

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020 – 10:45 a.m.

Morning Prayer



ST. JOHN'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE** "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide" (setting by Bret A. Heim)

## **WELCOME**

- L** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

## **VERSICLES**

LSB 235

- A** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** **and my mouth shall declare Your praise.**  
**C** **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.**
- A** Give glory to God, our light and our life.  
**C** **O come, let us worship Him.**

## **VENITE**

LSB 236

- C** **O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock  
of our salvation.**
- I** Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- II** For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
- I** In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.
- II** The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry land.
- I** O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.
- II** For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- C** **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.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 119:57-64

- L** The LORD is my portion;  
I promise to keep your words.
- C** **I entreat your favor with all my heart;  
be gracious to me according to your promise.**
- L** When I think on my ways,  
I turn my feet to your testimonies;
- C** **I hasten and do not delay  
to keep your commandments.**
- L** Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,  
I do not forget your law.
- C** **At midnight I rise to praise you,  
because of your just and righteous decrees.**
- L** I am a companion of all who fear you,  
of those who keep your precepts.
- C** **The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;  
teach me your statutes!**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- L** Let us pray:  
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that,  
ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of  
living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

**HYMN**

“In Holy Conversation” (LSB 772)

1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,  
 2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;  
 3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,

And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep - est thoughts we share.  
 We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.  
 In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;  
 With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,  
 So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears



And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.  
 Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.  
 With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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## + READINGS +

### **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 44:6-8

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
 and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;  
 besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.  
 Let him declare and set it before me,  
 since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid;  
 have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
 And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?  
 There is no Rock; I know not any."

[A] This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C] Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

Romans 8:18-27

*Please join in reading aloud the highlighted portion of Scripture  
 and consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.*

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom

of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.** <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup>He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" [...].

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**☐ But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

**SERMON**

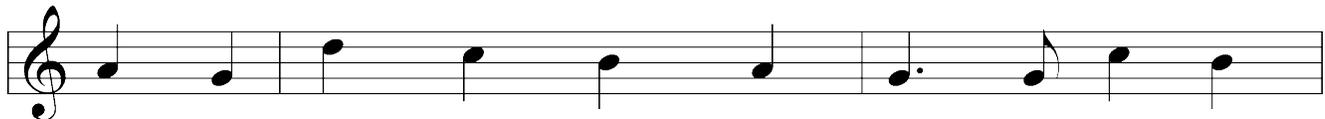
"Endings"

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

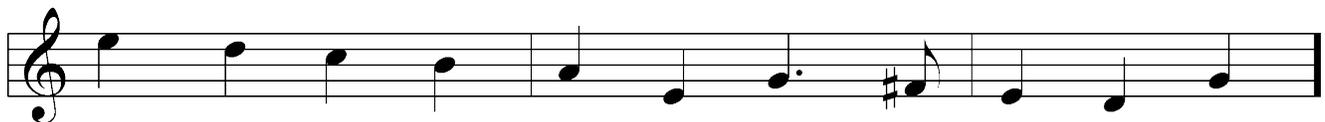
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (LSB 575)



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **+ CANTICLE +**

#### **BENEDICTUS**

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- C** **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
He has come to His people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of His servant David.  
Through His holy prophets He promised of old  
that He would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember His holy covenant.  
This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship Him without fear,  
holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.**
- L** You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,  
to give His people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- C** **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.**

#### **FAREWELL AND GODSPEED**

Today we bid farewell and pray God's blessings upon Pastor Campbell, Leslie, Lily, and Cade who are relocating to Belvidere, Illinois.

## + PRAYER +

### ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

#### ***COLLECT FOR GRACE***

- A** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

#### ***LORD'S PRAYER***

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- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### ***BENEDICAMUS***

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- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

#### ***BENEDICTION***

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- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN****"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (LSB 700)**

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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**POSTLUDE****"O Lord, We Praise Thee" (setting by Michael Burkhardt)**

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