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**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**† † † July 12, 2026**

P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister

ELW-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red ♦ WOV-With One Voice-Blue

**PRELUDE** *Abide With Me*

arr. Healey Willan

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Compassionate God,

**C We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. "In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**C**     **Amen.**

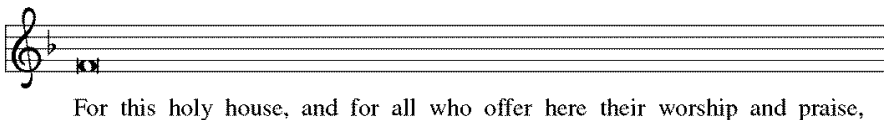
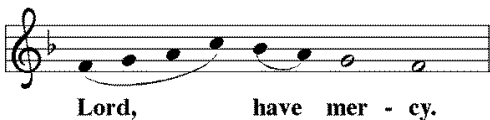
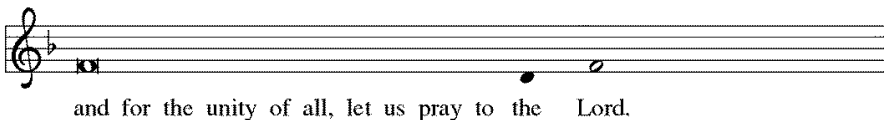
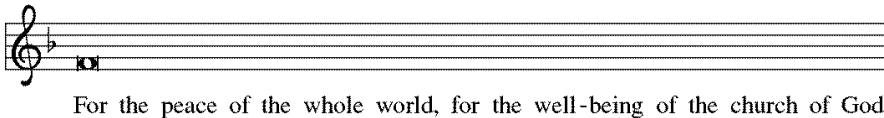
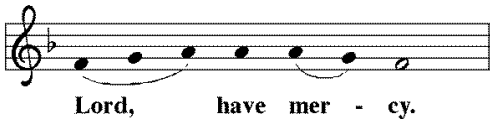
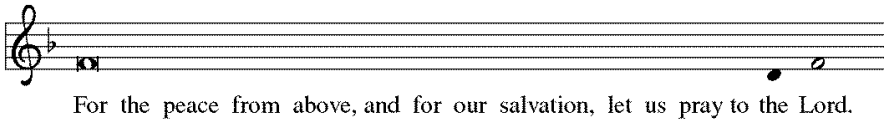
**GATHERING HYMN *ELW 533***     *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

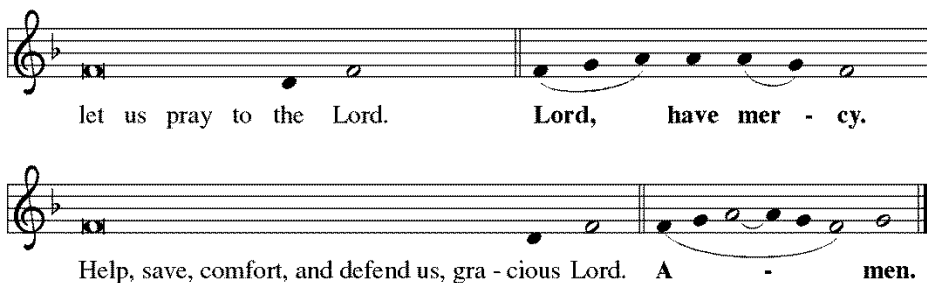
**GREETING**

**P**     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion  
         of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C**     **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**





let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

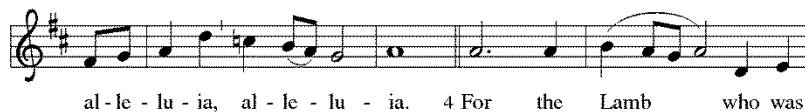
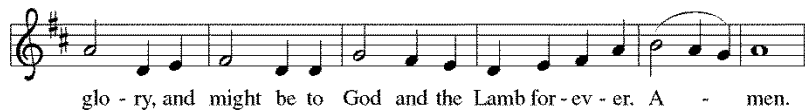
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

## Psalms 65:1-13

<sup>1</sup> You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup> **To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup> Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

