

# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Service

Worship Service One p.1 from our black binders.

**Opening Hymn:** I Love You Lord                      WF 25A

I love You Lord, and I lift my voice, to worship You, O my soul rejoice.  
Take joy, my King in what You hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in  
Your ear. (repeat)

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to redeem and save all people.

**C: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to bring us peace and the glory  
of Heaven.

**C: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, You have called us to worship You always with  
joy and excitement in our hearts and lives.

**C: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Confession: Lord God, Heavenly Father, we confess to You that we  
have not always been what You wanted us to be. Because of our  
sinful nature, we often do and say those things of which You do not  
approve. But we come to You asking for Your mercy and  
forgiveness, believing in Jesus Christ as our only atoning Lord and  
Savior.**

P: I wish to once again inform you and remind you for our Lord's sake  
that Jesus Christ went to Jerusalem to suffer and die upon the cross of  
Calvary to redeem you from all your sins and make you His own that  
you might truly be the children of God. Praise the Lord!

**C: Lord Jesus Christ, You have had mercy upon us and You forgive  
us. We thank and praise You for the forgiveness of our sins. Amen**

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**C: He is risen indeed.**

P: Like as Christ is risen from the dead.

**C: We also shall walk in newness of life.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8**  
**Epistle Romans 8:18-27**

*After Each Reading* P: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

*Before Reading* P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After Reading* P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn of Day: El Shaddai**

**WF 27A**

*Chorus:*

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El Elyonna Adonai, age to age You're still the same, by the power of the name. El Shaddai, El Shaddai, Erkamkana Adonia, We will praise and lift You high, El Shaddai

1. Through Your love and through the ram, you saved the Son of Abraham, Through the power of Your hand, You turned the sea into dry land. To the outcast on her knees, You were the God who really sees, and by Your might You set Your children free. (Chorus)

2. Through the years You made it clear, that the time of Christ was near, Though the people couldn't see, what Messiah ought to be. Though Your Word contained the plan, they just could not understand, Your most awesome work was done, in the frailty of Your Son. (Chorus)

**Sermon**

Rev. Matthew Gehrke

**VBS Commissioning**

**Prayers**

P: Lord, in Your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

## **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.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Pax Domini**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen**

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*You will be dismissed by individual pews. When dismissed, you may come forward to the altar railing, but do NOT kneel. We will commune you while you are standing up.*

### **Distribution Hymns: What Is This Bread**

**WF 24A**

1. What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead: This bread we break, this life we take, was crushed to pay for our release. Oh, taste and see, the Lord is peace.

2. What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace, brings His embrace, Of life and love until I sing! Oh, taste and see, the Lord of King.

3. So, who am I, that I should live and He should die, Under the rod, my God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me? Oh, taste and see, the Lord is free.

4. Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear. In mouth and soul, He makes us whole. Christ, truly present in this meal. Oh, taste and see, the Lord is real.

5. Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe, that I receive, His very body and His blood. Oh, taste and see, the Lord is good.

### **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

**WF 18A**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.  
What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer.  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit. Oh, what needless pain we bear.  
All because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden? Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge. Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee. Thou wilt find a solace there.  
Oh, take it to the Lord in prayer.

### **Peace Like a River**

**WF 33B**

1. There's a river that brings joy To the city of our God, To the  
sacramental house of the Most High. In that city God abides; It will  
never be destroyed, In the morning you will surely draw nigh.

*Chorus:* I've got peace like a river! I've got peace like a river! I've got  
peace like a river in my soul! I've got peace like a river! I've got peace  
like a river! I've got peace like a river in my soul!

2. God's our shelter and our strength And our help in time of trouble;  
Though the earth is shaken we will never fear, Though the mountains  
tumble down, and the oceans roar and rage, And the hills are shaken by  
the noise they hear. (Chorus)
3. Come and see what God has done, What amazing things are done;  
Stop your fighting now and know that God Lord! Wars are stopped  
around the world, Spears destroyed and bows are broken; God's supreme  
among the nations of the world. (Chorus)
4. Glory be to God above, Glory to the God of love, Glory be to God  
the Spirit, Three in One! As it was when time began, It is now and  
ever shall be; There's a kingdom without end. Amen! (Chorus)

### **Post-Communion Collect**

P: Let us pray...one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine  
upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance  
upon you and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

WF 20A

1. Jesus loves me, this I know, For the bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

*Chorus:* Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so

2. Jesus loves me, He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide; he will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. (Chorus)

3. Jesus loves me, still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give, Light and love to all who live. (Chorus)

*Soli Deo Gloria*

*Please drop off your offering in the basket underneath the archway as you leave the sanctuary. Pastor will dismiss you by individual pews.*

# Volunteer VBS Commissioning

P: Dear friends, thank you for volunteering to share *Concrete and Cranes* Vacation Bible School with kids this summer. As members of God's church, you'll have many opportunities to share Jesus' love in words and actions as you represent our Lord and our church. Will you help children and their families know and grow in Jesus, our Savior?

**Volunteers: Yes, with the help of God!**

P: God's Word says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) The Holy Spirit works powerfully through God's Word to give us faith to believe in Jesus, to grow in faith, and to live powerfully through God's Word to give us faith to believe in Jesus, to grow in faith, and to live as His people. Will you share God's Word in the Bible lessons with children and their families?

**Volunteers: Yes, with the help of God!**

P: And you, the Church of Christ, will you support, encourage, and pray for the *Concrete and Cranes* VBS program, its workers, and its teaching and outreach ministry?

**C: Yes, with the help of God!**

P: May the Holy Spirit empower all of us and make it so! Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Amen**