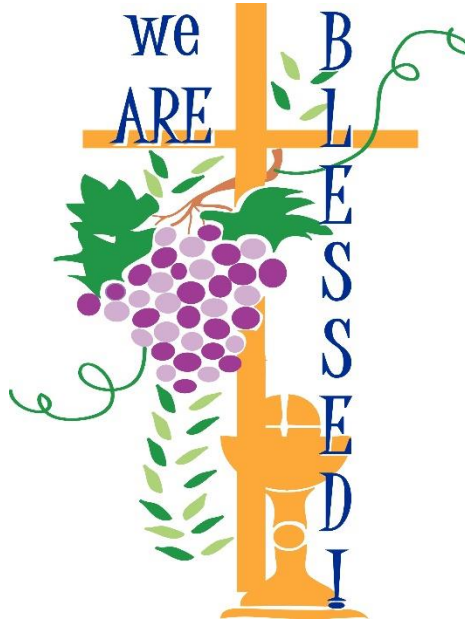


Grow ... Go ... Gather
July 11, 2021



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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Order of Service

Prayer and Preaching, p. 260

(Please turn off your wifi)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 797, "Praise the Almighty"



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 △ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia!
al - le - lu - ia!
al - le - lu - ia!
al - le - lu - ia!

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The Opening Versicles *LSB 260*

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

The Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261



☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
 hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
 Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
 be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

The Old Testament Lesson: *Amos 7:7–15*

P A reading from Amos, the seventh chapter. This 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. And 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; the 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." Then 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. For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

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

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: LSB 598, "Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters" (Sung to the tune of 566)

- 1** Once in the blest baptismal waters
I put on Christ and made Him mine;
Now numbered with God's sons and daughters,
I share His peace and love divine.

**Ref: O God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Your peace may bless my dying day.**

- 2** His body and His blood I've taken
In His blest Supper, feast divine;
Now I shall never be forsaken,
For I am His, and He is mine.

**Ref: O God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Your peace may bless my dying day.**

- 3** And thus I live in God contented
And die without a thought of fear;
My soul has to God's plans consented,
For through His Son my faith is clear.

**Ref: O God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Your peace may bless my dying day.**

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The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 6:14–29*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

King 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." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For

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. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for 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.

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Common Responory

LSB 263

- P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

The Ten Commandments

- C** **You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

The Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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 Sermon Hymn: LSB 724 "If God Himself Be for Me" (Sung to the tune of LSB 527) *sts. 1–5, 9–10*

- 1** If God Himself be for me,
I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me
My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master,
Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster
Can drive me from His love?
- 2** I build on this foundation,
That Jesus and His blood
Alone are my salvation,
My true, eternal good.
Without Him all that pleases
Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus
Alone have priceless worth.
- 3** Christ Jesus is my splendor,
My sun, my light, alone;
Were He not my defender
Before God's judgment throne,
I never should find favor
And mercy in His sight,

But be destroyed forever
As darkness by the light.

- 4** He canceled my offenses,
Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses
My soul from sin through faith.
In Him I can be cheerful,
Courageous on my way;
In Him I am not fearful
Of God's great Judgment Day.
- 5** For no one can condemn me
Or set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me:
Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me,
No guilt destroys my peace;
For Christ, my Savior, loves me
And shields me with His grace.
- 9** No angel and no gladness,
No throne, no pomp, no show,
No love, no hate, no sadness,
No pain, no depth of woe,
No scheming, no contrivance,
No subtle thing or great
Shall draw me from Your guidance
Nor from You separate.
- 10** My heart with joy is springing;
I am no longer sad.
My soul is filled with singing;
Your sunshine makes me glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit
Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit
Makes me rejoice and sing.

The Sermon: Ephesians 1:3-14. "Who are We/Who Am I?"

