

# 7th Sunday after Pentecost July 19th, 2020

#### WELCOME!

The people of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit greet you in peace and with blessing. We confess our faith in the one, holy, universal and apostolic church of Jesus Christ. Baptized Christians 14 years of age and older who believe His body and blood are present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at His table. If you are searching for spiritual direction and Christian fellowship, we invite you to inquire into the Biblical faith proclaimed and practiced here.

#### **WEEKLY SERVICES**

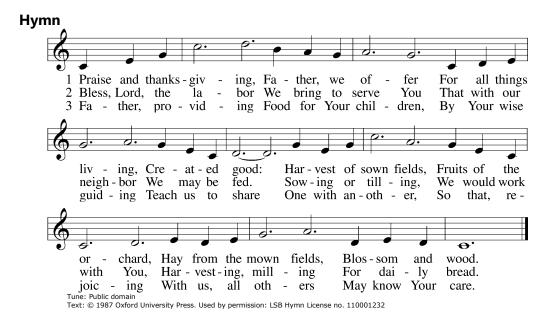
Sundays - 12:00 PM Communion Service Wednesdays in Advent and Lent - 7:00 PM Special Festival and Holiday Services as posted

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM (Sept.-May)

Sunday School, age 2 thru Gr. 5, Youth Class 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Gr. 2 Adult Studies

## Greeting



## **Confession and Absolution**

#### Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **Exhortation**

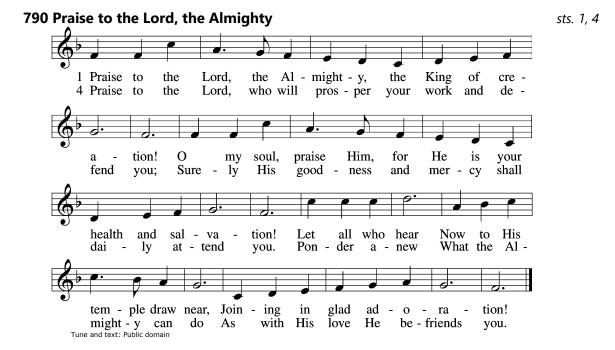
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- Who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot

free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### **Confession of Sins**

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

#### **Absolution**



# **Service of the Word**

# **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- 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.

#### C 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."

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

## **Epistle** Romans 8:18–27

<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.
- Thanks be to God.

## **Holy Gospel** *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

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

# **G** 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** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon: "Are the Disciples Dense?"





# **Apostles' Creed**

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.

## **Prayer of the Church**

A Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world. A brief silence. Enliven your church with love for your world, O God. Give undivided hearts to Christians from Africa and the Americas, Asia and Europe. Make us one in faithful witness to your will. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

A Renew the life of this earth, O God, even as it groans because of misuse and decay. Cultivate in us an eager longing for a healthy and life-giving earth. Lord, in your mercy,

## **©** hear our prayer.

A Bridge the chasms that divide the nations, O God. Inspire a reconciling vision among the world's leaders, and bring together people of differing commitments for the sake of the world's most vulnerable people. Lord, in your mercy,

## **C** hear our prayer.

A Embrace those who suffer, O God. Give peace to all who are near death, hope to those who are depressed, shelter to the homeless, and healing to the sick (especially). Lord, in your mercy,

## **C** hear our prayer.

A Embolden our witness to your love, O God. Send us out into the world with courageous hearts, persistence, and holy wisdom. Inspire us to tend to and delight in our children's faith. Lord, in your mercy,

# **©** hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

# hear our prayer.

A Raise up your saints, O God. Inspire us by the lives of all reformers and renewers of your church. Receive our thanks for the saints among us who have recently died. Lord, in your mercy,

# **C** hear our prayer.

P All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

## C Amen.

# Offering

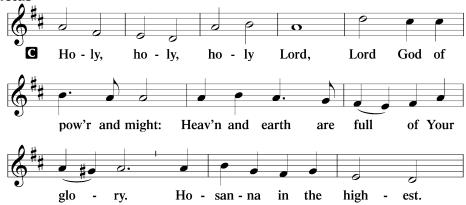
# **Offertory Prayer**

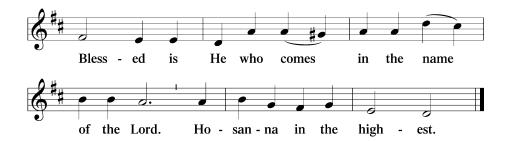
#### **Service of the Sacrament**

#### **Preface**

- P The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- P 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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





## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

# **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 Words of Our Lord

P 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."

