



7th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Worship! Words in **bold** are said together.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Congregation: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (silence for reflection)
Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

L: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. C: Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Gathering Song – Lord, Reign in Me (lyrics display on screen)

1. 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

2. 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)

Repeat verse 1 and refrain.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!

Scripture Readings

Genesis 18:20-32 p. 12

²⁰Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous 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?" ²⁶And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose 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." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

Psalms 138 p. 503

¹I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

³On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Colossians 2:6-19 p. 957

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision

of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,
¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

Luke 11:1-13 p. 845

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If 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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message and Sermon

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Song of the Day – Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns: unending love, amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below will be forever mine. *Refrain x2.*

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.**

Offering

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◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the instructions. Giving is secure!



Offering Song – Once Again

1. Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice; You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life
And I'm in that place once again, I'm in that place once again.

Refrain: Once again I look upon the cross where You died.

I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.

Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life. (*2nd time, sing twice*)

2. Now You are exalted to the highest place, king of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But for now, I marvel at Your saving grace
And I'm full of praise once again, I'm full of praise once again. *Refrain.*

End: Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross,

Thank You for the cross, my friend. Thank You for the cross,

Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross, my Friend. (*sing twice*)

Offering Prayer

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

L: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

The Lord's Prayer

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

- Tomorrow night: 6:30pm Potluck & 7pm Evening Bible Study
- **NEW!** A Prayer Board: Write your prayer request on a card, we will add it to the board. Others can offer a prayer for you, then place a magnet next to your request. Add a prayer, add a magnet!
- Coming up: 7-31 Special Congregational Mtg; July 31-Aug 7 Helping Alaska Tanana Valley fair booth; 8-7 Love Cruise; 9-11 Rally Sunday/God's Work Our Hands
- If your child hasn't had confirmation, contact the office or Allen Griswold to sign them up for classes

Sending Song – You Never Let Go

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear.
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back I know You are near.
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me,
and if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Refrain: Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go, in every high and every low.
Oh no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare.
And there will be an end to these troubles but until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the earth.
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me,
and if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear? *Refrain.*

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on.
And there will be an end to these troubles,
but until that day comes, still I will praise You, still I will praise You! *Refrain.*

Final: Lord, You never let go of me.

Blessing and Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor. C: Thanks be to God.

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