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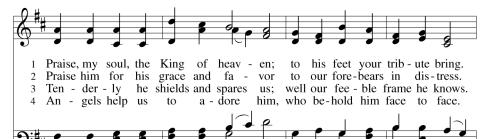


July 24, 2022 7th Sunday of Pentecost

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN:

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (ELW 865)





Ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, ev-er-more his prais-es sing. Praise him, still the same for-ev-er, slow to chide and swift to bless. In his hands he gent-ly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes. Sun and moon bow down be-fore him; all who dwell in time and space.





My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

If I am honest with you, the pandemic was not an easy time in congregational ministry. As your pastor I heard so many frustrations from members, and so much confusion about how to love one another during such an uncertain time. It was deeply challenging to remain hopeful and gospel-centered as our community wrestled with this new reality.

The pandemic opened up new ways for me to minister, but it also added to my responsibilities. The pandemic had many casualties. Not only did we suffer Covid deaths, but many pastors decided to leave ministry due to the divisions Covid caused. Please know that I love serving Trinity, but that doesn't mean that everything is always perfect and easy. As a congregation we have weathered the Covid storm with grace and peace, however 2.5 years later worship and participation in church mission and ministry looks different.

Due to these new realities, the Lilly Endowment along with the Rocky Mountain Synod offered Pandemic Relief Grants to pastors and congregations to find rest and renewal. The grant has two parts: resources for the pastor and resources for the congregation. Our Council supported my application for this grant, and to my delight I was gifted with funding. Lilly will provide Trinity \$2000 to cover preaching and other ministry tasks, and \$2000 for my mini sabbatical beginning the afternoon of July 24th and concluding on August 14th. Jacob Burnett will be preaching and available at (720) 292-4534.

The Lilly grant stipulates that pastors must share their sabbatical experience with their congregation and with the Rocky Mountain Synod. My funding was granted for a 4000 mile motorcycle hermitage, some much needed fun and renewal. As you know, I have put together many videos during the pandemic to reach you at home and on the go. The grant has enabled me to buy a GoPro so I can video the hermitage and share it with you and the Synod when I return.

The grant's intent is to restore both pastor and congregation, but its deep hope is that through it pastor and congregation will find space to be vulnerable, space where the hurts and stresses of ministry can be named. We don't grow together unless we are vulnerable with one another. We all know that life isn't always perfect, and that life doesn't always go our way. But with God's love and grace in the middle of it all we can do life and faith together. So as your pastor, I will try my best to model vulnerability and I will try my best to model good self-care.

In hope, Pastor Nathan Keith

Thank you! Prayers & Squares now has more than enough "used dryer sheets" to make the crazy quilt blocks for quilts to those who need them





CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

With humble and trusting hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word.

We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed.

We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others.

We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment.

Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance.

Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith, that we may live as those who are reconciled with you in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. Amen.

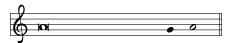
Though we were once estranged, in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God. Baptized, forgiven, and freed, we are one with the Lord and with each other.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.**

KYRIE

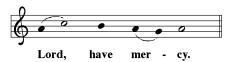


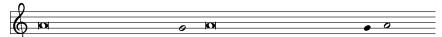
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

GOOD GIFTS

God's Global Barnyard

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need.

Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.



Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, proteinrich meals for families who are hungry.



Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.



Honeybees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth — helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.



Pig

Within months
after birth, piglets
grow to weigh
over 200 pounds
— bringing a big
payoff at the market.



Fish Farm

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.

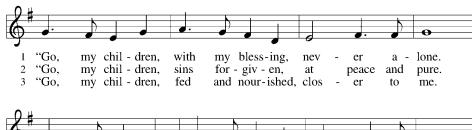
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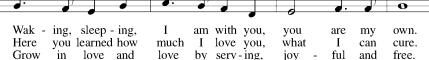
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SENDING HYMN:

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW 543)







In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!

Serving in Worship

TODAY — July 24, 2022

Altar: Mary Flores
Reader: OPEN
Communion Assistant:
OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN

NEXT SUNDAY — July 31, 2022

Altar: Mary Flores
Reader: OPEN
Communion Assistant:

OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray together.

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.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace \pm bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN: One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)



POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our lord and savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 138

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

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all

things.

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

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

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

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

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

⁸You will make good your purpose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15

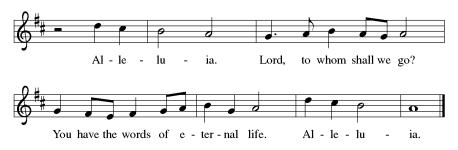
⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

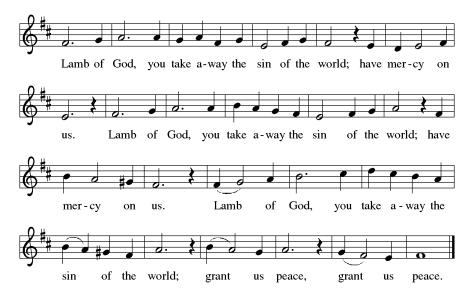
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

LAMB OF GOD



OFFERTORY HYMN:

Take My Life and Let It Be (Frances Havergal and Henri Cesar Malan)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

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: Lord of Light (ELW 688)



on earth your will be done.

in

high-est heav-en,

Fa - ther, as

APOSTLE'S 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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

As the lector closes each petition:

Merciful God,

The people respond:

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.