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**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Family Worship with Holy Communion
July 24, 2022 † 9:30 a.m.**

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands as they are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness, for God is full of gentleness and compassion.

Pause for reflection.

Lord Jesus, you came as a child in the fullness of humanity that we may know God's love for us. Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you called the children to you and blessed them that we may know God's love for children. Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you will judge us by how we care for the least of these our brothers and sisters. Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Our hope is in Christ Jesus. For his sake † our sins are forgiven. In him the veil of God's glory is lifted. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

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GATHERING SONG #838 Beautiful Savior

**1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

**4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p.204)



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

PSALM: Psalm 138



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¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹ bove all things.**

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right ¹ hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your pur- ¹ pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works ¹ of your hands.**

FIRST READING: Colossians 2:6-19 (The Message)

A reading from Colossians.

6-7 My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now live him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.

8-10 Watch out for people who try to dazzle you with big words and intellectual double-talk. They want to drag you off into endless arguments that never amount to anything. They spread their ideas through the empty traditions of human beings and the empty superstitions of spirit beings. But that's not the way of Christ. Everything of God gets expressed in him, so you can see and hear him clearly. You don't need a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to realize the fullness of Christ, and the emptiness of the universe without him. When you come to him, that fullness comes together for you, too. His power extends over everything.

11-15 Entering into this fullness is not something you figure out or achieve. It's not a matter of keeping a long list of laws. No, you're already in—insiders—not through some secretive initiation rite but rather through what Christ has already gone through for you, destroying the power of sin. If it's an initiation ritual you're after, you've already been through it by your baptism. Going under the water was a burial of your old life; coming up out of it was a resurrection, God raising you from the dead as he did Christ. When you were stuck in your old sin-dead life, you were incapable of responding to God. God brought you alive—right along with Christ! Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ's cross. He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets.

16-17 So don't put up with anyone pressuring you in details of diet, worship services, or holy days. All those things are mere shadows cast before what was to come; the substance is Christ.

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18-19 Don't tolerate people who try to run your life, ordering you to bow and scrape, insisting that you join their obsession with angels and that you seek out visions. They're a lot of hot air, that's all they are. They're completely out of touch with the source of life, Christ, who puts us together in one piece, whose very breath and blood flow through us. He is the Head and we are the body. We can grow up healthy in God only as God nourishes us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 205)**



⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound verses 1,2,4

**1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**2. Was grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**4. The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

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.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We see the love of God in God's own son. As brothers and sisters of Jesus, let us bring our prayer to God, saying, "Lord, hear your children's prayer."

For the Church of God, that we follow Jesus, who taught us that whoever would be first must be the servant of all, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

For world leaders, that they may think about how their actions can make a difference to people who most need help in their countries; that we build up safe and joyful communities for all people; that war might end and peace return to Ukraine, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

For all the people of the world, especially children and families who do not have money for food and lodging; for people suffering from injustice; for all who are sick and suffering; we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

For ourselves and our community; that we recognize your face in every child and that we love and bless all children as Jesus welcomed them; we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

We pray for our congregation, family and friends: that we may take steps to change our own lives and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world. For blessings on all who lead us in worship and contribute to our worship life; we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

We pray you will help us continue stewardship of your creation and to work for the wellbeing of the whole human family. In the spirit of the Earth Charter we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

(Pastor) Christ Jesus, fill us with your love and mercy and show us how to make a difference to the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world. Hear the prayers we offer in confidence and faith. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

MEAL

OFFERING

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today as we celebrate communion, we join with millions around the world, and all who down through the ages have joined in this feast.

When we do this we take part in a story that tells us God loves us completely and unconditionally.

When we do this we remember that Jesus invites us to this ancient yet always-new meal, to share the feast and remember God's love. You are all welcome to share in this celebration.

In the Bible we read that Jesus enjoyed a meal with his closest friends the night he was arrested.

On the night he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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Remembering his love for us we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit,
in your church, now and forever. **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

The Body of Christ, given for you.