The Offering: During the offering we will sing, "Amazing Love/You Are My King" (Chris Tomlin)

Verse

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Chorus

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You **(repeat Verse and Chorus)**

Bridge

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King **(Chorus)**

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The Prayer

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

A Hymn: "The Sound of Grace"

Verse 1

Never-ending unrelenting constant source of hope
Running down from lofty mountains
Into springs below
Oh I am soaked from head to toe in

Chorus 1

Grace sweet grace
A fountain for my soul
Grace sweet grace
A mighty waterfall
Drops of mercy all around
Everywhere the sound of grace

Verse 2

All-consuming shadows looming
Valleys of distress
Draining every strength within me
Til there's nothing left
But I am endlessly refreshed in **(Chorus 1)**

Bridge

It never stops running over
This rushing water on my shoulders **(4Xs)**

Chorus 2

Grace sweet grace
A fountain for my soul
Grace sweet grace
A mighty waterfall
Grace sweet grace
A fountain for my soul
Grace sweet grace
A mighty waterfall
Drops of mercy all around
Everywhere the sound of grace

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The Collect of the Word

- P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The Morning Prayer

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

The Blessing

LSB 267

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: LSB 523, "O Word of God Incarnate"



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from You, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
 To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
 Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
 Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: July 11 – July 18

- TODAY:** **11:00 a.m.** Bible study on Facebook
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- Monday:** **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship
 Service w/ Holy Communion
 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
- Wed:** **Noon:** Devotional Boost with Pastor
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell at
 church
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- Sunday:** **9:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB
 9:30 a.m. COMMUNION WORSHIP at
 St. James and on Facebook Live
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

Those who serve Today:

Deacon: Jerry Talen

Ushers: Jim & Nancy Spears

Those who serve July 18:

Deacon: Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing

Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath Urbanski

July Altar Guild: Phyllis Schultz

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: July 4, 2021

General Fund	\$6,455.00
Future Building Expansion	240.00
ISJ Academy	200.00
Tessaro Ministry Nigeria	50.00
Memorials – Shirley Genther	470.00
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Total:	\$7,415.00

***Dear Family in Christ,
I want to thank all of you for your concern,
cards, and prayers on the death of my
grandson. These past few weeks have been
very difficult for me and my family, but I know
that whatever happens to us is for our good.
His will be done.***

In His name, Evie Heldt

Please refrain from wearing strong perfume and aftershave. Thank you!



"Who are we?" Or "Who Am I?"

A lot of people are confused and even deluded as to who they are. Christians can become confused as well, but in the mind of St. Paul there is no confusion! St. Paul's

Letter to the Ephesians addresses these questions with clarity. During the next eight Sundays, the epistle lessons will focus on texts from the Letter to the Ephesians. Developing his messages upon the Bible study he led recently on Ephesians, Pastor Schaeffer's messages will be focused on the theme, "Who I Am? Who are We?" May the Holy Spirit use this sermon series to give us clarity as to who we are!



ADDRESS CHANGE: Keith & Donijo De Jonge moved. As of July 9th, their new address is:

**8863 Braeburn Ct.
Jenison, MI 49428**

Please note this change in your church directory.

Openings for all Positions!!!

- **Musicians** who are interested in playing pre-service music or music during communion, singing in a small group or as a soloist accompanying the congregational hymns and helping to lead the congregation in singing new songs;



- **Artists** who will enhance our worship with their creative artistic skills;



- **Acolytes** to assist with lighting of candles, collecting the offering, participating in processions;

- **Ushers** who will assist with getting the sanctuary prepared for worship, welcoming people, distributing bulletins, collecting the offering and guiding people forward for Holy Communion;

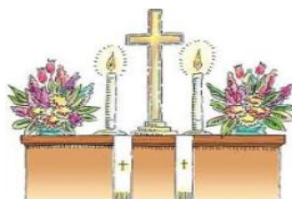


- **Sound/camera operators** as we provide our worship services for people at home; and

- **Readers** for the Old Testament and Epistle lessons.



- **Altar Guild members** to prepare Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month. This is a one-month commitment working with other altar guild members.



An Opportunity to be Equipped and Inspired as A Follower of Christ. The Best Practices Heartland Conference hosted by St Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, Michigan, **September 19-21, 2021.** Registration for the conference is free and meals are provided. Participants pay for lodging and transportation. For more information, you can search "bestpracticesheartland" on Facebook. You can also visit: <https://stlorenz.org/ministries/best-practices/>. If you are interested, **please talk with Pastor Schaeffer ASAP.**



**A note of Thanks from the LWML
"For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before God." 1 Thessalonians 3:8**

To all who donated gifts of love and gift cards for the LWML National convention ingathering, please, accept our heartfelt gratitude. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of others in the name of Christ. Thank you for always being on the ready to share from the blessings you have received.



SECOND BEST SALE

August 26th-28th
Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm
Saturday, 9:00am-Noon

Call Walt (970-7407) or Dale (262-1390) if you have items to donate.