

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 11

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Announcements

- Reopening procedures emailed out.
 - Introduce video
- Sunday school help

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 119:57-64; antiphon v.57*

P: The Lord is my portion;

C: I promise to keep your words.

P: I entreat your favor with all my heart;

C: be gracious to me according to your promise.

P: When I think on my ways,

C: I turn my feet to your testimonies;

P: I hasten and do not delay

C: to keep your commandments.

P: Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,

C: I do not forget your law.

P: At midnight I rise to praise you,

C: because of your righteous rules.

P: I am a companion of all who fear you,

C: of those who keep your precepts.

P: The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;

C: teach me your statutes!

All: 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.

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C: I promise to keep your words.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Give ear, O Lord, to the prayers of Your people, and listen to their cry for mercy.

People: **You, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Silence for self-examination

Pastor: Lord of mercy,
People: **we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and an abundance of mercy. We are poor sinners whose thoughts, words, and deeds betray our weakness and death. You, O Lord, are gracious and merciful and, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, You have saved us by His blood. Give to us true repentance that we know Your forgiveness and the comfort of a clear conscience. Give us also hearts made new by Your grace, that we love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves and, by Your Holy Spirit, do what is pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Silence for meditation

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made the children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Sharing of the Peace

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 809 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O steadfast Lord, You are the great I AM whose promises never fail us and in whom alone salvation is to be found.

People: **Grant to us hearts to trust in Your mercy and courage in the face of doubt and fear that we not surrender hope to darkness and faith to unbelief;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 44:6–8* (Is there a God besides the Lord?)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Romans 8:18–27* (The sufferings of this present age are not worth comparing to the glory waiting to be revealed.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Matthew 13:35b*

Lector: Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables;

People: **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43* (Then the righteous shall shine like the sun.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 892 **“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

Sermon “Expectations, Reality” *Matthew 13:24-30;36-43*

APOSTLES CREED

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You have been the refuge and strength of Your people from generation to generation. Give to us the comfort of Your presence in time of trouble, Your grace to forgive our sins, and Your peace to govern our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, Your power holds all things together, in heaven and on earth. Give wisdom to those who lead our nation and guidance to those who make, administer, and judge our laws, so that life be protected and justice administered. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, Your Word speaks hope and life. Open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him as Savior and Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, Your Church lives by the grace You bestow through Word and Sacrament. Bless the pastors who preach to us this Gospel and the church workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, Your mercy extends to all our needs and Your grace gives healing according to Your will. Hear us on behalf of [*names*, and] all who stand in need. Grant to them grace sufficient for all their needs and sustain them in the hour of trial. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You give us new lives in baptismal water, and Your Spirit opens our hearts to faith. Help us to live out fully our vocation as Your children in the places where we live and work and do the good works You desire. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You have granted us a place at the Table of Your Son. Help us to receive His body and blood with repentance and faith and to keep in holy lives the precious gift we will receive upon our lips. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You have given us the encouragement of the mighty saints of old and those who taught us the faith. Help us to leave a legacy of faithfulness to those who follow us, and sustain us in hope until we join the saints in Christ's eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we pray for those who celebrate their birthday's this week. For Linda Tucker, Sam Kinsella, Janice Paulsmeyer, Chris Couture, Liam Trapp, Dirk Husemann, Thomas Williams, and John Weaver. Guide them as they live in this world and give them your blessed assurance that you are their God, there is none beside you. Lord in your mercy...

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

**People: 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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN No. 645 “Built on the Rock”