<sup>5</sup> Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

<sup>6</sup> **You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

<sup>7</sup> You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup> **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river

of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

<sup>10</sup> **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your goodness and your paths overflow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup> **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup> May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

## **Second Reading Romans 8:1-11**

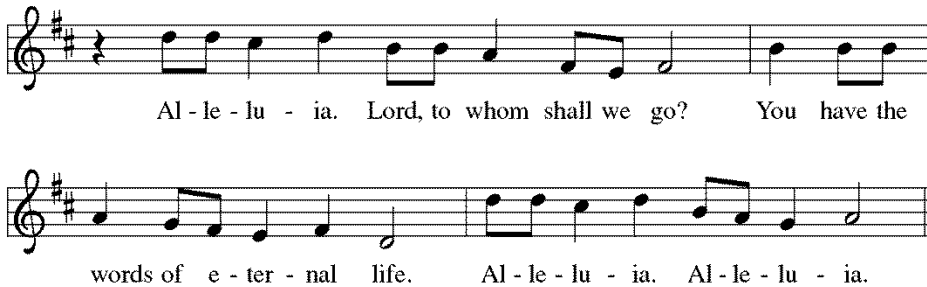
<sup>1</sup> Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please rise in body or spirit)



## GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>If you have ears, hear!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 508 *As Rain From the Clouds*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**APOSTLES CREED** *(please rise in body or spirit)*

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

**A** Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**



A God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

**C Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** Whispering Hope arr. Jenifer Cook

**THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING**  (please rise in body or spirit)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**C 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**

### **SENDING**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **SENDING HYMN ELW # 697 *Just a Closer Walk With Thee***

### **POSTLUDE** Prelude in Classic Style by Gordon Young

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### **Altar Flowers**

In Honor of Tom & Beth Jenny's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

In Honor of Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **Altar Flower Price Increase**

Due to rising costs, the altar flowers will now be \$35 each starting July 5th.

Please make note of this and increase your payment. If you're unable or unwilling to make this price jump, just let us know and we will update the list. Additionally, remember to bring the container back to Emanuel so it can be reused. On weeks that flowers have not been ordered, we will use a silk arrangement that matches the season. Thank you!

**Summer Sunday Coffee Hour** is in the Bible Study Room off the overflow...look forward to spending some time with your church family and enjoy some breakfast treats as well! Host will be Brass Ensemble today. July 19<sup>th</sup> Host is Alter Guild (Jan. Feb. March)

**Caring Corner for July and August** will be collecting school supply items as well as LWR kits. Here are the items we will be collecting: 70 notebooks wide rule or college rule, 30 centimeter rulers, hand pencil sharpeners, blunt safety scissors, #2 pencils with eraser, black or blue point pens, box of crayons (16 or

24), 2 1/2 inch erasers. Thank you all for your continued support of the caring corner.

**Old Hymnals** We have many of our old green hymnals that we no longer need. You are welcome to take as many as you like for free. They will be located at the front and the back entrances of the church. Any questions please see Peggy Snyder.

**Summer Office Hours**

As we shift into summer patterns, Emanuel's office hours will be MWF 12:30pm-5:00pm and TTh 7:30pm-2:30pm. Sally will be here hours beyond official office hours, but those times shift day to day. Pastor and Vanessa are around, too, at times beyond office hours. It's easiest to schedule with Pastor and Vanessa via email or text to make sure they are available. Stop by and say hi!

**Summer Office Hours** Are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:30-5:30 and Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am-2:30 pm.

**Church Attendance** 7/2/26 15, 7/5/26 55, 30 online .

\*The number used is the Viewers number at the beginning of the week. This reflects anyone who has watched it up until then.

**This Week**

|           |         |                              |                                         |
|-----------|---------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Wednesday | 7/15/26 | 1-2:30<br>5pm                | Open Office Hours<br>Soul Food          |
| Thursday  | 7/16/26 | 9:30am<br>12:30pm<br>7:00 pm | Bible Study<br>Staff Meeting<br>Worship |
| Sunday    | 7/19/26 | 9am                          | Worship                                 |

