

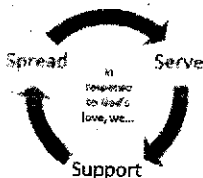
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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship –9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *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.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"An Irish Blessing"

by Brian Glycannon

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♯Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

Praise the Almighty

LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulf its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5. Praise, all you people, the name so holy
 Of Him who does such wondrous things!
 All that has being, to praise Him solely,
 With happy heart its amen sings.
 Children of God, with angel host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
 Alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the \div Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C **Amen.**
P *As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him.*
C **We have been buried with Christ in Baptism and raised with Him through faith in the awesome power of God.**
P *As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him.*
C **We were once dead in our trespasses. God made us alive together with Christ.**
P *As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him.*
C **The debt of our sins has been paid by the sacrifice of Jesus.**
P *As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him.*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P *Gathered together as God's people in Christ, rooted and established in the faith, we confess our sins to God and to one another.*

[A time of silence is observed.]

P *We have sinned against You, O God, in thought, word, and deed.*

C **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

P *We have not loved You with our whole heart.*

C **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

P *We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

C **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

P *We owe You a debt of sin that none can pay.*

C **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

P *When we were dead in our trespasses, God blotted out our debt of sin, nailing it to the cross. Having forgiven all of our trespasses, God has made us alive together with Christ. 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.**

INTROIT

Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15

P *Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.*

C **With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord! I will keep Your statutes.**

P *I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.*

C **I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your words.**

P *My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.*

C **Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love; O Lord, according to Your justice give me life.**

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 *Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.*

C **With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord! I will keep Your statutes.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

Psalter, 1912

THE SOLID ROCK
William B. Bradbury, 1816–68

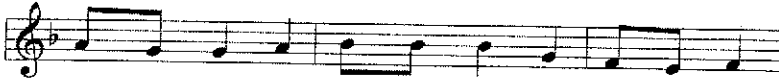


1	With	grate - ful	heart	my	thanks	I	bring;	Be -	
2	I	cried	to	You,	and	You	did	save;	Your
3	O	Lord,	en - throned	in	glo - ry	bright,	You		
4	You	will	stretch	forth	Your	might - y	arm	To	

(continued)



fore the "gods" Your praise I sing. I wor - ship in Your
word of grace new cour - age gave. The kings of earth shall
reign a - lone in heav'n-ly height; The proud in vain Your
save me when my foes a - larm. The work You have for



ho - ly place And praise You for Your truth and grace;
thank You, Lord, For they have heard Your won-drous word;
fa - vor seek, But You have mer - cy for the meek.
me be - gun Shall by Your grace be ful - ly done.



For truth and grace to - geth - er shine In
Yes, they shall come with songs of praise For
Through trou - ble though my path - way be, You
Your love for - ev - er will en - dure; Your



Your most ho - ly Word di - vine, In
great and glo - rious are Your ways, For
will re - vive and strength - en me, You
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: Lord Jesus, You invite us to ask, to seek, to knock. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, lead us to turn to You in all things, that we live as those who have received forgiveness in You, the source of all truth, having opened our lives to Your grace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Genesis 18:20–33

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Colossians 2:6–15

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Luke 11:9

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:1–13

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

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

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

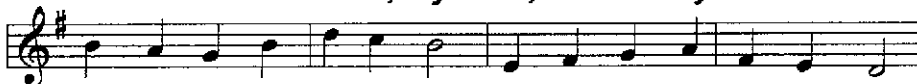
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

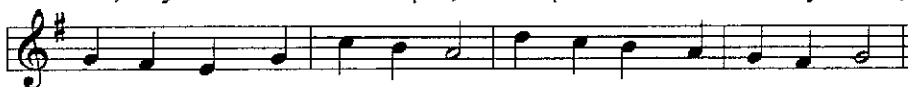
HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, My Soul, With Every Care

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1 Come, my soul, with ev-'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;
2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;
3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;
4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.
There Thy blood - bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

6. Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

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SERMON

"EVERYONE'S A PHILOSOPHER"

Colossians 2:6-15

- I. Like the ancient Colossians, we are surrounded by human philosophies that contradict God's Word.
- II. Like the ancient Colossians, God continues to root us in Christ and builds us up in the faith.

♪ APOSTLE'S CREED

- ☐** 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 there 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.

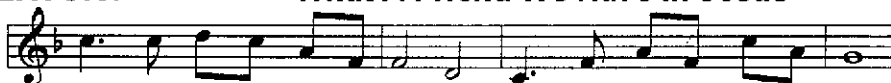
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"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

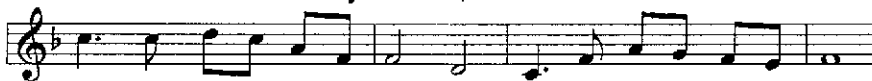
♪ OFFERTORY

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

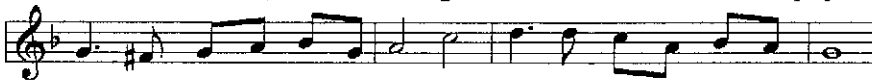
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- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Mackinzie Egan

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- ☐** Our Lord Jesus invites to ask, and we shall receive; to seek, and we will find; and to knock, and the door will be opened. So, we bring prayer for the Church, the world, and ourselves before almighty God, trusting in the promise of our Lord. For the Church, that rooted and built up in Christ and established in faith, we abound in thanksgiving by offering our lives as instruments of serving the lost and the least of this world. For our Synod—our president, district presidents, pastors, teachers, and all servants of the Church, that we not become puffed up with pride or be made timid by our weaknesses, but instead together hold fast to our Head, the Lord Jesus:
- ☐** Lord, hear our prayer.

P For this nation in which we live, in thanksgiving for the abundance of life and freedom that we enjoy; for the president and Congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, and serve not themselves, but chiefly those who are cast down; that this nation so divided along political lines would repent of our hatred of those who differ from us and, based on our one common humanity, discuss our differences with reason and kindness:

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness—that they receive mercy and healing according to God's will, that they find peace in the love of Jesus, and that their hearts may be opened to receive the love of Christ. [Special petitions.] For those harmed by natural or man-made disasters, that they experience renewal through those who donate and do relief work.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P For this congregation, that, having been buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with Him to new life, we find ways to connect with people in our community in order to share the amazing treasure of the love of Christ:

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P In faith we entrust our prayers to You, heavenly Father. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

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.

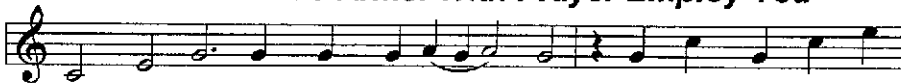
BENEDICTION

P You have been buried and raised with Christ in Baptism. Your sins have been forgiven by the cross of Jesus. Your debt has been paid in full. Alive in Christ, go out into the world asking, seeking, knocking. 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.

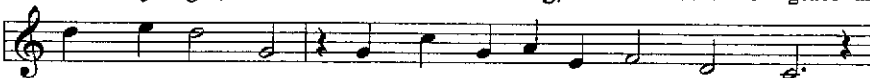
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You*

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1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em-ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the
2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure And bold - ly strive for
3 Wise - ly fight, for time is fleet - ing; The hours of grace are



foe de-destroy you; For Sa - tan has de-signed your fall.
heav'n-ly trea - sure. Be stead-fast in the Sav - ior's might.
fast re - treat - ing; Short, short is this our earth - ly way.

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Wield God's Word, the weap - on glo - rious; A - gainst all foes be
 Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, For Je - sus from all
 When the Lord the dead will wak - en And sin - ners all by

thus vic - to - rious, For God pro - tects you from them all.
 harm will hide you. By faith you con - quer in the fight.
 fear are shak - en, The saints with joy will greet that day.

Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Em - man - u - el.
 Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!
 Praise God, our tri - umph's sure. We need not long en - dure

Hail the Sav - ior! The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,
 Joy a - waits you. The race well run, Your long war won,
 Scorn and tri - al. Our Sav - ior King His own will bring

And we, the vic - tors, hold the field.
 Your crown shines splen - did as the sun.
 To that great glo - ry which we sing.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[BIRTHDAY: Carolyn Harder]

POSTLUDE

"March Movement"

by Ira B. Wilson

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am

August 4: "Live Life, Traveling Well"; Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

August Archives: God's Word guides us along life's journey, where Christ is the Way and heaven our destination. We revisit a classic message from former Speaker, Dr. Gregory Seltz. (1 Peter 1:17-25)