

St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA

July 19, 2020

9 AM

7th Sunday of Pentecost

*Please join in the assembly portions of the spoken word, indicated by **bold** print in this worship order. The order of service begins on page s184 for those following along in the ELW hymnal.*

But you, O Lord,
are a God
merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love
and **faithfulness.**

Psalm 86:15



Gathering Music

Little Prelude (Arr. Jeremy Corcoran)

Pam Hellige, Eric Hansen, Erin Blake, saxophone

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God, **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

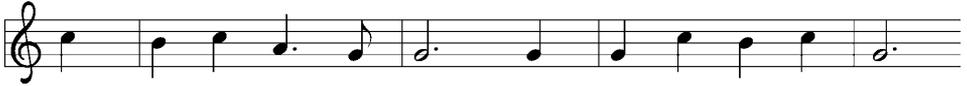
Beloved of God... because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

#853 When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Kyrie

Refrain:

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
 Kyrie eleison, every day.**

Canticle of Praise

Refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
 and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship
 you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain***

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our prayer. Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

First Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I

did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ^{19a}He called that place Bethel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139

Sung responsively by verse

LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, you | have known me.

**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**

You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**

Where can I go then | from your Spirit?

Where can I flee | from your presence?

**If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.**

If I take the wings | of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,

**even there your | hand will lead me
and your right hand | hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will | cover me,
and the light around me | turn to night,"

darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright | as the day;

darkness and light to you are | both alike.

Search me out, O God, and | know my heart;
try me and know my | restless thoughts.

**Look well whether there be any wicked- | ness in me
and lead me in the way that is | everlasting.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and

they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

#680 We Plow the Fields and Scatter



A - ra - mos nues-tros cam-pos, y lue-go el sem - bra - dor

1. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
2. You only are the maker of all things near and far,
3. We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good,



en e - llos la si - mien-te es - par-ce con a - mor.

but it is fed and watered by God's al-might-y hand,
You paint the way-side flow-er, you light the eve-ning star.
the seed-time and the har-vest, our life, our health, our food.



Mas es de Dios la ma-no que la ha - ce ger - mi - nar,

who sends the snow in win-ter, the warmth to swell the grain;
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts



ca - lor y llu - via dan - do a to - dos por i - gual.

the breez-es and the sun-shine, and soft re - fresh-ing rain.
much more to us, your chil-dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum-ble, thank-ful hearts.

Apostles' Creed

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

The Assembly responds, “Hear our prayer.”

Sharing of the Peace

Musical Offering

Amazing Grace arr. Jeremy Corcoran

Pam Hellige, Eric Hansen, Erin Blake, saxophone

Offertory Prayer

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. With water and word we see your abundant grace. Nourish us, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

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.

Sending

Blessing

Sending Song

#679 For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow (Old Hundredth)

Louis Bourgeois, arr. Andrew Balent

Pam Hellige, Eric Hansen, Erin Blake, saxophone