

For all who are
led by the Spirit
of God are
children of God.

ROMANS 8:14, NRSV





Welcome to drive-in worship at Spirit of Christ!

Please tune your radio to 96.5 FM to hear the service.

July 19th, 2020

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

- 1 **Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.**

- 2 **God his own doth tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.**

- 3 **Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.**

- 4 **Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.**

Invocation

P We begin in the name of the Father, of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

- P** Often, we are painfully aware that our lives, our relationships, our bodies, and our world are falling apart.
- C** **“The creation was subjected to frustration...in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.”**
(Romans 8:20-21)
- P** The entire world experiences this deep sense that all is not well.
- C** **“We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”** *(Romans 8:22)*
- P** Being in Christ does not exclude us from this pain and malaise.
- C** **“Not only so, but we ourselves who have the firstfruits of the Spirit groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.”** *(Romans 8:23)*
- P** We confess not only the sins we commit in our thoughts, words, and deeds, but the brokenness of our lives. Lord, meet us with your forgiveness, your healing, and the hope of the redemption of our lives.

We take time in silence to confess our personal and communal sin before God, confident that we will receive forgiveness.

- P** Though we still groan waiting for God to fulfill his promise, we live in a sure and certain hope that God is opening a future where all groans are silenced. In the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have the assurance that God has made peace with the world and with us, and that we will rise from death to be heirs of God's restored creation. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Worship the Lord in faith in his healing work now and hope in his future redemption.
- C** **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ “This is what the LORD says—

Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:

I am the first and I am the last;
apart from me there is no God.

⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before me
what has happened since I established my ancient people,
and what is yet to come—
yes, let them foretell what will come.

⁸ Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?

You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?

No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly

for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ "'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

- 1 **The Church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
 By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
 To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
 And for her life he died.**

- 2 **Elect from ev'ry nation,
 Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
 With ev'ry grace endued.**

- 3 **Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.**

- 4 **Through toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.**

- 5 **Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.**

O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see you face to face.

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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Homily

Following the hymn you are welcome to take a moment to step out of your car and stretch and, if you're comfortable, greet those near you with a word of the Lord's peace. You're also invited to bring forth any written prayer requests.

Prayers of the Church

Preface

spoken

- 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.

Sanctus

LSB 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution

We believe that as we partake of the bread and wine in Holy Communion, Jesus the Messiah is feeding us with his own true body and blood. In eating his body and drinking his blood we receive the promise that our sins are forgiven, and that we will therefore live eternally with God. We also believe that this eating and drinking is a confession of our faith.

If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and if you share our understanding of Christ's Real Presence in this meal, you are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood for your benefit.

Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven

LSB 502

1 **Holy Spirit, the dove sent from heaven,
Ever one with the One who is three,
From the Father you came,
Words of peace to proclaim,**

**Come and comfort us, speak tenderly.
You, the fragrance of life we are seeking;
Fill your temple, your altar make clean.
 Joyous shelter of love,
 Gracious friend from above,
In your care we are resting, serene.**

**2 Holy Spirit, the fire celestial,
Who on Pentecost came as foretold,
 To descend from on high
 And the Church occupy
As the cloud filled the temple of old;
All the baptized you seal with your promise,
All believers your gift there receive,
 So that all the elect—
 All in Christ—may expect
To enjoy what by grace they believe.**

**3 Holy Spirit, the unction of blessing,
Sacred oil of the green olive tree,
 Giving heat, giving light,
 As the tent lamps ignite
And as Aaron praised God joyfully.
Blessèd living and life-giving water,
Now preserve us from evil within;
 For in Jesus, God's Son,
 All believers are one
In this washing that cleanses from sin.**

**4 Holy Spirit, the wind of great power,
Source of strength and of peace and of love,
 Truest Comforter, plead,
 As you bring all our need
To the throne of God's glory above.
Be the light that enlightens the Scriptures;
Keep our feet from each devilish snare;
 Only you can make whole
 All that troubles our soul;
By Your chrism, Christ's triumph we share.**

- 1 **Baptized into your name most holy,
 O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
 Among your saints, your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.**
- 2 **My loving Father, here you take me
 To be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here you make me
 The fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**
- 3 **My faithful God, you fail me never;
 Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
 If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**
- 4 **All that I am and love most dearly—
 Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
 Help me your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but yours alone.**

Dismissal

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give ☩ you peace.

