



## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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Words in **bold** are said together.

*Welcome*

*Welcome Song - Here I am to Worship*

1. Light of the world You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You hope of a life spent with you.

*Refrain:* So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days, oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came to the earth you created all for love's sake became poor. (*Refrain*)

*Bridge:* And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.  
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*Confession and Forgiveness*

*Leader:* Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever. **C: Amen.**

*L:* Let us confess our sin to God. (*pour water into font/silence for reflection*)

*L:* Compassionate God, **C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*L:* Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **C: Amen.**

*Prayer of the Day*

**Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Gathering Song – God of Wonders (lyrics on screen)*

*Scripture Readings*

Isaiah 55:10-13 p. 598

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come

up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65:9-13 p. 459

<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

**<sup>10</sup> You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

**<sup>12</sup> The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy; <sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.**

Romans 8:1-11 p. 918

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit, <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 102, setting 1*

The holy Gospel according to *Matthew*. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 p. 794

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> If you have ears, hear!" <sup>18</sup> "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown

among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

*Sermon*

David Ingram

*Song of the Day– Lord, Reign in Me*

Over all the earth, You reign on high, every mountain stream, every sunset sky  
but my one request, Lord my only aim is that You'd reign in me again

*Refrain:* Lord reign in me, reign in Your power over all my dreams, in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord, of all I am so won't You reign in me again?

Over every thought, over every word may my life reflect, the beauty of my Lord  
you mean more to me than any earthly thing so won't You reign in me again? *Refrain*

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but my one request, Lord my only aim is that You'd reign in me again

Lord reign in me, reign in Your power over all my dreams, in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord, of all I am so won't You reign in me again,  
won't You reign in me again, won't you reign in me again.

*Apostle's 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 God's People*

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.*

*Offering*

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*Offering Song – Thank You (lyrics on screen)*

## *Offering Prayer*

**Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving p. 107*

*Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108*

*Christ's Words of Institution*

*Invitation to Communion (and Communion)*

*L: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!*

## *The Lord's Prayer*

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## *Announcements [intro by asst min]*

- Tomorrow – Council Meeting
- Coming up: Sept 13 GWOH Sunday

## *Closing Song – You are My All in All*

1. You are my strength when I am weak, you are the treasure that I seek,  
You are my all in all.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all.

*Refrain:* Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name, Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again, I bless Your name,  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down, You pick me up, when I am dry, You fill my cup,  
You are my all in all. (*Refrain x2*)

## *Blessing*

*L: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. C: Amen.*

## *Dismissal*

*L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! C: Thanks be to God.*

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