

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

2695 S. Franklin St., Denver, Colorado 80210

303-722-1424 / email:marcella@christlutherandenver.org

www.christlutherandenver.org

www.christlutheraneccl.org



MISSION STATEMENT:

*In response to God's love for us, we **SERVE** God,
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,
And **SPREAD** the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

Volume 76

July 19, 2020

No. 29

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AS WE GATHER – *We are among the many who have struggled to believe in a world where it seems our enemies triumph and our own wills fail us. But the promises of God are not only for the present. They point us to that which is to come. To know the Lord is to know His promises without having seen them fulfilled. Gathering around His Word and Table, we meet those promises. His voice speaks of what will be, and in the flesh and blood of Christ, we taste the future that will come by His power and promise. To know the Lord in this way is to enjoy comfort in trial and to have hope that will endure the tests that come.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Aria”

by J. S. Bach

WELCOME

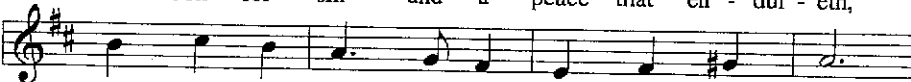
♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

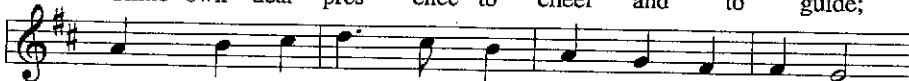
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



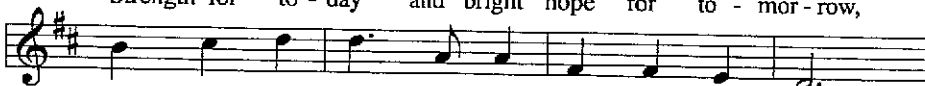
1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!
 Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;
 All I have need-ed Thy hand hath pro-vid-ed;
 Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Public domain

INVOCATION

P *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P *Give ear, O Lord, to the prayers of Your people, and listen to their cry for mercy.*

C You, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

[Silence for self-examination]

P *Lord of mercy,*

C we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and an abundance of mercy. We are poor sinners whose thoughts, words, and deeds betray our weakness and death. You, O Lord, are gracious and merciful and, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, You have saved us by His blood. Give to us true repentance that we know Your forgiveness and the comfort of a clear conscience. Give us also hearts made new by Your grace, that we love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves and, by Your Holy Spirit, do what is pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made the children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** Amen.

P *May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.* **C** And also with you.

INTROIT

Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

P *Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;*

C listen to my plea for grace.

P *Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;*

C unite my heart to fear your name.

P *I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,*

C and I will glorify your name forever.

- P** *For great is your steadfast love toward me;*
C **you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**
P *O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,*
C **and they do not set you before them.**
P *But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,*
C **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P** *Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;*
C **listen to my plea for grace.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
C **And with thy spirit.**
P *Let us pray.*

C **O steadfast Lord, You are the great I AM whose promises never fail us and in whom alone salvation is to be found. Grant to us hearts to trust in Your mercy and courage in the face of doubt and fear that we not surrender hope to darkness and faith to unbelief; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 44:6–8

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Word of the Lord.* **C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:18–27

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Word of the Lord.* **C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Matthew 13:35b

All: Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.*

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.* **C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy Spirit, Light Divine



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
 2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

Public domain

SERMON

“GROANING IN HOPE”

Romans 8:18-27

- I. We, like all creation, are groaning under the weight of sin.
- II. But we live in the hope of salvation, “as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”

♪ NICENE CREED

☐ 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 and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- ☐** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, You have been the refuge and strength of Your people from generation to generation. Give to us the comfort of Your presence in time of trouble, Your grace to forgive our sins, and Your peace to govern our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **☑** hear our prayer.
- ☐** Lord, Your power holds all things together, in heaven and on earth. Give wisdom to those who lead our nation and guidance to those who make, administer, and judge our laws, so that life be protected and justice administered. Lord, in Your mercy, **☑** hear our prayer.
- ☐** Lord, Your Church lives by the grace You bestow through Word and Sacrament. Bless the pastors who preach to us this Gospel and the church workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **☑** hear our prayer.
- ☐** Lord, Your mercy extends to all our needs and Your grace gives healing according to Your will. Hear us on behalf of [names...], and all who stand in need. Grant to them grace sufficient for all their needs and sustain them in the hour of trial. Lord, in Your mercy, **☑** hear our prayer.
- ☐** Lord, You have granted us a place at the Table of Your Son. Help us to receive His body and blood with repentance and faith and to keep in holy lives the precious gift we will receive upon our lips. Lord, in Your mercy, **☑** hear our prayer.

P *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.* **C** **Amen.**

PREFACE

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 meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P *O Lord Jesus Christ, 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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

INTERLUDE

"O Jesus Christ, True Lamb of God"

SOLO SELECTION

"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P *Let us pray. Gracious God, You have delivered Your people from all their enemies and redeemed us from all our enemies. Grant us grace that we not fear but live in peace, resting our past, present, and future on the strength of Your love and the hope of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

P *Bless we the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.*

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P *Go in peace as you serve the Lord.*

C Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN

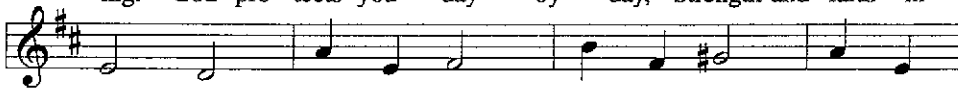
Rise, My Soul, To Watch and Pray



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
4 Watch a - gainst your-self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
5 But while watch-ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

Public domain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: *Marisa Showalter*]

POSTLUDE

"With Sounds of Joy"

by Carl Simone

From *Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish*, Series A, Quarter 3.
Copyright © 2020 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.