

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 16, 2023

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.



THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

*God's Own Child I Gladly Say It*

Setting: Matthew Corl

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN

*God's Own Child I Gladly Say It*

LSB 594

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| <p>1 God's own child, I gladly say it:<br/>I am baptized into Christ!<br/>He, because I could not pay it,<br/>Gave my full redemption price.<br/>Do I need earth's treasures many?<br/>I have one worth more than any<br/>That brought me salvation free<br/>Lasting to eternity!</p> <p>2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:<br/>I am baptized into Christ!<br/>I have comfort even stronger:<br/>Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.<br/>Should a guilty conscience seize me<br/>Since my Baptism did release me<br/>In a dear forgiving flood,<br/>Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?</p> | <p>3 Satan, hear this proclamation:<br/>I am baptized into Christ!<br/>Drop your ugly accusation,<br/>I am not so soon enticed.<br/>Now that to the font I've traveled,<br/>All your might has come unraveled,<br/>And, against your tyranny,<br/>God, my Lord, unites with me!</p> <p>4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:<br/>I am baptized into Christ!<br/>When I die, I leave all sadness<br/>To inherit paradise!<br/>Though I lie in dust and ashes<br/>Faith's assurance brightly flashes:<br/>Baptism has the strength divine<br/>To make life immortal mine.</p> <p>5 There is nothing worth comparing<br/>To this lifelong comfort sure!<br/>Open-eyed my grave is staring:<br/>Even there I'll sleep secure.<br/>Though my flesh awaits its raising,<br/>Still my soul continues praising:<br/>I am baptized into Christ;<br/>I'm a child of paradise!</p> |
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*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Kneel. Silence is observed for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy upon us. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

*KYRIE (Stand)*

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For the peace from above and for our salvation; and for the peace of the whole world, let us pray to the Lord:

**Kyrie Eleison; Christe Eleison; Kyrie Eleison.**

For the well-being of the Church of God; and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**Kyrie Eleison; Christe Eleison; Kyrie Eleison.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Kyrie Eleison; Christe Eleison; Kyrie Eleison.**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*

*Splendor and Honor*

LSB 950

- 1 Splendor and honor, majesty and power  
Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev'ry blessing,  
For by Your bidding was the whole creation  
Called into being.**

- 2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,  
By whose self-off'ring we are made God's people:  
A priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations,  
Called to God's service.
- 3 To the Almighty, throned in heav'nly splendor,  
And to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,  
Be adoration, praise, and glory given,  
Now and forever.

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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. Amen.**



*THE LITURGY OF THE WORD*

*FIRST LESSON (Be seated)*

Isaiah 55:10-13

“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,  
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.  
“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.  
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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*PSALM 65:9-13 (Sung responsively)*

You visit the earth and water it;  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide their grain,  
for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,  
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

*SECOND LESSON*

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 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!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 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, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

"Hear then the parable of the sower: 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. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 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. 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. 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ**

SERMON (Be seated)

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| <p><b>1</b> Almighty God, Your Word is cast<br/>Like seed into the ground;<br/>Now let the dew of heav'n descend<br/>And righteous fruits abound.</p> <p><b>2</b> Let not the sly satanic foe<br/>This holy seed remove,<br/>But give it root in ev'ry heart<br/>To bring forth fruits of love.</p> | <p><b>3</b> Let not the world's deceitful cares<br/>The rising plant destroy,<br/>But let it yield a hundredfold<br/>The fruits of peace and joy.</p> <p><b>4</b> So when the precious seed is sown,<br/>Life-giving grace bestow<br/>That all whose souls the truth receive<br/>Its saving pow'r may know.</p> |
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*APOSTLES' CREED*

(LSB, Back cover)

**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 Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

*OFFERING*

*Offerings support the church's mission work – both here and through our many partners. Offerings may be placed in the box at the sanctuary entrance or sent to the church through our website or the mail. Fellowship Cards help us welcome new people and track participation. Please fill one out and place it in the offering box following the service.*

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH*

*The response to each petition will be:*

“Lord, in Your mercy,”  
“**hear our prayer.**”

*OFFERTORY*

*Create in Me*

(LSB 956)

- 1 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**



*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, hold Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

*SANCTUS*

(LSB 961)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessèd, blessèd, blessèd is He  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

*THE LORD'S PRAYER*

**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.**

The peace of our Lord be with you all.

**Amen.**

*AGNUS DEI*

(LSB 962)

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us Your peace,  
grant us Your peace,  
grant us Your peace.**



**THE COMMUNION** (Be seated)

*The Communion Assistant will come forward to receive first, then those from the pulpit side – by order of pew, front to back. Communicants will come up the center aisle and return via the side aisle. When all from the pulpit side have communed, the baptismal font side will commune in the same manner. We ask that the wine be consumed away from the tray table. Empty cups should be dropped into the receptacles.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**      *Lamb of God*

LSB 550

- 1**    **Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. *Refrain***

***Refrain***

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

- 2**    **Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain***

- 3**    **I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain***

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

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| <p><b>1</b>    <b>Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,<br/>Your word is now fulfilled.<br/>These eyes have seen salvation's<br/>dawn,<br/>This child so long foretold.</b></p> | <p><b>2</b>    <b>This is the Savior of the world,<br/>The Gentiles' promised light,<br/>God's glory dwelling in our midst,<br/>The joy of Israel.</b></p> |
| <p><b>3</b>    <b>With saints of old, with saints to come,<br/>To You we lift our voice;<br/>To Father, Son, and Spirit blest<br/>Be honor, love, and praise.</b></p>         |  |

PRAYER (Stand)

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

*O Light of God*

LSB 836

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,  
Your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,  
This child so long foretold.
- 2 This is the Savior of the world,  
The Gentiles' promised light,  
God's glory dwelling in our midst,  
The joy of Israel.
- 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,  
To You we lift our voice;  
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest  
Be honor, love, and praise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Be seated)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*O Light of God*

Setting: Charles Callahan

Fellowship Contributors: Board of Elders

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Saturday, July 15, 5:00 p.m.:

Greeter: Steve Janssen  
Reader: Melissa Hecht  
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Sunday, July 16, 10:00 a.m.:

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Reader: Lynn Jacquez  
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