

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27th, 2025

“We are rooted in God’s love, united in connecting people to Jesus”

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME and INVOCATION

OPENING PRAISE: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (770)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE: “There is a Redeemer” (Screens)

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CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us now take a moment to confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Heavenly Father, I confess all my sins to You, the sins that I know of and I acknowledge that there are others that are unknown to me. Your Word teaches that I will be held accountable for my sins. But, Your Word also teaches me about Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world. Lord, I ask that You forgive me of my sins, that my sins not stay with me. “God, have mercy on me, a sinner” (Luke 18.13b).

P: Friends of God, heaven rejoices when we acknowledge our sins for God desires to shower His mercy and love upon us. Know, therefore, that your sins, your known and unknown sins, are removed from you as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103.12). The words I speak, I now speak for God: You are forgiven of your sins! They are no longer with you!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

KYRIE PRAYER (Spoken)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together:

C: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen!

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our Old Testament reading is **Genesis 18.20-33**. This Scripture text shows Abraham boldly negotiating with God for Sodom, reminding us that the Lord welcomes our persistent prayers for others even when situations appear beyond saving.

The Psalm for today is **Psalm 138**. Psalm 138 reassures us that when we call, God answers, strengthening our hearts and finishing the good purposes He has begun in us.

The Epistle reading is **Colossians 2.6-19**. The Apostle Paul urges us to stay rooted in Christ alone—letting His victory free us from empty rules so His life can shape every step we take.

Our Gospel reading is **Luke 11.1-13**. Jesus invites us to approach the Father with the confidence of children who know that asking, seeking, and knocking always leads to gifts that are truly good.

WE CONFESS OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH The Nicene Creed (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: “Come, My Soul, with Every Care” (779)

SERMON

THE OFFERTORY and THANKOFFERING

PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Congregational response to each prayer: **“Hear our prayer”**

AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, in
Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

**C (Loudly): CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL
COME AGAIN**

THE BENEDICTION

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" (919)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed
and strengthened in God's love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let
us remember who we are and what we do:

**C: "We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to
Jesus."**

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing
in God's love. As God's beloved children, go in peace! Love one another!
Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: Thanks be to God!

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