A scenic landscape photograph featuring a mountain range in the background with a sun low on the horizon, creating a lens flare. The foreground is a field of green grass with scattered yellow and purple wildflowers. A small body of water is visible in the middle ground.

For by grace are ye saved
through faith; and that
not of yourselves:
it is the *gift*
of God.

Ephesians 2:8

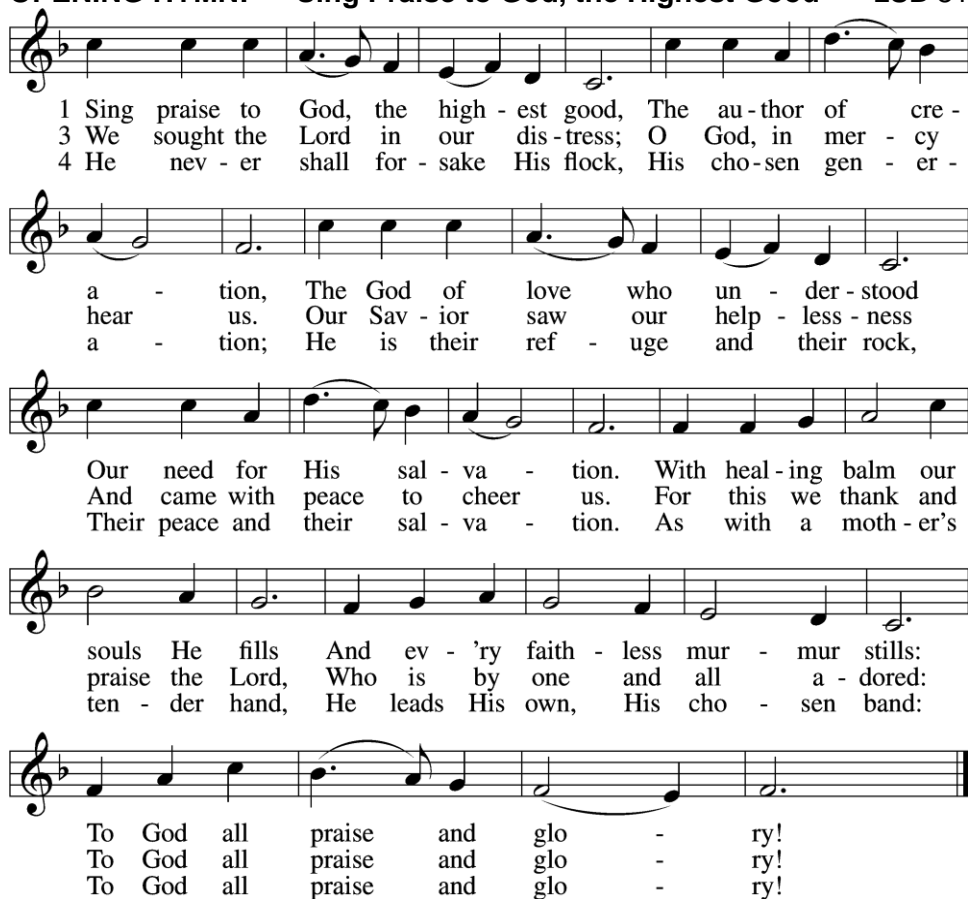
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" LSB 819



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy -
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
hear - us, Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
To God all praise and glo - ry!
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CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Eph. 1:2)

L: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: *(based on Eph. 4:22-24)*

- L:** God's Word has taught us to put off the old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in attitude of our minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
- P:** **Almighty God, though the Spirit testifies that I am a new creature in Christ Jesus, I must confess that the old nature is still alive and well within me. My actions, thoughts and words have often lacked righteousness and holiness. I know that I deserve Your punishment on account of my sins and iniquities, but I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. Lord of boundless mercy, for the sake of Jesus' righteous life and His holy, innocent, sufferings and death, forgive me and restore me. Amen.**
- L:** As a servant of the Lord, I assure you that in the mercy and love of God, Jesus was given for you. He has declared you holy and clean, washing you with water and the Word. By grace through faith Christ presents you to the Father, radiant, without stain, wrinkle or any other blemish, holy and blameless; like Himself. Go with sin forgiven, a new creation in Christ. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: "United in Christ"

Verse 1

People of the Lord come now and sing
Every nation and tongue to Christ our King
With empty hands His gifts receive

Verse 2

Whether young or old You're a child of God
Whether rich or poor no matter what you got
He gathers all at the foot of the cross

Chorus

His body broken makes this body whole
His resurrection it assures us all
No darkness nor doubting nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ

Verse 3

Sinners and saints you have a place
With the Spirit's gifts proclaim His grace
There's nothing too small
To be used by the living God

Chorus

His body broken makes this body whole
His resurrection it assures us all
No darkness nor doubting nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ

