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The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



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Divine Service

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Adult Bible Study & <u>Sunday School</u>: 9:30 am (Grace Hall) + <u>Pastor:</u>

Richard Willsea

<u>Deaconess:</u> Karen Suter

<u>Organist</u> Patty Barnes

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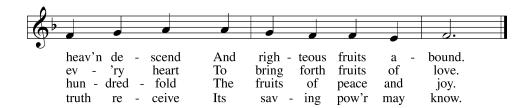
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Today we will observe The Lord's Supper... The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.

PRELUDE"Sing to His Name!"G. Martin"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"arr. D. Lasky

Stand WELCOME

HYMN "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" LSB 577 1 Al _ might y God, Your Word is cast Like _ 2 Let the This not sly tan ic foe sa 3 Let world's the de ceit ful The not _ _ cares 4 So when the pre cious seed is sown, Life -Now the seed in the ground; let dew of to ho ly seed But give it root in re move, But vield ris ing plant de stroy, let it а giv ing grace be _ stow That a11 whose souls the



CONFESSION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- ▶ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- 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.

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

- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

+ Service of the word +



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** 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.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(8:00 & 11:00 AM)

WOMEN'S CHOIR

"The Gift of Love"

arr. H. Hopson

Though I may speak with Bravest fire, and have the Gift to all inspire. And have not love; my words Are vain, as sounding brass, And hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my Love profess, but not be giv'n By love within, the profit soon Turns strangely thin. Come, spirit come, our hearts Control, our spirits long to be Made whole. Let inward love guide ev-ry Deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

EPISTLE

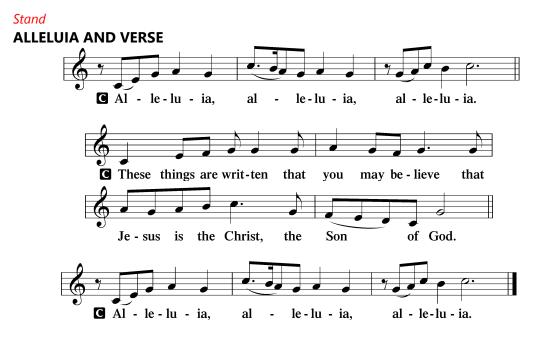
The Word is read...

Romans 8:12–17

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 55:10–13



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read...

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

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.



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SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- A Lord, we give thanks for Your great rescue and the gift of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Help us to cherish Your kingdom always. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer!

▶ Lord, send us Your Holy Spirit, that our daily faith be strong and that we desire to walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer!

A Lord, give us opportunities to share Your love with others and use the gifts You provide to the praise and honor of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer!

Lord, protect Your people, and protect Your Church throughout the world, that we be bold in our witness and always ready to serve in power of the Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer!

A Lord, send Your Spirit into the hearts and minds of those who have wandered from the faith, and by Your Word of truth convict them and bring them to faith again in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer!

Lord, be with, encourage, and sustain those who are struggling at this time, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer!

- A Lord, bless our work together in this place, through this ministry, as we entrust ourselves to Your guidance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer!

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen!

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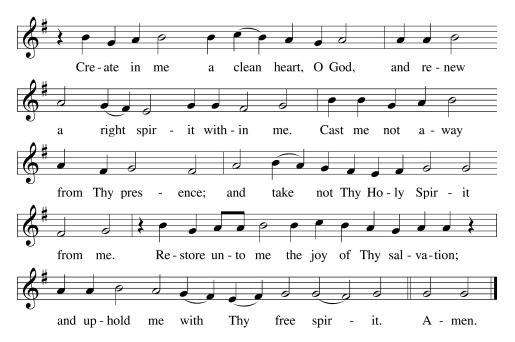
OFFERING

VOLUNTARY	"The Gift of Love"	setting: S. Wallace
MISSION MINUTE	August Mission Trip to DR	John Kinney

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 956



+ Service of the sacrament +

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.

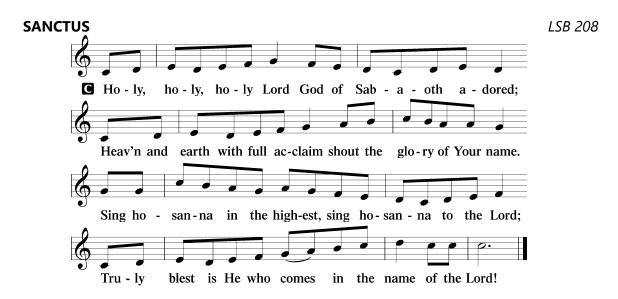
P Lift up your hearts.

G We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.
- C Amen.



glo Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me ry -Wan - d'ring from strang - er, the fold of God; He, to Here's my it; Prone to leave the God Ι love. feel tar -Take mv ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine ry; a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good-ness prove. ev - er to me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His res - cue pre - cious blood. Seal it heart, O take and seal it, for Thy courts a - bove. an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day. "Jacob's Ladder, Kum Ba Yah" VOLUNTARY arr. M. McConnell NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 211 0 0 $\mathbf{C} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{0}$ Lord. now let Your ser vant De

Stand

2 All glo - ry to the Fa ther. All part in heav'n - ly For Ι have the peace, seen glo - rv to the Son. All glo - rv to the 0 Ŏf Your glo deem - ing ry re grace: For - ev -Spir it, er Three in One: Α light to lead the Gen tiles Un For as in the be gin ning, Is hill, to Your ho - ly The glo - ry of Your God's tri - une name re now, shall ev - er be.

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POST COMMUNION COLLECT

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.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- 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.

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" **HYMN** LSB 655 1 Lord, keep us stead - fast Your Word: Curb in those who 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known. For You are 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and sword Would wrest the king-dom from Your bv de - ceit or Lord of ho - ly Church that lords a lone: De fend Your u ni - ty earth; Sup - port in fi - nal on us our



Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"The Church's One Foundation"

arr. S. Scott

Special Musicians

Merna Ahlemeyer, recorder Susan Messersmith, trumpet

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