

Coffee hour at 9am Before service via Zoom  
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*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
*July 19, 2020*

*Before we begin Worship we acknowledge that we worship on the traditional grounds of the Anishinaabe (meaning "the people") People, and we honor their elders both past and present.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Greetings and Announcements

### GATHERING

#### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all of our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

We have been created in the image of God.

**We are created to love our brothers and sisters, all children of God.**

Christ has taught us to love one another.

**And we are called to share that love with the world.**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Almighty God, **we confess that at times we ignore You and Your ways because we are afraid of being rejected by others. We fail to do justice and loving-kindness; we forget to walk humbly with You. We fall into the ways of the world and look to our own gain instead of the well-being of others. Forgive us. Call us back to hear Your call of justice. Help us to listen to the prophets among us. Guide us back to living in Your ways, even when it is unpopular, even if we face ridicule. Lead us in the path of right-living. Amen**

There is nothing God will not do for us. Christ went to the cross so that we might know that life is eternal. You are forgiven, renewed and restored - live, and help others to live with the knowledge that God loves us all. **Amen.**

#### Gathering Song #689 vs 2 & 4 ELW "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Praise and thanksgiving, God,  
we would offer you all things living,  
you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the land.

### Greeting

From God, our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Lord . . . Have mercy: **Lord have mercy**

Christ have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Lord . . . Have mercy: **Lord have mercy.**

**C** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
**A** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we  
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
**C** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
**A** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.  
**C** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
**A** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.  
**C** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,  
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

### Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### WORD

**First Reading** Issaiah 44:6-8

*(after the reading)* Assistant: The word of Life. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading** Romans 8:12-25

*(after the reading)* Assistant: The word of Life. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody** Psalm 86:11-17; refrain, Ps 86:11

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel

**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day #693 ELW vs. 2 & 3 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

All the world is Gpd's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away;  
give his angles charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful eats to store  
in his garner ever more.

## Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in the God of Life, who creates and loves people, who acts in history and who promises never to leave us alone. We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who is our brother, who wants not to be idolized but to be followed. We believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit and filled with God's Spirit we are able to become creative, lively, and free. We believe in the whole church of Jesus Christ, a community where we find companions and courage for the struggles of life, where we grow in our understanding of the faith, through worship, prayer, and service. We believe that God has a use for us in this time and place. We believe in living, hoping, laughing and enjoying the good of the earth; we believe that people can change, and God keeps pulling us to life and to a new world of joy and peace. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

God of the harvest, you sow the good seed of the gosel of Jesus Christ into your field. Help your church throughout the world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and gentleness, that our witness may be faithful to your intentions. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all space and time, your whole creation groans in labor pains, awaiting the gift of new birth, Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and waring ways Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, you accompany those who suffer and are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despare and all who suffer in any way especially Chick, Bill, Ruthann, Sam, Kay, Bridget, Marilyn, Betty, Beverly, Lyle & Chuck, Wilma, Brad, Miriam, Audra, & Barb. Wwe pray for those who cannot take the rest they need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the seasons, in the midst of summer, give us refreshment, renewal, amd new opportunities. We pray for the safety of those who cannot take the rest they need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places and saints close to us. Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**  
Share with those around you a sign of God's Peace.

## Meal

### Offering & Hymn #663 vs. 1 & 4 "Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word"

Spread, Oh spread, almighty Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.  
Send forth our Creator's call, heaven's gifts extend to all.

Lord of harvest, great and kind, rouse to action heart and mind;  
let the gath'ring nations all see you light and heed your call.

### Offering Prayer

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you. Sometimes we find your call challenging. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus name, we pray. **Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks...

We praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Consecration

#### 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.

#### Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Communion Hymn #733 vs 1 & 3 ELW “Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee, thou  
changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as  
thou hast been thou for ever will be.  
*(refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide:  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessing all mine with ten thousand beside!  
*(refrain)*

*Refrain:*  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

**Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you. And may the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you His peace. **Amen.**

**Sending Song #550 ELW vs. 1 & 3 “On What Has Now Been Sown”**

On what has now been sown  
your blessing Lord, bestow;  
the power is yours alone  
to make it sprout and grow.  
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,  
and yours alone shall be the praise!

Oh, grant that each of us,  
now met, before you here,  
may meet together thus  
when you and yours appear  
and follow you to heav’n our home.  
E’en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

**Dismissal**      Go in Peace. Christ is your courage and hope. **Thanks be to God!**

**Birthdays—Thursday, July 23 Tom Wagner**  
**Friday, July 24 Judith Lindell**

**Anniversaries— Tuesday, July 21 Fred & Kelly Faye-13 years**