

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 28, 2019

11:00 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!

## PRE-SERVICE

*Instrumental*



## WELCOME

## ✧ PREPARATION ✧

OPENING SONG “Here I Am to Worship”

Hughes

**Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You. Hope of a life spent with You.**

**CHORUS: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You’re my God.  
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days, oh, so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love’s sake became poor. CHORUS**

**And I’ll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,  
And I’ll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. CHORUS**

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*(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 ✠

#### 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)



**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.**



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.

**SONG OF THE DAY** “Cornerstone”

Mote/Liljero/Myrin/Morgan/Batchelder-Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name **REPEAT**

**CHORUS:** Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil **CHORUS**

He is Lord Lord of all **CHORUS**

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

**Faultless stand before the throne**

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## SERMON

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## 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*

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

H. Smith

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.**

**Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.**

**Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**Give thanks. Give thanks. Give thanks.**

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✠ **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.**

**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** "My Victory"

Mulligan/Crowder/Cash/Bentley

**Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away our sin Who takes away our sin  
The holy Lamb of God Makes us alive again Makes us alive again REPEAT**

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**DISTRIBUTION SONGS** "Good, Good Father"

Brown/Barrett

**I've heard a thousand stories Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper Of love in the dead of night  
And you tell me that You're pleased And that I'm never alone**

**CHORUS: You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are It's who You are It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am It's who I am It's who I am**

**I've seen many searching for answers Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers Only You provide  
'Cause You know just what we need Before we say a word. CHORUS X2**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us X2**

**Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still  
Into love, love, love. CHORUS X2**

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“In Christ Alone”

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**In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death— this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

**Here in the pow'r of Christ we stand.**

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**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 SONG** “Mighty to Save”

Fielding/Morgan

**Everyone needs compassion. Love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness. The kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.**

**CHORUS: Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation.  
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.**

**So take me as You find me. All my fears and failures. Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow. Everything I believe in, now I surrender. CHORUS**

**Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.  
Jesus, Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. CHORUS, BRIDGE**  
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**POSTLUDE**

*Instrumental Music*

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