Bridge

We are the body Christ is the head
Sealed with the promise through blood he shed
We are the body Christ is the head
His grace the heartbeat our confidence
We are the body Christ is the head
Sealed with the promise through blood he shed
We are the body Christ is the head
His grace the heartbeat our confidence
Our confidence

Chorus

His body broken makes this body whole
His resurrection it assures us all
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Tag

No darkness nor doubting nor pain in this life
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OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Ezekiel 2:1-5*

He said to me, “Son of man, stand up, and I will speak to you.” As he spoke to me, the Spirit entered me, stood me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel. They are people from a nation that has rebelled against me. They and their ancestors have rebelled against me to this day. I am sending you to these defiant and stubborn children. Tell them, ‘This is what the Almighty Lord says.’ Whether these rebellious people listen or not, they will realize that a prophet has been among them. -GW®

EPISTLE READING: *Ephesians 1:1-4*

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God’s will.

To God’s holy and faithful people who are united with Christ in the city of Ephesus.

Good will and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are yours!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through Christ, God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that heaven has to offer. Before the creation of the world, he chose us through Christ to be holy and perfect in His presence. -GW®

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 6:1-13*

Jesus left that place and went to his hometown. His disciples followed him. When the day of rest—a holy day, came, he began to teach in the synagogue. He amazed many who heard him. They asked, “Where did this man get these ideas? Who gave him this kind of wisdom and the ability to do such great miracles? Isn’t this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” So they took offense at him.

But Jesus told them, “The only place a prophet isn’t honored is in his hometown, among his relatives, and in his own house.” He couldn’t work any miracles there except to lay his hands on a few sick people and cure them. Their unbelief amazed him.

Then Jesus went around to the villages and taught.

He called the twelve apostles, sent them out two by two, and gave them authority over evil spirits. He instructed them to take nothing along on the trip except a walking stick. They were not to take any food, a traveling bag, or money in their pockets. They could wear sandals but could not take along a change of clothes.

He told them, “Whenever you go into a home, stay there until you’re ready to leave that place. Wherever people don’t welcome you or listen to you, leave and shake the dust from your feet as a warning to them.”

So the apostles went and told people that they should turn to God and change the way they think and act. They also forced many demons out of people and poured oil on many who were sick to cure them. -GW®

SERMON HYMN: "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

LSB 839



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

MESSAGE: "Intro to Ephesians: 'Us, Then and Now'"

SONG OF THE DAY: “Send Me”

Verse 1

Here I am
Send me
Your grace has set me free
I will go where You lead
Be Your hands and feet

Verse 2

To the hurting and weak
To all of those in need
We will go where You lead
Be Your hands and feet

Chorus

Jesus lead on
We are listenin'
Jesus lead on
We have heard
Savior we'll follow
Where You're leadin'
To the ends of the earth
(REPEAT)

Verse 3

As we go
Lord lead
May Your path be at our feet
As we live move and breathe
Spirit of God fall afresh on me

Bridge

Whom shall I fear
You are God yeah
You are God so
Whom shall I fear
You are God yeah
You are God so
Whom shall I fear

Tag

Here I Am
Send me

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED: *(*catholic means the universal Christian Church)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy *catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

L: Almighty God, through these gifts enable Your people to be strong in You and in Your mighty power. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

+ Service of the Sacrament +

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. Or simply pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts. Amen."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are alcohol free. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are gluten free.

In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“Ignite”

Verse 1

Lord you call us
To be people of peace
To reconcile
And to redeem
Lord we're willing
But we are weak
Give us strength to serve—All we meet

Pre-Chorus

To the weak and the poor made known
May your love through us be shown

Chorus 1

Spirit of God ignite our hearts
To burn bright for yours
Let us be the light to all—All the dark

Verse 2

Lord you call us
To be people of love
Living sacrifice
To your glory of Lord
Transform us
By the blood of your Son
Bringing justice and mercy
Walking with you God

Pre-Chorus

To the weak and the poor made known
May your love through us be shown

Chorus 2

Spirit of God ignite our hearts
To burn bright for yours
Let us be the light to all—All the dark

Bridge

Ignite in us pure holiness
Cleanse us from all selfishness
Lead us in paths of righteousness
To the work You prepared in advance for us

Chorus 3

Spirit of God ignite our hearts
To burn bright for yours
Let us be the light to all—All the dark

“How Firm a Foundation”

LSB 728



- 1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
- 3 “The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
- 4 “When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
- 5 “Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply;
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne.”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "In Thee Is Gladness"

LSB 818



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

POSTLUDE

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Lector 8:00...Katie Musick

Director of Music and Worship Arts...Noah Freeman

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley

Preacher...Pastor Mark Siebert

9:30...John and Josette Utke

Keyboard...Pat Gagan

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Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~by Jeff and Mary Anne McCombs

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