



THE 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUTDOOR HOLY EUCHARIST
JULY 11, 2021 + 5:30 P.M.



Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time guest, it is a joy to welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ to St. Luke's this evening.

We invite you to complete our Welcome Card at www.SLS.church.

Contact information for our clergy and staff may be found on the last page of this bulletin.

THE WORD OF GOD

- HYMN #390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** *Please stand, sung by all. Lobe den Herren*
- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation: Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth: Borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth. Hast thou not seen How all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee; Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath breath join with Abraham's seed to adore him! Let the "Amen" sum all our praises again Now as we worship before him.

Celebrant: Blessed be the most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE O God, beyond all praising *Sung by all.* *Thaxted*

1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O grac - ious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fav - or may serve you as our King;
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for

adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #671 Amazing grace

Please stand. Sung by all.

New Britain

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.

4 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come; 'tis grace that brought
me safe thus far, and grace will lead me
home.

2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved; how precious
did that grace appear the hour I first
believed!

5 When we've been there ten thousand
years bright shining as the sun, we've no
less days to sing God's praise than when we
first begun.

3 The Lord has promised good to me, his
word my hope secures; he will my shield
and portion be as long as life endures.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John

had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand, said by all.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM IV

After “Lord, in your mercy,” the people respond with “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
Please kneel. Silence is kept before the prayer begins.

All: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

THE PEACE *Please stand. Please maintain distance from other households at the Peace.*

Celebrant: The peace of Christ always with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE & OFFERING

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OFFERTORY HYMN #408 Sing praise to God who reigns above *Mit freuden zart*
1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the ne'er sleepeth. Within the kingdom of his
God of all creation, the God of power, the might, lo! all is just and all is right: to God
God of love, the God of our salvation; with all praise and glory.
healing balm my soul he fills, and every
faithless murmur stills: to God all praise
and glory.

2 What God's almighty power hath made,
his gracious mercy keepeth; by morning
glow or evening shade his watchful eye
3 Let all who name Christ's holy Name give
God all praise and glory; let all who know
his power proclaim aloud the wondrous
story! Cast each false idol from its throne,
the Lord is God, and he alone:
to God all praise and glory.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise
 him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2*from Enriching Our Worship, Vol. 1.**Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.***Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts. *People:* **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with

Mary the God-bearer, with Luke, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM (S-155)

Sung by all.

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The priest will bring Communion to your seating area. Please have your palms face up to receive the bread, which is the Body of Christ.

HYMN AT COMMUNION #321 My God, thy table now is spread *Rockingham*

1 My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup
with love doth overflow; be all thy children
thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies
know.

3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,
in countless numbers let them come and
gather from their Father's board the Bread
that lives beyond the tomb.

2 O let thy table honored be, and
furnished well with joyful guests: and may
each soul salvation see, that here its sacred
pledges tastes.

4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest till
through the world thy truth has run, till
with this Bread all men be blest who see
the light or feel the sun.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN #686 Come, thou fount of every blessing *Nettleton*

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune
my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of
mercy never ceasing, call for songs of
loudest praise. Teach me some melodious
sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, mount of
God's unchanging love.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God; he, to
rescue me from danger, interposed his
precious blood.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure; hither
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy
good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm
constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a
fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh,
take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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TODAY, WE ESPECIALLY PRAY FOR:

Those who have died and the bereaved: Lillie Cowan, niece of John Cowan

Those in crisis of health or circumstance: Kathryn Braisher, Erin Downing, Kathleen Dunn, Brenda Forbis, Andrea Misenheimer, Mark Perry, Virginia Phillips, Nancy Stanback

Those who are away at school: Aidan DeHaas, Heather Duncan, Caroline Forbis, Zach Huddleston, Mary Kaufmann, Walker Latimer, Abigail Lund, Cassandra Phoenix, Hans Roemer, Ellen Simons

Those with ongoing needs due to health, circumstance, or civic service: Dick Brownell, Patrick Carter, David Cline, Donna Gravely, Ellery, Emily Hain, David Hamaty, Betty Hedrick, Blair Joyner, David Kemp, Jason Koontz, Don Lyerly, Jane Maxwell, Nan Medley, Joanne Nichols, Jim Phillips, Nik Plumley, Ian Schulte, Oliver Scott, Dirk Steenwyk, Ruth Trollinger, Barbara Upright

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTDOOR EUCHARISTS: Outdoor Eucharists will continue August 8, September 12, and October 10 at 5:30pm.

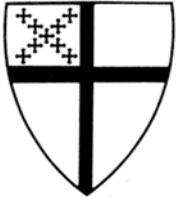
ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Thank you to the Trainor family for hosting today's ice cream social.

CHURCH NOW OPEN FOR WEEKDAY PRAYER: Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm

DAILY OFFICE RESUMES: Morning & Evening Prayer liturgies resume this week (Monday-Friday) at 8am and 5:30pm. Healing Eucharist on Wednesday evenings.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY/PARISH PICNIC: Save the Date of August 15th for the "Blessing of the Backpacks" for our children and teens and prayers for teachers and families during the 10:30 liturgy. A catered Parish Picnic will follow on the front lawn.

BELOVED COMMUNITY WORSHIP SPACE PROJECT: Please refer to your weekly e-newsletter for details on an exciting religious iconography project that our church that will be beginning soon.



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PARISH PRAYER

O God, in your abundant grace you sent your Son to be the light of the world: Grant that we may come and see the difference that Christ makes in each of us as we seek to become your beloved community; and as we gather in intentional worship, may we ever be reminded of your transformative love which is the foundation of our faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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