# The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 16, 2023



Warm greetings to you, dear worshipper, in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the blessings of His presence and His peace be with you throughout this week.

# Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Holy Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that with the bread and the wine we also truly receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We call this belief the Doctrine of the Real Presence. Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:29), should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42 and 1 Corinthians 10:17).

Out of our heartfelt desire that all who commune at this altar be well prepared for Holy Communion, this congregation practices "close communion." All who are presently communicant members in a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and those Lutheran churches that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS are warmly invited to join us in Communion. All other quests are warmly invited to come to the communion rail for a blessing from the Pastor. Please cross your arms at the rail to receive the blessina.

We invite guests to visit with the pastor about how we may commune together in the future.



Communicants may receive the wafer by having it placed directly into the mouth or by having it placed in the palm of the hand. If the communicant wishes to take the individual cup, please take one from the tray when the elder comes to your place at the communion rail. Drink from the individual cup only when the pastor/elder comes to your place at the communion rail with the

chalice and speaks the words of distribution. If the communicant wishes to receive the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray carried by the elder.

The Lord has given His people the gift of His Body and His Blood in, with and under the consecrated bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (St. Matthew 26:28). However, if an individual is allergic or intolerant to wheat or fermented wine, it is difficult to participate in this great fellowship. Should you be one of these individuals, we gladly provide gluten-free and alcohol-removed wine so that you are able to receive these gifts of God with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Guests:** If you are a guest worshiping with us today, we are honored to have you join us in receiving the rich blessings that our Lord supplies to us through the gift of His holy Word. We invite you to return and worship with us again as the opportunity arises.





**Children:** Parents and their children are welcome to sit in the front of the church so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. The Family Room in the Narthex may be used by anyone who the little children prefers or needs a more private setting.

**Prayer Requests:** If you have an intercession to add to our weekly prayers at church or to our daily Prayer Chain, please contact the Church Office or fill out one of the prayer request cards located in your pew and place it in the offering collection box.



**Publications:** We invite you to read our Trinity Weekly News and visit our bulletin boards for info about church activities. Publications including our monthly newsletter are available from the information stand in the Narthex and at various locations in the hallway.

Accessibility: A lift (slow-moving elevator) is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area for those who prefer not to take the stairs to the lower level. Ushers and many church members can assist with the operation of the lift.



**Audio Assistance:** We provide hearing-assist and closed captioning devices for the hearing impaired. If you would like to try these devices to see if they will enhance your worship experience, they are located in the Narthex. CD and DVD recordings of the weekly service will be available from the Church Office later in the week.

Serving in God's House Today:

Liturgist: Rev. Joseph McCalley Preacher: Rev. Brian Thieme

Elders: (8:00) John Frerking | (10:30) Ron Barrett

Organist: Matthew Frerking

Altar Guild: Betty Buchheit & Dianne Mirtz

# Order of Service: Divine Service I – LSB 151

Bells' Call to Worship Word of Welcome Organ Prelude Hymn of Invocation

LSB 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth



# Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- 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

#### Introit

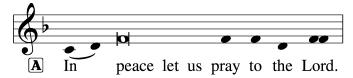
Psalm 103:15-19; antiphon: v. 8

- 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,

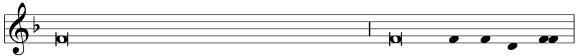
- **P** to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.
- The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Kyrie LSB 152



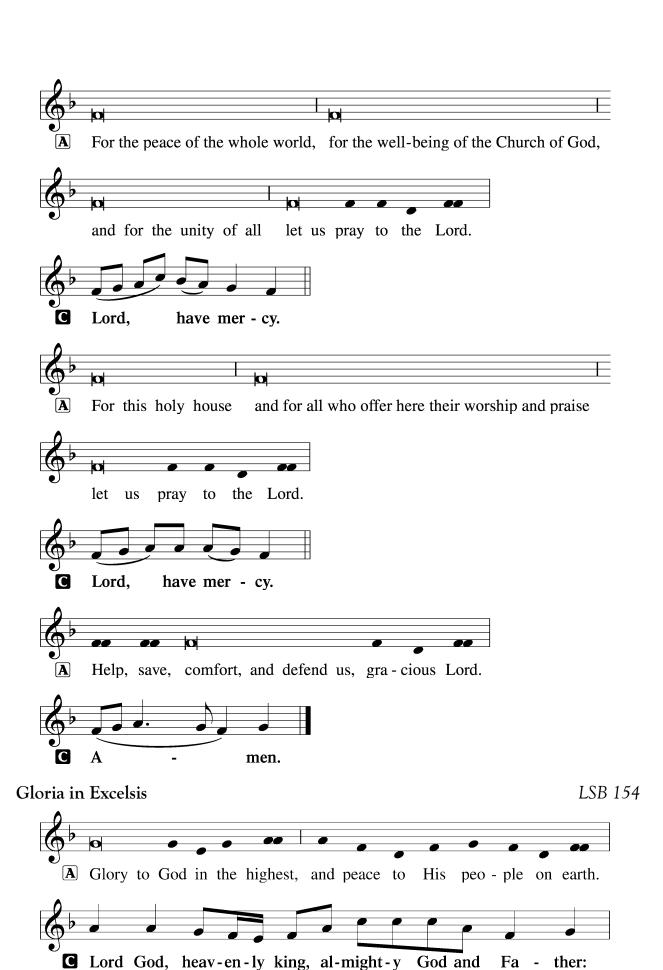


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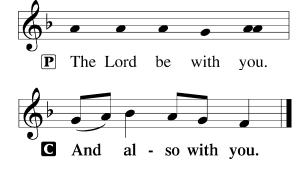
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.







