

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27 & 28, 2019

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



## AS WE GATHER

“Your debt has been paid in full” are words that bring relief and a sense of restored wholeness, especially if financial debt has caused anxiety or relationship problems. Whether it’s a car loan, credit card debt, or a thirty-year mortgage, completing debt payments brings relief and renewal. Paul tells us that the debt of justice we owe to God for all of our sins is paid in full, not by our efforts or goodness, but by Jesus’ payment for that most enormous of all debts for us on the cross. What better reason could there be to “walk in Jesus” than that He has forgiven all the debt of sin we owe? Relief! Renewal!

## PRELUDE

*Organ*

**RINGING OF THE BELLS** - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



**WELCOME**

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**OPENING HYMN** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*LSB 793*

**Praise my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.**

**Fatherlike He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, All who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

*(Please Stand)*



**INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **who made heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People:** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**Pastor:** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**People:** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

**People:** **Amen.**

**(OR)**

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

**People:** Amen.

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** “Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise”  
*LSB 946*

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav’nly joy and earthly peace we sing.**

**We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav’nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s only Son, You bore for us the load of this world’s sin.**

**O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict’ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God’s right hand in majesty most high:**

**Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heavn’ly host we glorify.**

### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You invite us to ask, to seek, to knock.

**People:** 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;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**OLD TESTAMENT** *Genesis 18:20–33*

(Abraham pleads to God, and He relents.)

<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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## EPISTLE *Colossians 2:6–15*

(Paul encourages the Colossian Christians to persevere in Christ.)

<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.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

## ALLELUIA and VERSE

*LSB 205*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**



## HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 7:36-50*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. <sup>37</sup>And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, <sup>38</sup>and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would

have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.”<sup>40</sup> And Jesus answering said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he answered, “Say it, Teacher.”<sup>41</sup> “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.”<sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?”<sup>43</sup> Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.”<sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.”<sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet.”<sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.”<sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”<sup>48</sup> And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”<sup>49</sup> Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?”<sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



## NICENE CREED

LSB 206

**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 men 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 worshiped 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.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Jesus Loves Me This I Know"

LSB 588, v. 1

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.**

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY "In Holy Conversation"

LSB 772

**In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer,  
And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share.  
We come His will obeying, As children bringing needs;  
And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.**

**These holy conversations Begin in child like ways;  
We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise.  
With care our Father listens To ev'ry thought expressed,  
Then answers our petitions In ways He knows are best.**

**As holy conversation, In silence or by word,  
In ev'ry situation Through Jesus, we are heard.  
So let us pray securely, Expressing hopes and fears  
With confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.**



## SERMON

*(Please Stand)*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor: 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.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: 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 those they serve. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: 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. [*Other petitions may be inserted here.*] Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: 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: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*(Special Petitions)*

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

**People: Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



## **GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

*Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7*

*(Please Stand)*

## OFFERTORY

LSB 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen**



## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

*We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.*

## PREFACE

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

**Pastor:** It is truly good, 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 triumphed over all the forces of evil through His life-giving death on the cross by nailing the debt of sin we owe to the cross and blotting out that debt forever by the sacrifice of His life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** Holy, Holy, Holy *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

*LSB 208*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*LSB 209*

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

**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**

*LSB 209*

**PAX DOMINI** *The Peace of the Lord John 20:19*

*LSB 209*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God John 1:29*

*LSB 210*

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** "Here Us, Father, When We Pray" *LSB 773*

**Hear us, Father when we pray, Through Your Son and in Your Spirit.  
By Your Spirit's Word convey All that through Christ inherit.  
That as baptized heirs we may Truly pray.**

**When we know not what to say And our wounded souls are pleading,  
May Your Spirit, night and day, Groan within us interceding;  
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.**

**Jesus advocate on high, Sacrificed on Calv'ry's altar,  
Through Your priestly blood we cry: Hear our prayers, though they may  
falter;  
Place them on Your Father's throne As Your own.**

**By Your Spirit now attend To our prayers and supplications,  
As like incense they ascend To Your heav'nly habitations.  
May their fragrance waft above, God of love.**

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

*LSB 770*

**What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'ry thing to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear -  
All because we do not carry Ev'ry thing to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged - Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness - Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge - Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.**

**“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”**

*LSB 766*

**Our Father, who from heav'n above Bids all of us to live in love  
As members of one family And pray to You in unity,  
Teach us no thoughtless words to say But from our inmost hearts to pray.**

**Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord. In purity to keep Your Word,  
That to the glory of Your name We walk before You free from blame.  
Let no false teaching us pervert; All poor deluded souls convert.**

**Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain And Your eternal righteous reign.  
The Holy Ghost enrich our day With gifts attendant on our way.  
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage; Preserve Your Church from age to age.**

**Your gracious will on earth be done As it is done before Your throne,  
That patiently we may obey Throughout our lives all that You say.  
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill That sets itself against Your will.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, And let us all be clothed and fed.  
Save us from hardship, war, and strife; In plague and famine, spare our life,  
That we in honest peace may live, To care and greed no entrance give.**

**Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, That they may trouble us no more;  
We, too, will gladly those forgive Who hurt us by the way they live.  
Help us in our community To serve each other willingly.**

**Lead not into temptation, Lord, Where our grim foe and all his horde  
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand. Help us resist, help us to stand  
Firm in the faith, a mighty host, Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.**

**From evil, Lord, deliver us; The times and days are perilous.  
Redeem us from eternal death, And, when we yield our dying breath,  
Console us, grant us calm release, And take our souls to You in peace.**

**Amen, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in You, that we  
May doubt not but with trust believe That what we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in Your name and at Your Word We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"**

*(Please Stand)*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *Song of Simeon Luke 2:29–32* *LSB 211, v. 1*

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**



## **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION** *Psalm 103:1*

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Pastor:** 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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**People:** **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN** “Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You” *LSB 668*

**Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you, O Christians, lest the foe destroy you;  
For Satan has designed your fall. Wield God’s word, the weapon glorious;  
Against all foes be thus victorious. For God protects you from them all.  
Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Emmanuel. Hail the Savior!  
The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield, And we, the victors, hold the field.**

**Cast afar this world’s vain pleasure And boldly strive for heav’nly treasure.  
Be steadfast in the Savior’s might. Trust the Lord, who stands beside you,  
For Jesus from all harm will hide you. By faith you conquer in the fight.  
Take courage, weary soul! Look forward to the goal! Joy awaits you.  
The race well run, Your long war won, Your crown shines splendid as the sun.**

**Wisely fight, for time is fleeting; The hours of grace are fast retreating;  
Short, short is this our earthly way. When the Lord the dead will waken  
And sinners all by fear are shaken, The saints with joy will greet that day.  
Praise God, our triumph’s sure. We need not long endure Scorn and trial.  
Our Savior King His own will bring To that great glory which we sing.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Organ*

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