

# The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

We Greet Our Members and Visitors Warmly In Jesus' Name.

# The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday, July 7, 2024



Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour Sharing the Gospel, Learning God's Love, Reaching and Lifting Up Creation!

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#### Prelude ~ Announcements

# **Entrance Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"**



# (Please stand until the conclusion of the Gloria)

# **Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, 4 one God, the God of manna, the God of

miracles, the God of mercy.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Pastor: God, our provider,

All: help us.

All: It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they

differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own

understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the

words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Pastor: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and

nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, 4 the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are

forgiven and loved into abundant life.

All: Amen.



# Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your

kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Saints and an - gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

# The First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Lector:

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

A voice said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear for they are a rebellious house, they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Lector: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm 123**

Lector: To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

All: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.

Lector: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

All: too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

# The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Lector:

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

A reading from Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians.

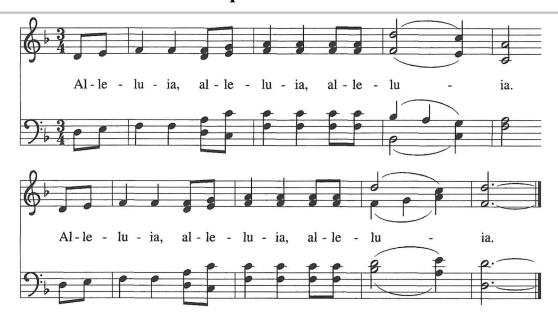
I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand if you are able)

# **Gospel Acclamation**



# The Gospel Reading: Mark 5:21-43

Pastor: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord According to St. Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people

and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.



# The Hymn of the Day: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"



#### The Sermon: Pastor Joachim Wilck

# Song of Response: "He Leadeth Me"



# **The Apostles Creed**

Pastor: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All:



I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator 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; on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

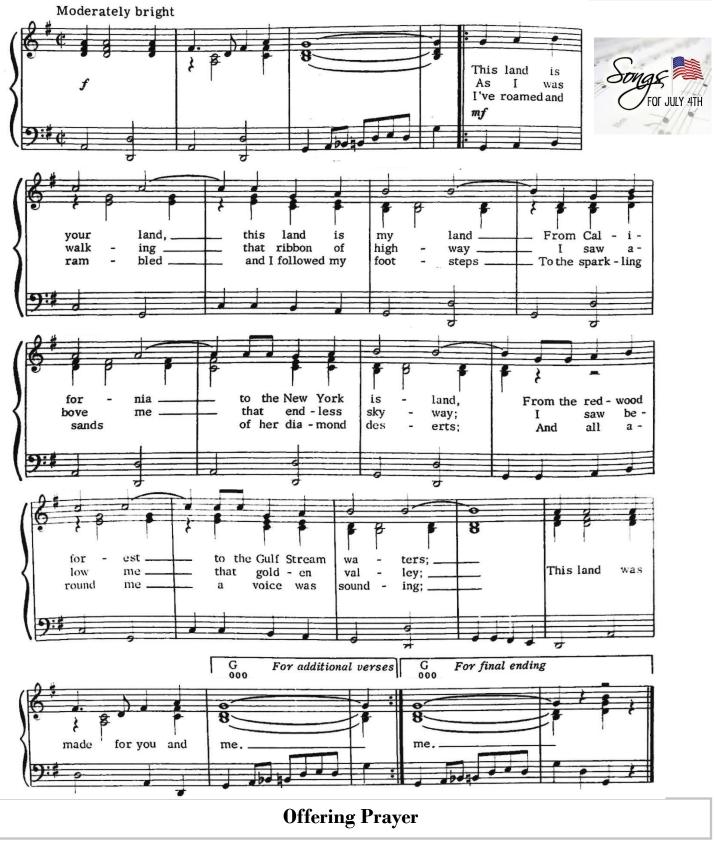
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.





# Offertory Hymn: "This Land is Your Land"



Pastor: God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

# **Prayer of Intercession**

Pastor: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join

our voices in prayer. (a brief silence)

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace.

In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth.

Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from

fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing.

In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the

cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing

violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community.

In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled.

Anoint all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them

renewal. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies

become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by

church or society. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give

you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until,

with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend

ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the

truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as our Savior taught.

All: 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.

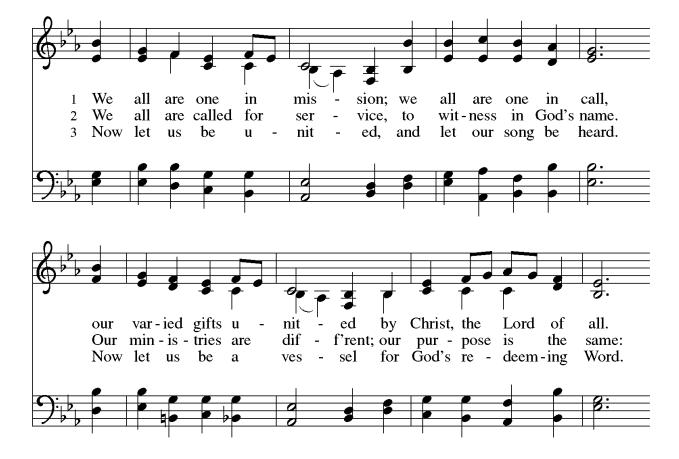
# **Blessing**

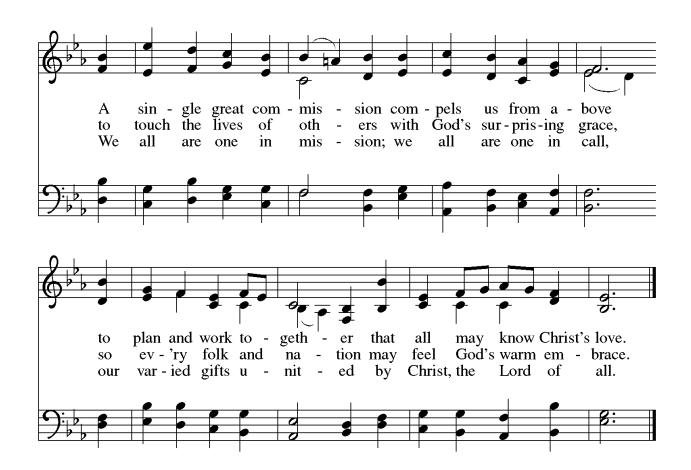
Pastor: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be

upon you now and forever.

All: Amen.

# Closing Hymn: "We All Are One In Mission"





# **Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### **Postlude**

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