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*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

NOW THE FEAST & CELEBRATION

EUCARIST WORSHIP

JULY 28, 2019 ♦ 10:00 AM

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In the long, difficult path of persevering in faith, sometimes it can seem as if God is distant from our everyday problems, not responding to our prayers. This is a common experience faced by the people of God. Today's Readings work together to encourage us as we travel the arduous path of following Jesus. Abraham pleads with God on behalf of mercy for the righteous people in the city of Sodom. Will God spare the city for 50 righteous people? 45? 30? 20? 10? The Lord God hears Moses' pleas and agrees that He will spare the city if even 10 righteous people dwell there. Lot and his family were delivered from Sodom. Moses asked, he sought, he knocked. And God answered. Jesus encourages us to ask, to seek, to knock. Jesus promises that those who ask, receive; those who seek, find; and to those who knock a door will be opened. This doesn't mean that the answers will always be what we want or that bad things will not happen to us. It does mean that no matter the circumstance, God is there with mercy. Rooted and built up in Jesus, and established in this faith, we are led by God to abound in thanksgiving and to continue to walk in Jesus no matter the circumstances of life.

## *Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

We are thankful that you have come to worship the Lord with us today. We pray you will return soon.

### *Holy Communion is...*

† The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ received "in, with, and under" the bread and wine for God's People. *Matthew 26:26, 28*

† Coming to the table believing the words "given and shed FOR YOU."

Preparation might involve three questions:

Do I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Am I sorry for my sins?

Am I ready to lead a new life?

† God's grace in "forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation."

*Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 6:8-9; Romans 8:31-32*

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### *Nursery*

A nursery is available during the service on the carpet at the back of the sanctuary seating on the organ side. The ushers will be happy to direct you to our staffed nursery in Room 104A if you desire.

*Please* turn off all electronic devices during our worship together, so that we can give glory to God without distraction.

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### WELCOME

### THE PRELUDE

### THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Stand)*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**P** If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **We confess to You that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In Your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by Your Spirit that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

**P** With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Our Father, Who from Heav'n Above* LSB 766 vss. 1-4

### THE GREETING

**P** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

# THE KYRIE

**P** **Leader**

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Assembly**

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

**P**

For the reign of God, and for

**C**

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

**P**

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

**C**

**P**

Lord. For your

**C**

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

**C**

**P** word, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

**P** Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

**C** mer - cy. A - men.

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great  
peo - ple of God.

*To refrain*

## Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *To refrain*

## Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *To refrain*

## THE SALUTATION

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken Together)*

**P** Let us pray

**C** **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. Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING *(Sit)*

Genesis 18:17–33

<sup>17</sup>The Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup>seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” <sup>20</sup>Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>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.”

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>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? <sup>25</sup>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?” <sup>26</sup>And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>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.” <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” <sup>30</sup>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.” <sup>31</sup>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.” <sup>32</sup>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.” <sup>33</sup>And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



## THE PSALM

## Psalm 138



- 1 I give you thanks, O LORD, with | my whole heart;\*  
before the gods I | sing your praise;
- 2 **I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your  
steadfast love and your | faithfulness,\*  
for you have exalted above all things your name | and your word.**
- 3 On the day I called, you | answered me;\*  
my strength of soul | you increased.
- 4 **All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, | O LORD,\*  
for they have heard the words | of your mouth,**
- 5 and they shall sing of the ways | of the LORD,\*  
for great is the glory | of the LORD.
- 6 **For though the LORD is high, he regards the | lowly,\*  
but the haughty he knows | from afar.**
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- | serve my life;\*  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand  
de- | livers me.
- 8 **The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;\*  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work | of your hands.**
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## THE EPISTLE

Colossians 2:6–19

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. <sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions

of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL VERSE *(Stand)*

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>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.” <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread, <sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup>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?’ <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks

finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>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!"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



LET THE CHILDREN COME *(Sit)*

Pastor Timothy Boerger

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

LSB 770

THE SERMON

Pastor Timothy Boerger

APOSTLES' CREED *(Stand)*

**C** **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.**

THE PRAYERS

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE *God's People Greet One Another In The Name Of The Lord*

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

**C** **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING (Sit) *Please sign the Attendance Pad found in the pew near the aisle.  
Please legibly sign your prayer requests.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

