



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES
Babbtown (Meta 8 am)
Schubert (Jefferson City 10 am)

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The 7th Sunday After Pentecost
July 27, 2025

Order of Worship: Printed below
 (with P for Pastor, C for Congregation)
 or

found on page 15 in The Lutheran Hymnal *TLH*



The Ringing Of The Bell – Prelude – Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn: TLH #224 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! Be all Thy graces now out-poured
On each believer's mind and heart; Thy fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Thy light Thou in the faith dost men unite
Of ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Thou Holy Light, Guide Divine, Oh cause the Word of Life to shine!
Teach us to know our God aright And call Him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free; Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide, In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Thou holy Fire, Comfort true, Grant us the will Thy work to do
And in Thy service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Thy pow'r prepare each heart And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend Through life and death to Thee, our Lord, ascend.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

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Invocation: p. 15 [*Responses Sung*]

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father,
 beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
 Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins p. 16

ALL: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution p. 16

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen.**

Introit

Gloria Patri: p.16 *[Sung]*

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: p.17 *[Sung]*

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis: p. 17-19 *[Sung]*

C: **Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Salutation and Collect: p.19

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit!**

(Prayed together): **O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Response: *[Sung]* Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:20-33

Then the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 2:6-15

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

The Gradual *(The congregation responds with "Halleluiahs!")*

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...

C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And he said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'" And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Nicene Creed p. 22

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn: TLH #409 "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Flee the world, which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in His footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus, To His image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap with heav'nly joy;
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with Thee; There, oh, share Thy joy with me!**

**Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee There to live eternally.**

**Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since He's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, Thou art now our Head,
We are truly Thine own members; Where Thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to Thee, Also there eternally. Amen.**

The Sermon – Text: Luke 11:1-13

(The Offerings are brought forward. Offering plates are at the entrances.)

Offertory p. 22 *[Sung]*

C: 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.

Prayers

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

[We invite those who are communicant members of sister Lutheran Congregations, in the fellowship of LC-MS, and are repentant, to commune with us.]

The Preface: p. 24 *[Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus: p. 26 *[Sung]*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer: p. 27

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;

[Sung] **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution:

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."

The Pax Domini: p. 27

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

The Agnus Dei: p. 28 *[Sung]*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace.

A - - - men.

The Distribution

Distribution Hymns: TLH #458 "Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above"

Our Father, Thou in heav'n above, Who biddest us to dwell in love,
As brethren of one family, And cry in ev'ry need to Thee,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say, And from our inmost heart to pray.

Thy name be hallowed. Help us, Lord, In purity to keep Thy Word,
That to the glory of Thy name We walk before Thee free from blame.
Let no false doctrine us pervert; All poor, deluded souls convert.

Thy kingdom come. Thine let it be In time and in eternity.
Let Thy good Spirit e'er be nigh Our hearts with graces to supply.
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat His rage; Preserve Thy Church from age to age.

Thy gracious will on earth be done As 'tis in heaven before Thy throne;
Obedience in our weal and woe And patience in all grief bestow.
Curb flesh and blood and every ill That sets itself against Thy will.

Give us this day our daily bread And let us all be clothed and fed.
From war and strife be our Defense, From famine and from pestilence,
That we may live in godly peace, Free from all care and avarice.

Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, Remove from us their burden sore,
As we their trespasses forgive Who by offenses us do grieve.
Thus let us dwell in charity And serve our brother willingly.

Into temptations lead us not, When evil foes against us plot
And vex our souls on every hand, Oh, give us strength that we may stand
Firm in the faith, a well-armed host, Through comfort of the Holy Ghost!

From evil, Lord, deliver us; The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death, And when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release, And take our souls to Thee in peace.

Amen, that is, So shall it be. Confirm our faith and hope in Thee
That we may doubt not, but believe What here we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Thy name and at Thy Word We say: Amen. Oh, hear us, Lord! Amen.

TLH #447 "Fight the Good Fight, With All Thy Might"

**Fight the good fight With all thy might; Christ is thy Strength and Christ thy Right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race Thro' God's good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the Path and Christ the Prize.**

**Cast care aside; Upon thy Guide Lean, and His mercy will provide;
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is its Life and Christ its Love.**

**Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is All in all to thee. Amen.**

The Nunc Dimittus: p. 29 [Sung]

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:
which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Thanksgiving: p. 30

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: [Sung] **And His mercy endureth forever.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer: pp, 30-31

P: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith towards You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C: [Sung] **A- - - - men.**

The Benedicamus: p. 31

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [Sung] **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: [Sung] **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction: p. 31

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: [Sung] **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn: TLH #444 "Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"

Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you, O Christians, lest the Foe destroy you,
For Satan has designed your fall. Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious!
Against each foe you'll be victorious; Our God will set you o'er them all.
Is Satan strong and fell? Here is Immanuel. Sing hosanna!
The strong ones yield, With Christ our Shield, And we as conqueror's hold the field.

Cast afar this world's vain pleasures, Aye, boldly fight for heavenly treasures,
And steadfast be in Jesus' might. He will help, whate'er betide you,
And naught will harm with Christ beside you; By faith you'll conquer in the fight.
Then shame, thou weary soul! Look forward to the goal: There joy waits thee.
The race, then, run; The combat done, Thy crown of glory will be won.

Wisely fight, for time is fleeting, The hours of grace are fast retreating;
Short, short, is this our earthly way. Then the trump the dead is waking
And sinners all with fear are quaking, With joy the saints will greet that Day.
Bless God, our triumph's sure, Though long we did endure Scorn and trial.
Thou, Son of God, To Thine abode Wilt lead the way Thyself hast trod.

Jesus, all Thy children cherish And keep them that they never perish
Whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood. Let new life to us be given
That we may look to Thee in heaven Whenever fearful is our mood.
Thy spirit on us pour That we may love Thee more-- Hearts o'erflowing;
And then will we Be true to Thee In death and life eternally. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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Hymn #224: Scripture: Acts 2:4; Komm Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott; Come, Holy Ghost, God And Lord; Author: Martin Luther (1524); Translation: Composite; Tune: Komm Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott; Source: 15th Century Melody.

Hymn #409: John 11:16; Lasset un smit Jesu ziehen; Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus; Author: Sigismund von Birken (1653); Translator: J. Adam Bimbach (1900); Tune: Lasset un smit Jesu Ziehen; Composer: Georg G. Boltze (1788).

Hymn #458: Scripture: Matthew 6:9ff; German: Vatter unser im Himmelreich; Our Father, Thou In Heaven Above; Author: Martin Luther (1539); Tune: Vater unser; Source: "Geistliche Lieder" Leipzig, 1539.

Hymn # 447: Scripture: Matthew 26:41; Mach dich, mein Geist, bereit; Fight The Good Fight With All Thy Might; Author: Johann B. Freystein (1697, cento); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863, alt.); Tune: Straf Mich nicht; Source: "Hundert Arien" Dresden, 1694.

Hymn # 444: Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18; Ruestet euch, ihr Christenleute; Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You; Author: Wilhelm E. Arends (1714); Translator: John M. Sloan (1865); Tune: Wachet auf; Composer: Philipp Nicolai (1599).

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