

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 15 & 16, 2023



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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 15/16, 2023
THE MOUNTAINS SHALL SING

PRESERVICE MUSIC "All Creatures of Our God and King with Shout to the Lord" (arr. Tornquist) &
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (arr. Nevue)

A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul,
Worship His holy name, Sing like never before,
Oh my soul, I worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
Its time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass or whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

REFRAIN

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul,
Worship His holy name, Sing like never before,
Oh my soul, I worship Your holy name.

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
10,000 reasons for my heart to find. **REFRAIN**

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
10,000 years and then forevermore. **REFRAIN 2X**

Sing like never before,
Oh my soul, I worship Your holy name.
Yes, I worship Your holy name.
Lord, I worship Your holy name.

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MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Mark 10:45

INVOCATION

I In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

I If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

G **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

L Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children’s children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over 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.**

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

MY LIFE IS IN YOU, LORD

My life is in You, Lord
My strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord,
In You, it’s in You.
My life is in You, Lord
My strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord,
In You, it’s in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength,
With all of my life, with all of my strength,
All of my hope is in You. REPEAT ALL

My life is in You, Lord
My strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord,

In You, it's in You.
My life is in You, Lord
My strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord,
In You, it's in You.

In You, it's in You; in You, it's in You; it's in You.

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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. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 55:10–13

¹⁰For 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, ¹¹so 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³Instead 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For 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!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

DUET "O Love of God" (Laura Story)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and

choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . . ¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When 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. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet 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. ²²As 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. ²³As 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.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SHOUT TO THE LORD

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength,
Let ev’ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I’ll love You, forever I’ll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You! REPEAT ALL

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SERMON “The Mountains Shall Sing” Isaiah 55:10-13

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P Let us pray to the Lord,

G Lord have mercy.

At the end of the prayer:

G Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

L The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

G Amen.

AS YOU GO

As you go may you know the love of Christ. How deep and long, how high and wide.

As you leave may you seek to win the prize, and find His death to be your life.

REFRAIN

May you go in the love of your Father God

May you go in the grace of Christ.

May you go in the power of the Spirit now

To bring Him glory with your life.

As you go may you know the pow'r of grace His very strength, for what's to come

As you leave may you feel His mighty hand Guiding your steps in the race you run. REFRAIN

As you go may you show His heart to bless the ones with less, the blind and lost.

As you leave may you be the light of Christ, and show our hope is in the cross. REFRAIN 2X

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***Thank you, Pat, for leading us in worship Saturday Evening.
Thank you, Keith, for leading us in worship Sunday morning.***

Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

- Sunday: Judges 16:4-30; Galatians 4:12-31
Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 5:1-26
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:21-2:17; Galatians 6:1-18
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 2:18-36; Acts 15:22-41
Thursday: 1 Samuel 3:1-21; Acts 16:1-22
Friday: 1 Samuel 4:1-22; Acts 16:23-40
Saturday: 1 Samuel 5:1-6:3, 10-16; Acts 18:1-11, 23-28

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

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| Herb, health issues | William, a child with leukemia |
| Scott, recovery | Sally, recovery |
| Mary, recovery | Pierce, an infant with leukemia |
| Jack, ongoing health issues | Georgia, recovery |
| Lauren's mother, Phyllis | Woody, recovery |
| Shirley, health issues | Erin, healing and strength |
| Don, health issues | Blake |
| Georgia, recovery | Nate, cancer |
| Jim, recovery | Jim, Parkinson's |
| Tom, cancer | Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome |
| Lauren, cancer | Szymon, cancer |
| Judi and Don | Rick, cancer |
| Floyd, health issues | David, hospital |
| Dave, health issues | Lois, recovery |
| Grace, healing | Del, recovery |
| Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues | |
- Appalachian Servant Event Team: Alex, Cole, Ashton, Christian, RJ, Rick, Pastor Kufahl, + 35 other servants, and the families we will be serving.
For those who mourn the evil in our world, that God's comfort and peace may point them to the hope of the resurrection.
For those with hearts where evil dwells, that God's kingdom would come and rule over their life.
- Our Savior Families:** Perry & Rebekah, Hilda, Dawn, Toni & Family, Katie & Family

Hymn of the Week "Word of God Come Down on Earth" LSB 545

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction