

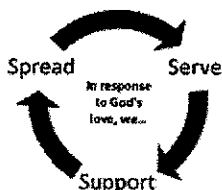
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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship –9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *In today's Gospel, it looks like the end of the story when John the Baptist is executed. But he was but the forerunner for Jesus, the promised Messiah. Appearances were certainly deceiving! That was the case with Amos, a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs when the Lord called him. He did not look like a prophet, but he stood up to Amaziah and Jeroboam in a long line of faithful prophets. Sometimes Satan uses appearances to deceive us, but the Epistle reminds us that God had predestined us to be with Him forever—even before He began creation! Although others might not recognize it, the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

by Max Reger

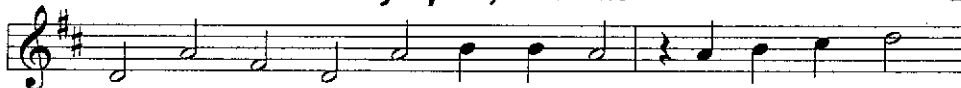
WELCOME

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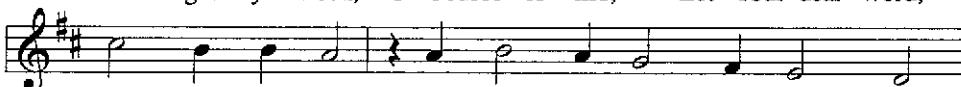
♩OPENING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

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1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love

(continued)

us bright-ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
 and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.

That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
 Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
 Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er

Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
 And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
 Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Psalm 85:1-13

- P** *Today's psalm has two parts. The first is the plea of the psalmist to God, and the second is his announcement of God's promised salvation. We now use Psalm 85 as we confess our sins and hear God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake. LORD, You were favorable to Your land;*
- C** You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
P You forgave the iniquity of Your people;
C You covered all their sin.
P You withdrew all Your wrath;
C You turned from Your hot anger.
P Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
C and put away Your indignation toward us!
P Will You be angry with us forever?
C Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
P Will You not revive us again,
C that Your people may rejoice in You?
P Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
C and grant us Your salvation. We confess, Lord our God, that we have listened to the voices of Satan, the world, and our own desires. We have not loved You with all that we are and have, and we have not considered our neighbors' needs as important as our own. We can only throw ourselves on the mercy of Your gracious court and ask for forgiveness, that we may amend our sinful ways.
- P** *Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;*
C but let them not turn back to folly.
P Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
C that glory may dwell in our land.

- P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
C righteousness and peace kiss each other.
P Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
C and righteousness looks down from the sky.
P Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
C and our land will yield its increase.
P Righteousness will go before Him
C and make His footsteps a way.
P The steadfast love and faithfulness of our God are endless. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for all our sins, God declares us to be His own children and has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \div Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Thanks be to God. Amen.

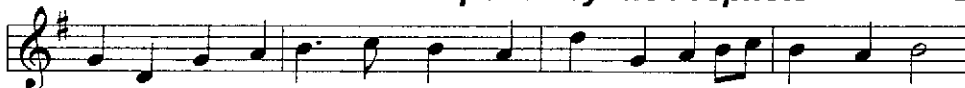
KYRIE

- P** In peace, "holy and blameless before Him," let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P For peace from God's blessing us in Christ, choosing "us in Him before the foundation of the world," let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P For the peace of the whole world, in which all things work "according to the counsel of His will," let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P For this holy house and all places where people hear "the word of truth, the gospel of Your salvation," let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord, until we acquire possession of our inheritance. **G** Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

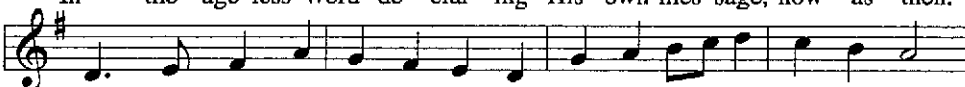
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- 1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.
 Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
 In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.

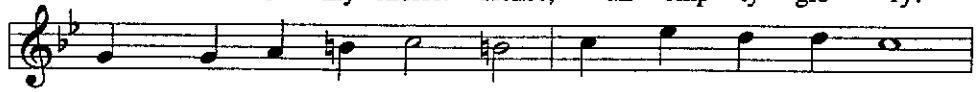


In the world's de - spair and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:
 Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;
 Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;

(continued)



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5. Evil world, I leave thee;
 Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
 Sin that once did blind me,
 Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
 Leave thee now forever.

6. Hence, all fear and sadness!
 For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
 Those who love the Father,
 Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er
 I here must bear,
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

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SERMON

"A POWERFUL MEMORY"

Mark 6:14-29

- I. Like Herod Antipas, a guilty conscience can haunt us for years.
- II. Jesus atones for all our sin—past, present and future.

☪ 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.

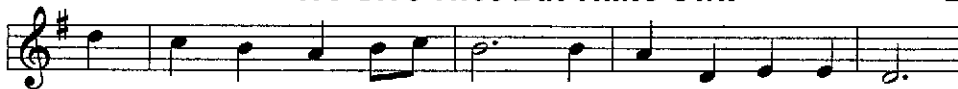
OFFERING / DUET SELECTION

"I Am Thine, Lord"

OFFERTORY

We Give Thee But Thine Own

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1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive
3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!
And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.
To tend the lone and fa - ther-less Is an - gels' work be - low.

5. The captive to release,
 To God the lost to bring,
 To teach the way of life and peace;
 It is a Christ-like thing.
6. And we believe Thy Word,
 Though dim our faith may be:
 Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
 We do it unto Thee.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us go to God in prayer for the Church around the world, the nations of this earth, and all who call to Him in their various needs. Our Father in heaven, uphold and strengthen all families on the earth. Guide parents to teach their children all that You have done and promised. Grant Your blessing wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** When the world seems to be winning and Your holy name is used without thought, put a strong confession on the lips of church leaders everywhere. Grant that they are used so that the reality of Your power and grace shine forth to dispel fear and to bring many to faith in our Savior. Lord, in your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- P** Extend Your kingdom, O Lord, through mission efforts around the world. Open voices to speak Your word of judgment and grace, and open ears to hear Your invitation to turn and be saved. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- P** Raise up, we pray, leaders at all levels of government who will order society according to Your will. Strengthen those who protect at home and those who defend abroad so that our nation and all others find peaceful solutions to chaos and conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Hear the prayers of the poor, so that their daily needs of food, clothing, and shelter be available to them. Bless all who grow and distribute crops, all who seek to alleviate pain and suffering, and all who fund and build decent housing. Listen especially to those whose needs we know, [including . . .]. Give them the healing, comfort, and hope that fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

- P** *You have graciously forgiven us for Jesus' sake; open doors of opportunity for this congregation to be a welcoming place for people burdened with their past. Grant us to tell them what You have to say to them—words of forgiveness, peace, and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your grace for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- 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** *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.**

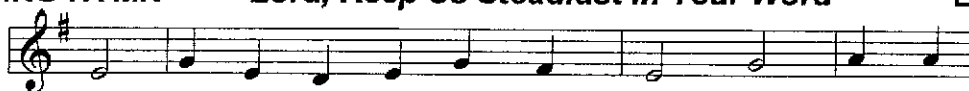
DISMISSAL

- P** *Go in peace! Serve the Lord!*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

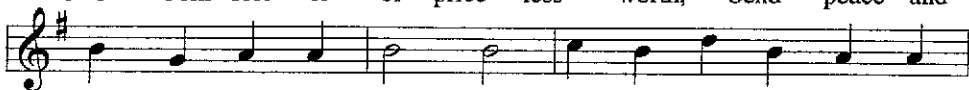
CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

"Living for Jesus"

by Gerald Peterson

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

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 Elder on Duty Doug Harder
 Greeter Kristen Hatton
 Lay Reader..... Al Axford
 Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
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