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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Kyrie elaison

Angela Kraft Cross

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymnal p. 686

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;**

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the bloodwashed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

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INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (+) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION¹

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

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

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

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We therefore flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may receive the crown of eternal life in Your Kingdom of Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C: Yes, so I believe.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Hymnal p. 973

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path. *Repeat.*

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

**I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. Refrain**

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COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Amos 7:7–15

L: The first reading for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is from chapter seven of Amos.

Amos boldly speaks for the Lord against Amaziah and Jeroboam.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 85

L: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

C: And grant us Your salvation.

L: Lord, You were favorable to Your land;

C: You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

L: You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

C: You covered all of their sin.

L: You withdrew all Your wrath;

C: You turned from Your hot anger.

L: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

C: And put away Your indignation towards us!

**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.**

L: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

C: And grant us Your salvation.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3–14

L: The second reading is from chapter one of Ephesians.

God made our salvation certain before the creation of the world.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14–29

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Mark, chapter six.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Herodias gets John the Baptist's head.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

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 thence 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Know My Faith Is Founded

Hymnal p. 587

I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.

Our reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom Relies on shifting ground.

God's Word is all sufficient, It makes divinely sure;
And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.

Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.

But, Lord, with You beside me, I shall be undismayed;
And led by Your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.

Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.

In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;

And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to You,
Your riches to inherit As all You said holds true.

In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Your heav'n I gain, Where I by
Your great mercy The end of faith attain.

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SERMON³

VERSE

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Hymnal p. 781 sts. 1 & 2

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,

**A trust, O Lord from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

P: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, strengthen us in all our temptations, afflictions and sorrows, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we might continue steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end join You in Your everlasting kingdom of glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ Is the World's Redeemer

Hymnal p. 539

**Christ is the world's Redeemer, the lover of the pure,
The font of heav'nly wisdom, our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers, the Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living, our life when we shall die.**

**Christ has our host surrounded with clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph and fire us for the fight.**

**Then Christ the cross ascended to save a world undone
And, suff'ring for the sinful, our full redemption won.**

**Down through the realm of darkness He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.**

**And now, to heav'n ascended, He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own.**

Glory to God the Father, the unbegotten One,

All honor be to Jesus, His sole begotten Son,

And to the Holy Spirit the perfect Trinity.

Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

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POSTLUDE

Festive Prelude on "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Grimoaldo Macchia

¹*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

²*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

³Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of

you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word.” (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ONLINE VIEWERS

For those worshipping with us online and those sheltering in place, we encourage you to bring your tithes and offerings to the church office open M-F mornings from 9-12, or mail your check in to church, or for those who bank online, simply instruct your bank to send us a check in the mail.

We all owe God our tithes and offerings and we encourage everyone to continue in the joy that is found in faithful financial stewardship. Thank you.

HOME COMMUNION: Christ Lutheran is providing Home Communion Packages with individually wrapped wafers and wine cups. These packages are to be distributed to those who are institutionalized or remain at home on Sundays. Your help getting these packages out is needed. Talk to Pastor if you'd like to help.

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