

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

Lutheran Service Book: Service of Prayer and Preaching



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## Prayer of Preparation

*O Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable and pleasing in your sight, my Rock and my Redeemer, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*



## Pre-Service Music

"From God Can Nothing Move Me" (setting by Sandra Eithun)

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

## Ringling of the Bells and Welcome

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Opening Versicles

**P** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 118:24*

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

*Psalm 113:3*

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

*Psalm 84:10*

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** Teach me Your paths.

*Psalm 25:4*

**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** Your Word is truth.

*John 17:17*

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

*Psalm 113:3*

**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.

## Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** 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.

**G** **Amen.**

## Old Testament 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."

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

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 119:57-64

**L** The LORD is my portion;  
I promise to keep your words.

**G** **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;

**G** **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.

**☞ 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.

**☞ The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;  
teach me your statutes!**

## 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.

**ℒ** This is the Word of the Lord.

**☞ Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

**☞ Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## Responsory

**P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where your glory dwells.

**P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where your glory dwells.

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where your glory dwells.

*Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28*

## Sermon

"Endings"

## Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.**

## **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.*

## **Announcements**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer.*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

- P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### **Morning Prayer**

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

- 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.**

### **Blessing**

- 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.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Postlude

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” (setting by Michael Burkhardt)

*Please wait in your pew so that Ushers may dismiss the congregation to help keep the Narthex from becoming congested. Please take your worship bulletin with you and recycle it at home. Offerings may be left in the basket as you leave the Sanctuary.*

*Those desiring to receive Holy Communion are invited to be seated in their pews for an abbreviated Service of the Sacrament immediately following this Service of Prayer and Preaching.*



This weekend's altar flowers are given by Barbara Pate  
in fond farewell to the Campbell family.



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