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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



God Give Us Life - Ray Makeever Liturgy
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ELW # 533

* 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.

* Invocation / Make a Joyful Noise

A: In the name of God the Creator of the world,
in the name of Christ the Son,
in the name of the Holy Spirit,.

C: Amen. Amen.

Refrain: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord.**
Enter in with singing.
Join the festival of Love.
Alleluias ringing.

A: Born of the water we recall
Death defeated, Life for all.
In the body of the risen Son
Welcome everyone.

C: *Refrain:* **Make a joyful noise to the Lord...**

* God of Love, Have Mercy

A: Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above let us pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all people, pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy. God of love have mercy.

A: For the people of God and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious God.

C: Amen.

* Glory to God

*Refrain: (***Women): Glory to God**
(Men): Glory to God
(All): Glory to God in the highest:
Glory, glory, glory to God above.
Glory to God in the highest:
Glory, glory, glory to the God of Love.

A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are God's.

Refrain: **Glory to God…**

A: Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor, glory and praise be to God and the Lamb forever and ever.

Refrain: **Glory to God…**

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 55:10-13*

L: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 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 shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
12 "For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *65*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 65.

1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.

2 **O you who hear prayer,**
to you shall all flesh come.

[3] When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.
[4] **Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,**
to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!
[5] By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas;
[6] **the one who by his strength established the mountains,**
being girded with might;
[7] who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,
[8] **so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth**
are in awe at your signs.
You make the going out of the morning and the evening
to shout for joy.
[9] You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.
[10] **You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,**
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
[11] You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.
[12] **The pastures of the wilderness overflow,**
the hills gird themselves with joy,
[13] the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy. *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Romans 8:1-11*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. [3] 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 as a sin offering, he condemned sin in the flesh, [4] in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. [5] 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. [6] For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. [7] For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. [8] Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

[9] You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. [10] But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. [11] If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel: *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
have we all received grace upon grace,
peace upon peace.

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.
[2] And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and
sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. [3] And he told them
many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. [4] And as he
sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and de-
voured them. [5] Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not
have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no
depth of soil, [6] but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since
they had no root, they withered away. [7] Other seeds fell among thorns,
and the thorns grew up and choked them. [8] Other seeds fell on good
soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. [9]
He who has ears, let him hear.”

[18] “Hear then the parable of the sower: [19] When anyone hears the word
of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and
snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown
along the path. [20] As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one
who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, [21] yet he has
no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or per-
secution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. [22] As
for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word,
but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the
word, and it proves unfruitful. [23] As for what was sown on good soil, this
is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit
and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another
thirty.” *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
have we all received grace upon grace,
peace upon peace.

Reflection

Sermon Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***For the Fruit of All Creation*** **ELW # 679**

*** Nicene Creed**

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

Prayers of Intercession

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us :

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.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Freitag, Sherry Freitag, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz, Amy and Leta Tolke.

Blessing

P: 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,

In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* ELW # 547

* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

Men's Group

Saturday July 25th at 4:30pm

Hannah Circle

August 2nd

After Worship Service, Sheila Keene will be Bible Study Leader.

Friendship Club

Thursday, August 13th

12:30pm Potluck, 1:00pm Entertainment provided by Jeff DeLay Family.

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

August13th at 6:30pm

Le-Win Food Pantry

Good Shepherd will be at the Le-Win Food Pantry August 22nd, from 8:20am-11:30am. Needs are high and we are looking for volunteers for

Attendance - June 28th

In-person 28, Online - 222