# Salutation and Collect of the Day



# **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.



Sit

# Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup>"For 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, <sup>11</sup>so 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. <sup>12</sup>"For 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. <sup>13</sup>Instead 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."

- **P** 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!
- How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
- P For from him and through him and to him are all things.
- To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle Romans 8:12–17

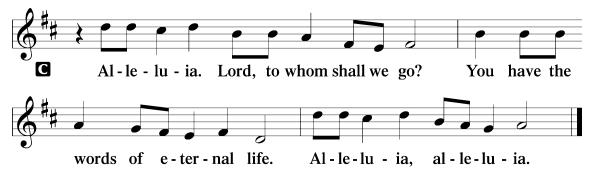
<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of

God. <sup>15</sup>For 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!" <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and 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.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



# Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

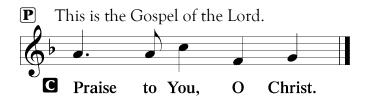
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



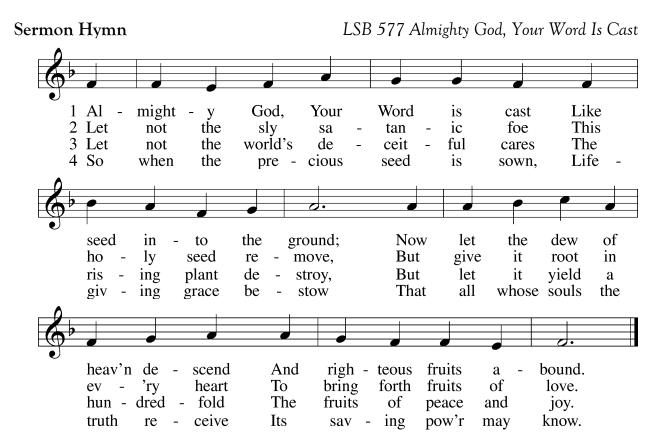
<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When 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. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet 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. <sup>22</sup>As 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. <sup>23</sup>As 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."



Sit



Sermon

"The Word Goes Forth"

Isaiah 55:10-13



# Reception of New Member by Profession of Faith (8:00 am)

Timothy Smith

- Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- **P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- **R** Yes, I do.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- **R** Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- **R** Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R I do.
- P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?
- R I do.
- Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

- **R** *I* will, with the help of God.
- Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The pastor may extend the right hand of fellowship, greeting each by name. The rite concludes with the following blessing:

- P The grace of our 

  → Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- C Amen.

The new members return to their places.

## Nicene Creed (10:30)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life 🕂 of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayer of the Church



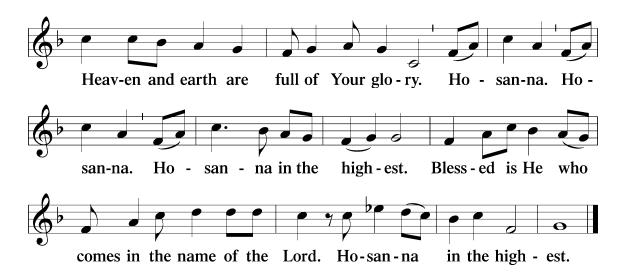
# Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160



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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





# Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.
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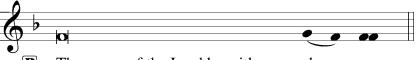
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways





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#### Distribution Hymn LSB 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 1 **O** gates of Zi pen now thy beau - ty; let on, 2 Gra come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so cious God, I 3 Here is glad - ly chant - ed; Thy seed Thy praise Here is 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy 5 Speak, 0 God. Ι will hear Thee; Let Thy will and Where soul joy - ful there, my in du - ty en - ter Where find Thee dore Thee. un - to me. we and a du - ly sown. soul, where it is plant - ed, Let my gift di - vine, How so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; done in - deed. May Ι un - dis - turbed draw near Thee Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed There a heav'n To my heart, O on earth must be. Bring forth pre - cious So all Ι sheaves a lone, that Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing While Thou dost Thy peo - ple Here of life the feed.

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#### Distribution Hymn LSB 584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing О -1 Faith and truth and life be stow - ing, pen now the Bring to 2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un ceas - ing life the Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing, hid - den grain, Dai - ly hearts creas - ing, in in our hearts, Your Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So Scrip - ture, in Choked with Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our

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Shal-low earth or ston - y

ears to hear Your Word.

Give us

# Distribution Hymn

LSB 638 Eat This Bread



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## Dismissal

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart \( \frac{1}{2} \) in peace.
- C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis LSB 165



## **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 166



**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.



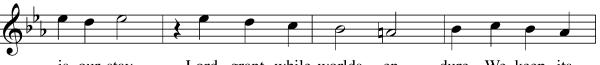


LSB 582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our

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# Organ Postlude

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