The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG #751 O Lord, Hear My Prayer (continue singing during communion)

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.**

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*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life
this day and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN #836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**

**2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

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POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee hour after worship. Thanks to Laura and Joe Kostecki, our hosts this week.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER (24 July 2022)

THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

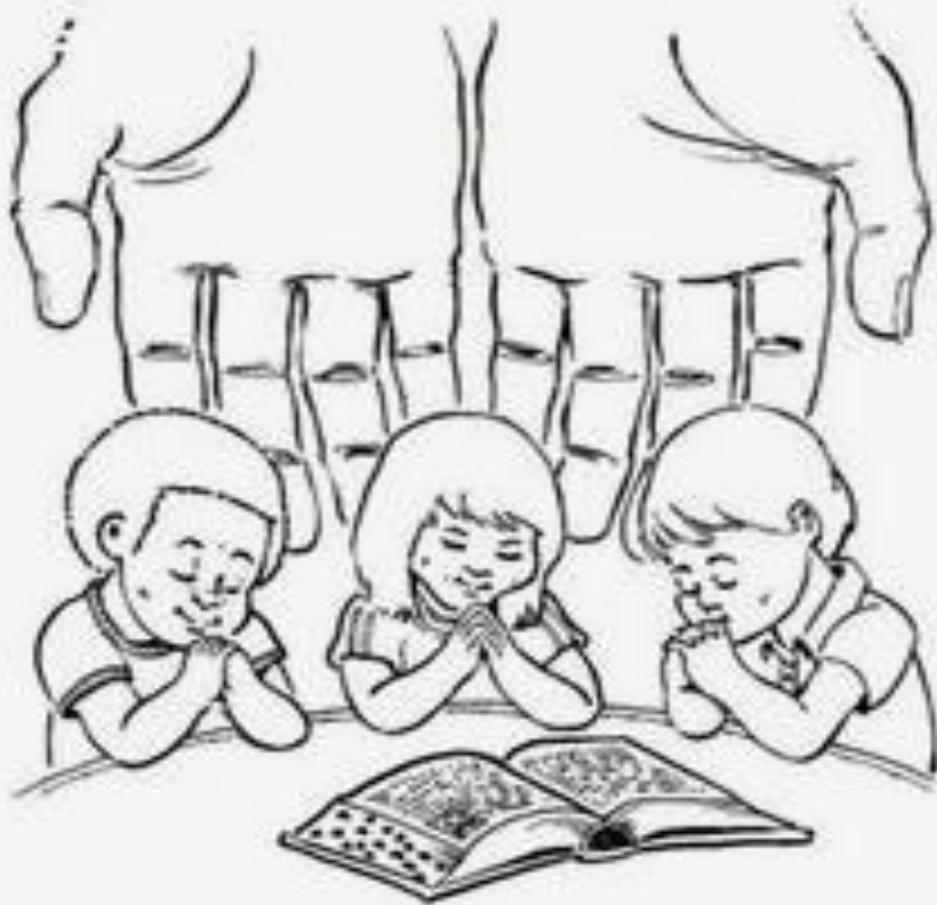
Bob Widmer, Lex Stolle, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]
Tracey Parisi, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]
Norma Martin [requested by Sue Rorke]
Brenda Dugan & granddaughter Chanelle, Robert & Pat Richards, Don & Marianne Spagna [requested by Mary Fjellstad]
Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]
Nicholas Mauceri and Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]
Richard Wiles [husband of Joan Wiles]
Stanley Ulc, Stefanie Spath [requested by Marianna Ulc and family]
Jim Cahote, John Sullivan [requested by Dottie & Jim Clavell]
Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]
Ruth Aiello [requested by Cindy Davis]
Laura Garlock [requested by Darlene Klouda]
Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther, Ralph Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family]
Zach Hills [requested by Brian & Diane Marley]
Bernadette Ueberg [requested by John Hinsch]
The Rilke family, Sharon Wolf, Dana Stankevitz, the family of Joan Young, the Carattini family, Kim Council, Roger Schleef, Jim Flaherty, Carol Pascale, Walter Henning Sr., Pastor Frank Modr, Gary Weymer [requested by Pastor Shelhart]
David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]
Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton]
The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]
Bill Feigin [requested by Jessica Michalski]
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg, Liz Solomon, Warren Hemming, Susie Gillen [requested by the Breimann family]
Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]
Coworker at Sweetbriar Nature Center, Fred Eichorn [requested by James Flaherty]
Suzie DiSanza [requested by Donna Ihlen]
Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca]
Amy Kitay [requested by Diana Smiloff]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch]
Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin]
Sergeant Charlee Seto [granddaughter of Jacci & Mike Milo]
Corporal August Detting
Major William Fortin

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Our Father



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