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+The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude

Dustin Davidson

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.



***Gathering Hymn** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* #533 (ELW) vs. 1,3,5

***Greeting**

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

***Kyrie**

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1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

***Hymn of Praise**

Glory Be To God

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1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer, restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord above, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

***Prayer of the Day**

**O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us,
the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our
life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Reading

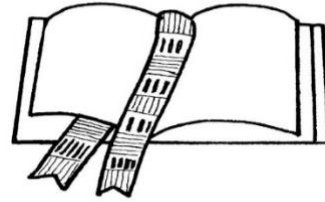
God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

A reading from **Isaiah 55:10-13**

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, 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³Instead 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Children's Message

Pastor Brian Birk

*Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

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



¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When 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. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet 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. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But 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."

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Brian Birk

***Hymn of the Day** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

#679 (ELW)

***Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**



***Prayers of Intercession**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Guide your church, O God, to sow seeds of forgiveness and righteousness on good soil. Direct your people to proclaim your love in this congregation and throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Inspire us by the faithful departed, O God, examples of your embodied love, whose confidence in the resurrection guides us in living lives worthy of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Reception of Offering

Dustin Davidson

***Offertory**

This Is My Father's World

#824 (vs 2 ELW)

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the
Morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
Rustling gras I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'ry where.



***Offering Prayer**

God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Communion

All who believe that God is present in this meal are invited to share in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Grape juice is available upon request. With their parents permission, all children are also invited to commune. Come forward with your hands cupped to receive. Children not communing are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Communion will be brought to those unable to come to the chancel in the front pew and handicap row.



***Great Thanksgiving**

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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 our thanks and praise.

***Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

***Lord's Prayer**

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Lamb of God

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1. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
2. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
3. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

***Communion Hymns**

"One Bread, One Body"

#496 (ELW)

"I Come With Joy"

#482 (ELW)

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

#468 (ELW)

***Prayer after Communion**

Gracious God, **in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

#547 (ELW)

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Dustin Davidson

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Opportunities of the Week

Today, Sunday July 16th

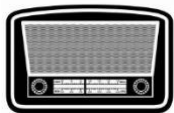
9:00 am Worship
10:00 Coffee / Fellowship
9:00 am Radio Broadcast
1240 AM WMFG
11:15 Chapel of the Pines

Tuesday, July 18th

1:00 Mission Action

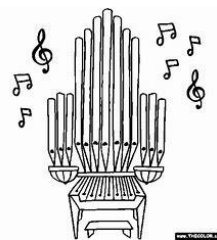
Wednesday July 19th

8:30 Bible Study
10:00 Staff Meeting



Our Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Arlene Pascuzzi in honor of her caregiver Brenda.

Organs in Revue continues its 39th Summer Recital Series 2023 July 19, 2023 with organist Lanae Ronchetti at 12:00 pm at St. James Episcopal Church (2028 7th Ave. E, Hibbing). All recitals are approx. ½ hour and are free and open to the public. Lunch will be served following most church recitals at a cost of \$8.00.



Camp Vermillion's Bluegrass Festival is now
Sounds of the Northwoods

This summer the festival will happen
on August 5th from 1 to 7 pm.

Come and participate in many of the activities
You've enjoyed previous years.

There will be music (of course), food, fellowship,
auctions, the silent auction, the Church Basket Raffle, and more.

Our Savior's "Basket" is entitled
"Everything but the Kitchen Sink."

If you'd like to contribute items to our "Basket,"
We'll be collecting them in the Com Room.

Get Ready For Day Camp! OSLC along with First Lutheran Church is hosting a Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Day Camp for grades K-5. The day camp will be at First Lutheran Church Monday-Thursday, August 7-10 from 9:00am-3:00pm each day. Registration sheets are available at the Church Office. If you have any questions feel free to give us a call (218) 263-7422. Please register by July 24th.



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