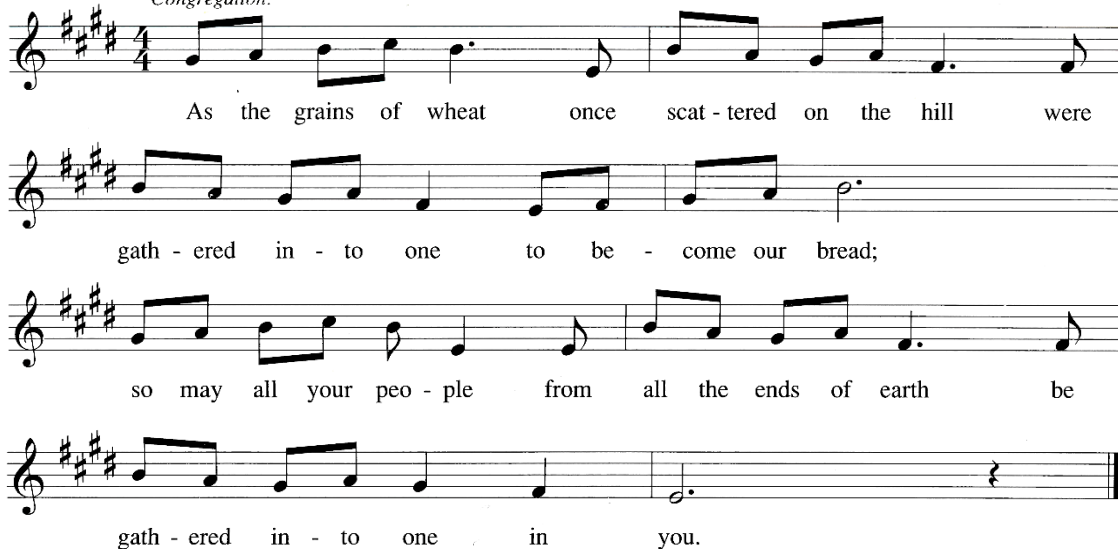
*soloist, Dawn McCann*

## THE OFFERTORY (Stand)

*As the Grains of Wheat*

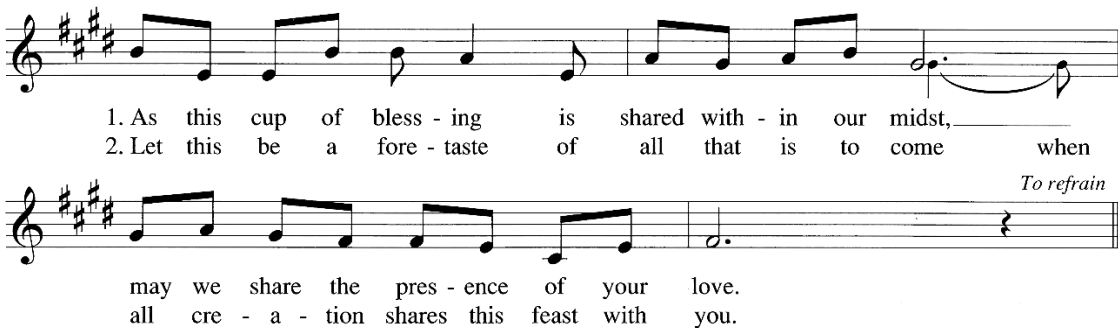
Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were  
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*To refrain*

## THE OFFERING PRAYER *(Spoken Together)*

- C** Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to You. We joyfully release what You have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to You, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. The lyrics are distributed across six staves. The score is divided into sections for the Presider and the Congregation. The Presider's parts are marked with 'Presider:' and the Congregation's parts with 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.'

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. And al - so with  
*Congregation:*  
*Presider:* you. Lift up your hearts. We  
*Congregation:*  
*Presider:* lift them to the Lord. Let us give  
*Congregation:* thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
right to give God thanks and praise.

## THE PREFACE

- P** It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS *(Sung together)*

*Congregation:*

The musical score for 'The Sanctus' is written for a congregation. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!'. The music features various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some measures containing rests. The final measure of the fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.



## LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of the

*Congregation:*

world:      have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,

*Final time Cong. or assistant:*

mer - cy on us.      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:      grant us peace,

grant us peace,      grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION *(Continuous)*

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN      *Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord*      LSB 771

## THE COMMUNION DISMISSAL *(Stand)*

**P** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

**C** Amen.



# THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(Stand)*

*Congregation:*

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Most gracious and generous God,  
You open Your hand and feed those who hunger.  
Grant us faith to trust Your wise providing,  
courage to share our bread,  
and grace to pour out our lives in service to others  
as Christ poured out himself to us.  
Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

**P** May God bless us and keep us.  
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.  
May God look on us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

**C** **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN     *Our Father, Who from Heav'n Above*     LSB 766 vss 5-9

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE SENDING

**P** Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

