The Lutheran Church of the Savior A Community of Faith: Centered in Christ – Called to Serve

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Order of Worship

July 11, 2021 9:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 143:11; 143:1–2, 8a

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.



Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

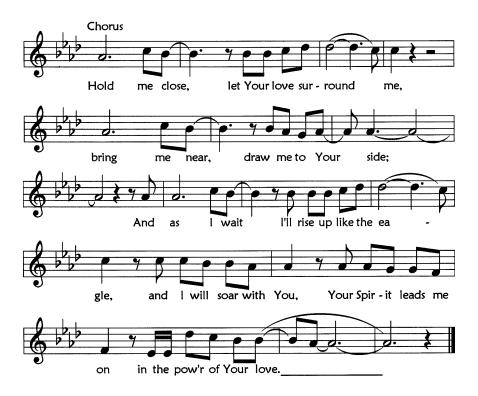
- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- · who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome



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Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

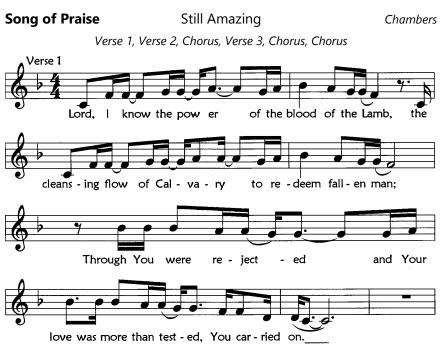
- L Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- L If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us 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.

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

L Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

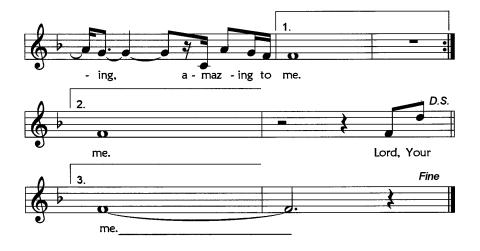
C Amen.



Service of the Word

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Psalm

Psalm 85:8–13

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

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.

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Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

L Let us pray.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 7:7–15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass by them;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

"'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But

the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

- **L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But

when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

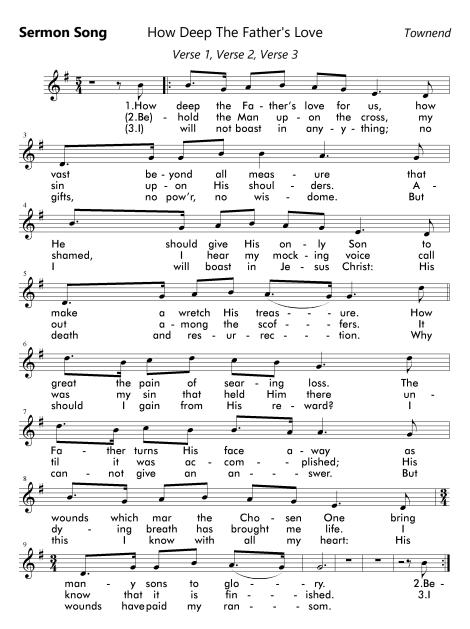
²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

- **L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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- 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.



Sermon

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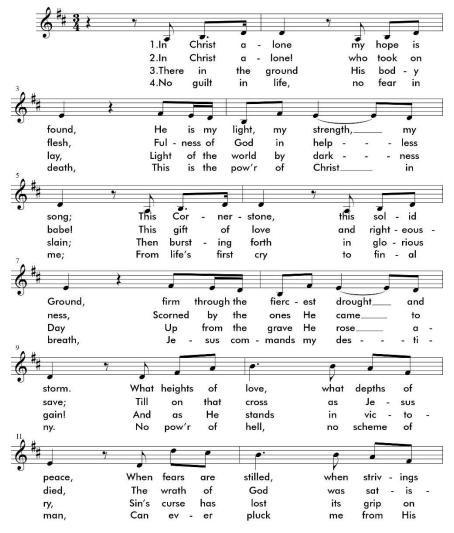


Song

In Christ Alone

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Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 3, Verse 4



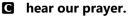


Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

L Lord, in your mercy,



L All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

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

Lord's Prayer

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G 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.

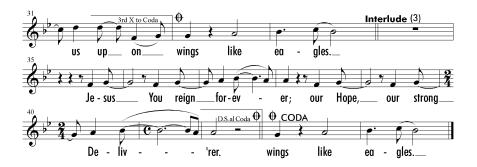
Benediction

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- 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.
- C Amen.

Closing Song Everlasting God Brown, Riley Verse 1, Chorus 1, Verse 1, Chorus 2, Bridge, Chorus 2 VERSE (4) (4) C Ż as Strength will rise we wait 9 the Lord. We the Lord, we will wait will wait up - on up - on up - on the Lord. as Strength will rise we wait. 9 the Lord. We the Lord. will up - on wait on we will up wait 9 . up - on the Lord. Je SUS You reign. for ev e De - liv Hope, strong_____ 'rer._ er; our our CHORUS % You the last ina God. the are. ev er ev _ Ì P 0 ina God. You do You not faint. won't er - last arow : } You're the de fend of_ the_ wear -۷._ er Ì weak. You com fort those ____ in__ need. You lift.





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Resources for Meditation this Week

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings

Amos 7:7–15 Ephesians 1:3–14 Mark 6:14–29

The Lord Jesus Brings His People through Death into Life by the Preaching of Repentance

Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him "from following the flock" and said to him, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel" (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would "die by the sword," and Israel would "go into exile away from his land" (Amos 7:10-11). For this word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod "sent and seized John and bound him in prison," even though he knew that John "was a righteous and holy man" (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod "sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head" (Mark 6:27). Yet in Christ, St. John the Baptist "has been raised from the dead" (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself "before the foundation of the world," and even now by faith, "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" has blessed us in Christ "with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (Eph. 1:3–4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also "were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit" for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings Jeremiah 23:1–6 Ephesians 2:11–22 Mark 6:30–44

The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel

The Lord rebukes and removes "the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep" (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets "shepherds over them who will care for them" (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to "reign as king and deal wisely" (Jer. 23:5). He is "our righteousness," in whom we "dwell securely" (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were "like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples "to set before the people" (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace "to you who were far off," and "by the blood of Christ," He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were "separated from Christ" by your sin, "having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:12), now "you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19).