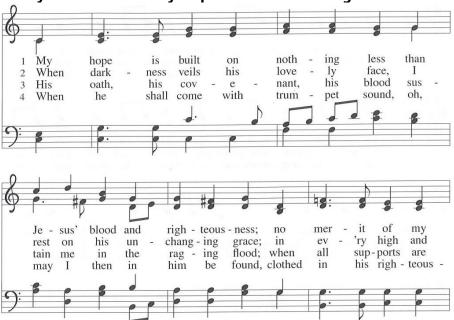
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **Pax Domini**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.

# **Distribution**

Distribution Hymn: ELW 596 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"





#### The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- Amen.

#### **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.

C Amen.

#### **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

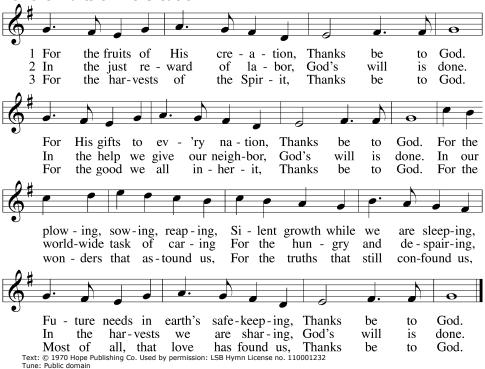
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and 

→ give you peace.

#### C Amen.





#### **Dismissal**

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**ATTENDANCE/COMMUNION CARDS** Members/Visitors: Please fill out one of the cards found on the end of the pews and hand it to the usher at Communion. Parents, please add children's names.

<u>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</u> – Church office is open, Mon-Fri., 9am-2pm. Please contact the church office for assistance. Jerry Russell (847-437-0990) and Jerry Jacobson (847-491-3945) are also available to handle any ministry needs.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** Faithful giving is our response to God's love for what He has given us. Sun. attendance 33 = \$2555 to meet our weekly need of \$4462.

BOARD OF Stewardship Rom. 8:18 – "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed," we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

"CHANGE FOR CHANGE" Mite boxes are available on the outer narthex table with donations going toward our Building Fund. You may return your *filled* box to the basket on the outer narthex table. The Bd. of Human Care/Missions thanks you for your support!

HELP THE HUNGRY The EGV Food Pantry at the Presbyterian Church requests the following items to distribute to the needy: canned fruits (small individual size), one dish meals (chili, stew), peanut butter, spaghetti, jellies, pork & beans, canned tomatoes, juice boxes, cookies, chicken noodle soup. Place your donations in the Fellowship Hall shopping cart. Thanks for your help

**IMPORTANT** In the event that you need to miss church, remember that you can go to either TrinityVP.com or RevRobRogers on YouTube to see the sermon this week.

#### **OUR MISSION**

"We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, and witness God's love for us through worship, education, fellowship and human care

# **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

 SUN 7/19
 6th Sunday of Pentecost
 12:00pm

 THURS 7/23
 A.A. Meeting
 7:30pm

 SUN 7/26
 7th Sunday of Pentecost
 12:00pm

# This week's daily readings 7/20-7/26

How it works: There are morning & evening psalm(s) (am/pm) listed. Read the appropriate psalm(s) for the time of day. The other readings can be done as you desire/are able, during am or pm.

Monday: AM Psalm 25:11-20: PM; job 24:1-8; James 2:1-7

Tuesday: AM Psalm 25:11-20; PM, Proverbs 19:1-17; 1 john 3:11-17

Wednesday: AM Psalm 25:11-20; PM Ecclesiastes 9:13-18; Matthew 25:31-46

Thursday: AM Psalm 15; PM Genesis 12;10-20, Hebrews 5:1-6 Friday: AM; Psalm 15; PM Genesis 13:1-18; Ephesians 3:14-21 Saturday: AM Psalm 15; PM: Genesis 14:1-16; Luke 8:4-10

Sunday: AM: Genesis 18:1-10a, Psalm 15; PM Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

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