

**Service of Holy Communion**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 11, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

<b>PRELUDE</b>	“Adagio”	- T. Tertius Noble
	“O Great God of Might”	- J.S. Bach / J.G. Walther
	“Mighty Savior”	- <i>Setting</i> / David Hurd

**WELCOME**

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father and of the Son + of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to live forever. Give us at this moment your mercy, that we may confess our sin and receive your forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may sit or kneel.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ God gives the power to become the children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" sts. 1 & 3

Red Book #807

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

**2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19**

*The ark of the covenant, long a symbol of God's presence with Israel, is brought into Jerusalem by David. The entrance of the ark into this new capital city is marked by great rejoicing, and David himself is the chief dancer.*

<sup>1</sup>David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup>David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. <sup>3</sup>They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart <sup>4</sup>with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. <sup>5</sup>David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

<sup>12b</sup>So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; <sup>13</sup>and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a

fatling. <sup>14</sup>David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. <sup>15</sup>So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

<sup>16</sup>As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

<sup>17</sup>They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. <sup>18</sup>When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, <sup>19</sup>and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 24**      *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is  
false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this King of glory?**

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory?**

**Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

**SECOND READING    Ephesians 1:3-14**

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION    sung by choir**

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"O God, Why are you Silent?" sts. 1 & 4

Red Book #703

*The congregation may stand.*

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer, responding to each petition with the words "Hear us and help us."

O God, bless the church throughout the world. In the midst of the stress of the pandemic, give those who serve in ministry roles time and space to have their spirits and bodies refreshed and restored. In your mercy, O God: **hear us and help us.**

Bless the earth. Moderate intense heat and send necessary rain to nourish crops. Preserve farm laborers as they work each day under the sun. In your mercy, O God: **hear us and help us.**

Bless the leaders of nations. Crush the might of tyrants. Train those in power to care for all the oppressed in their land. Lead wealthier countries to share the COVID vaccine with poorer nations. Protect all who work to hold those in power accountable. In your mercy, O God: **hear us and help us.**

Bless all who live without power or status. Free the poor, especially youths, from every form of enslavement. Grant security and self-determination to indigenous peoples around the globe, that all people may live in dignity. In your mercy, O God: **hear us and help us.**

Bless each of us, that throughout this week we may pray and work in your name. Bless all those who are in need of healing of any kind and receive now our silent prayers. (*silent pause*). In your mercy, O God: **hear us and help us.**

We bless you for all who have died in the faith, especially we remember before you here. . . At the end, fulfill your promise to us of life together in your presence. In your mercy, O God: **hear us and help us.**

Receive these prayers, merciful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**      “Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear”  
- Tune: HURSLEY

*The congregation may stand.*

### **MEAL**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...*(the presiding minister continues giving thanks)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father....*(the presiding minister continues giving thanks)*....For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Finally, as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The congregation may be seated.*

## SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

*All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive; please keep 6 feet of distance between you and the next group of communicants. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.*

*The congregation may stand.*

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**      "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"   Red Book #697

### **RECESSION**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"      - Jan Bender

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Pastor Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Holly Schubert	<b>Reader</b>
Dan Morrow	<b>Crucifer</b>
Signe Mitchell	<b>Organist</b>
Harry Cunningham	<b>Senior Choir Director</b>
Josh Kamerer	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Melody Kamerer	<b>PowerPoint Assisting Minister</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>
Susan Farrell and Jan Nieto	<b>Ushers</b>
Jim and Jeanette Cunningham	<b>Counters</b>

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Brenda Ihlenfeld, in memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ihlenfeld.*

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH**

Monday, 7/12	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Tuesday, 7/13	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, 7/14	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting

	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 7/15	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
Saturday, 7/17	12:00 PM	NA Meeting

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Kimberly will be away on vacation** beginning Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> and returning to the office on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. In case of pastoral emergency during that time, please contact Pr. Joel Benson at Trinity Lutheran Church, 724-287-1977 or 724-544-3996. For routine office concerns, please contact the church office.

**Social distancing markers** have been removed from the two central sections of pews. Please reserve the far right (pulpit side) section of pews for those who wish to mask and keep social distance. Thank you!

**Social Hour resumes today after worship!** We are excited to be able to begin this once again. This year, we will have a sign-up sheet for anyone who wishes to add additional food items to our donut holes, but no one is obligated to do that, just as you wish. Thanks! --Judy Wadding and Judy Vilcheck, Social Hour Coordinators

**VBS Registration & Help:** Registration for Vacation Bible School is open to children ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. To register, please provide your child's name, age, grade entering in the fall (if applicable), parents' names, address, phone numbers, email address, and a phone number for an emergency contact. If you are willing to help with VBS, please email Sharon at [sharonfelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:sharonfelc@zoominternet.net).

**We look forward to hearing your voice, your instrument, and musical talent as an important part of our worship!** A Summer Music Schedule is posted in the Social Hall. Please consider signing your name on the schedule for one of the Sundays in June, July or August. We look forward to hearing you at the church on your chosen Sunday. However, if you have concerns about attending in-person during the pandemic, please let us know if you would prefer to pre-record your selection of music in advance. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

## **PRAYERS**

Raymond Sawyer, Dave Konesni, Donna, the family of Rita Wagner, the family of Carol Duffus, Judy O. and family, Graham Cannon, Anne Ferguson, Claudia, Karen, Anita, Joyce Hall, Kitty Walker, Nancy Hoehn, Tad & Shirley Sellers, Aryl Bashline, Jenna, Tom Olson, Pam Patterson

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

### **2 Samuel 7:1-14a**

*The promise of the LORD to David*

### **Psalms 89:20-37**

*Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)*

### **Ephesians 2:11-22**

*Reconciled to God through Christ, our peace*

### **Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

*Christ healing the multitudes*