C **Amen.**

- 1 **Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
 And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
 And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
 And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
 At midnight comes the cry.**
- 2 **The watchers on the mountain
 Proclaim the bridegroom near;
Go forth as he approaches
 With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
 The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
 The bridegroom is at hand.**
- 3 **The saints, who here in patience
 Their cross and suff' rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
 When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
 The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before him
 Their diadems of gold.**
- 4 **Our hope and expectation,
 O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for,
 O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
 We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
 That sets your people free!**

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

Serving in Worship This Morning

July 19th, 2020

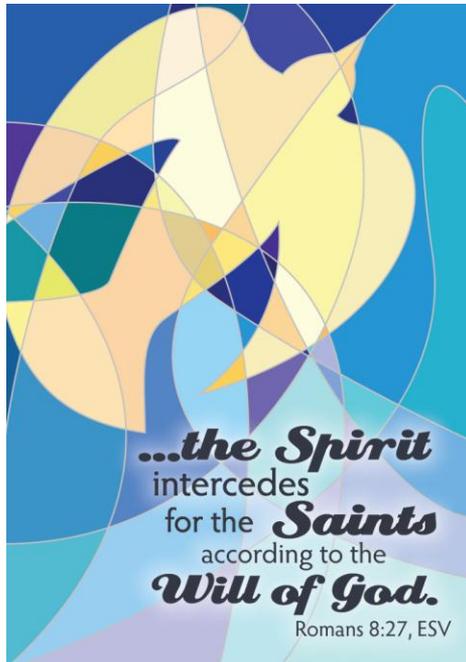
Elders	Kevin Zimmerman Jeff Williams Nick Fuhry Terry Elhardt Phil Hagel Phil Marquardt
Reader	Peggy Peterson

In our prayers

Celebrating birthdays this week: Wes Spadgenske 7/19, Louella Garland 7/23, Marlene Birkholz 7/24, & Dalton Delger 7/24.

Celebrating an anniversary this week: Richard and Beth Gerard 7/23.

Do you have a prayer request? Sue [sd_hurst@yahoo.com] is available to receive and distribute your prayer requests and can also add you to the email distribution list.



Notes of Information

Drive In Worship Drive-in worship will continue each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Gospel of Matthew Online Bible Study Pastor Jason is leading an online Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew. Videos are posted on the Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church facebook page and at soclc.org.

Zoom Bible Study Pastor Jason's lectionary Bible study is held Fridays at 1pm via Zoom live video conferencing. Those who wish to attend please email Pastor Jason [soclcpastor@gmail.com] and we'll send you the meeting code. Studies will also be posted on youtube and linked from soclc.org.

Congratulations Graduates! Join us in praying for this year's high school graduates Savannah Hofman, McKenzie Williams and Mandy Sillman.

Services and bulletins posted online Audio recordings of worship services and digital bulletins are posted weekly at soclc.org. Check them out if you're not able to make it to drive in worship or would like to avoid a paper bulletin!

Directory Updates If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or noticed your information is published incorrectly, please contact Lois Spadgenske via e-mail SecondTim1.5@gmail.com or phone 763-757-5377.

Offerings via Give+ Online giving is easy to do, one-time gifts and recurring donations are accepted. Visit the link at soclc.org to sign up or learn more.

NACE The food shelf is open and distributing food but in a different way. Currently it is drive up and you are handed bags of food. Food donations are always welcome as are checks so they can purchase food. If you have any questions you can contact Joan Mager at 763-434-9652.

Shredright4Good Youth Fundraiser Every day, America uses enough paper to wrap around the earth 20 times! Why not put some of that paper to work raising funds for Spirit of Christ's Youth while protecting the environment and your identity. The Youth have two locked containers here at church to collect confidential paper. Shredright4Good will pick it up to shred and turn in to re-cycled

paper products. Nice and easy, just bring in your freewill offering with your paper. Start protecting your identity, the environment and building up the Youth of Spirit of Christ. We thank you for your support.

Spirit of Christ Book Club The Book Club meets next week! They will meet outdoors at church; bring a lawn chair if you'd like to join. Upcoming books to discuss:

- July 27** The Scarlet Thread by Francine Rivers
A fictional and inspirational book about love and marriage.

- Aug 3** The Scarlet Thread by Francine Rivers
When Sierra discovers her young ancestor's handcrafted quilt and reads her journal, she finds that their lives are very similar. By following her ancestor's example, she learns to surrender to God's sovereignty and unconditional love.

- Aug 31** House of Living Stones by Katie Schuermann
In the small Illinois town of Bradbury, change doesn't come often, and it certainly doesn't come easily. So when Pastor Fletscher hires Emily Duke as the new choir director at Zion Lutheran Church, he unknowingly sets in motion a chain events that turns the life of his congregation upside down.

- Sept 28** The Girls with No Names by Serena Burdick
A beautiful tale of hope, courage and sisterhood – inspired by the real House of Mercy and the girls confined there for daring to break the rules.

- Oct 26** Bryson City Tales by Dr. Walt Lalimore
Captivating stories of how a young doctor's first year of medical practice in the Smoky Mountains shaped his practice of life and faith.

'The Lutheran Hour' can be heard at 6:00 a.m. Sundays on WCCO radio.

July 12th, 2020	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Average Offering	\$4,896
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$5,635

A stylized illustration of an acoustic guitar. The body is a solid yellow color. The neck is a vertical red bar with three white vertical stripes. The headstock is yellow with two black tuning pegs. The sound hole is a dark blue circle. The bridge is a dark blue rectangle. The background is a light beige color with a pattern of small, scattered orange dots.

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Readings for next week:

1 Kings 19:9-18; Acts 11:27-12:3a; Mark 10:35-45