

LIVE DIFFERENT

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7-12-26

WORSHIP THEME: This summer Season of Pentecost is all about following Jesus. In Christ, our lives are set apart. We live different as Christians. In this series, “Live Different”, we will strive to live in the way of Jesus. Today, “Rooted in God’s Word”

† GOD CALLS †

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 65

Pastor: Praise awaits you, O God. When we were overwhelmed by sins,
ALL: You forgave our transgressions.

Pastor: You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness,
ALL: O God, our Savior.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
ALL: Amen!

OPENING SONG

“Thy Strong Word” (v. 1, 2, 4)

1-Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

2-Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

4-From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;
From the cross forever beameth

All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

† GOD CLEANSSES †

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father,

ALL: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray, God have mercy on me a sinner.

Pastor: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“The Doxology” (Lans Eersns Effrans)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below:
Alleluia, alleluia
Praise him above ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all!

ALL: And also with you!

† GOD SPEAKS †

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING
Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow
 come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
 without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
 so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
 It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
 and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
¹² You will go out in joy
 and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
 will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
 will clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,
 and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.
This will be for the Lord's renown,
 for an everlasting sign,
 that will endure forever."

SECOND READING
Romans 8:12-17

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.^[a] And by him we cry, "Abba,^[b] Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:
The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

SONG OF THE DAY

“Almighty God Your Word Is Cast”

(TUNE: Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing)

Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundred fold
The fruits of peace and joy.

So when the precious seed is sown,
Life giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.

MESSAGE

† GOD GIVES †

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION
“Come Just As Your Are”

Come just as you are; Hear the Spirit call
Come just as you are; Come and see,
come, receive; Come and live forever.

Chorus:
Life everlasting, and strength for today;
Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.

Come just as you are; Hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are; Come, receive
Christ, the King; Come and Live forevermore.

Chorus:
Life everlasting, and strength for today;
Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.

“At the Lamb’s High Feast”

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious king
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we him, whose love divine
Gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky,

Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG

“What Has Now Been Sown” LSB 921

On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours,
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear

And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

† GOD BLESSES & SENDS †

BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

ALL: Amen!

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!