, 2019. Please complete the sign-up sheet & return to Lorraine Cress by July 28, 2019.

Leaving a Lasting Legacy Proverbs 3:9 – “*Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops*”. Have you ever considered how you might leave a lasting legacy to the honour and glory of our Lord. God has blessed many in our church body and in response we are looking for ways to glorify God by giving back to him what he has provided us in abundance. For ideas on how you can leave a lasting legacy you can pick up the brochure entitled “LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY” at the magazine rack by the pigeon holes.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Nuer/Monday Attendance:	170 & 27 & 33	Total 230	('18 – 236)
Sunday/Monday Communion:	156 & 33	Total 189	('18 – 227)

Memorials: In memory of **BRUCE BECKER** to the Facility Improvement Fund from Marg Klages. To the Refugee Family Sponsorship Fund from Arnold & Cheri Drung. To the Unified Church Budget from Shirley Martin. In memory of **MARIA KRAUSCHAAR** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship Fund from Arnold & Cheri Drung

Weekly Calendar

Monday July 29 to Sunday August 4, 2019

Monday	Evening Divine Service, Church.....	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, Downstairs.....	9:30 a.m.
	Prime Time, Basement.....	12:30 p.m.
Friday	Church Office Closed	
Sunday	The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Divine Service, Church.....	9:30 a.m.
	Nuer Language Service, Church.....	2:00 p.m.