

**SERVICE of WORSHIP**  
*Setting 2 from Lutheran Book of Worship*

THE PRELUDE: *Holy Ground*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(silence for reflection and self examination)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

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## *The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*



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HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" vs 1,3

### 499 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.  
And I hope, by thy good plea - sure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now like a fet - ter Bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prono to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; Prono to leave the God I love.

Teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; May I still thy good - ness prove.  
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THE 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.

### THE KYRIE

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

**C** A - - - men

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

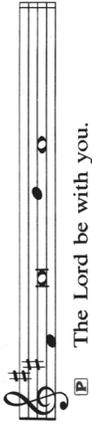
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -

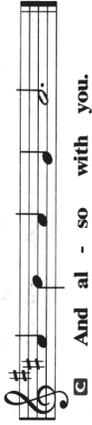
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men

THE SALUTATION



☐ The Lord be with you.



☑ And al - so with you.

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Lord God, use our lives to touch the world with your love. Stir us, by your Spirit, to be neighbor to those in need, serving them with willing hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 7:7-15

<sup>7</sup>This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

away from his land.'"

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

### THE PSALM

*Psalms 85:8-13*

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

### THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>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; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.<sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,<sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.<sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of it, 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."<sup>15</sup> But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."<sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup> 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.<sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."<sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,<sup>20</sup> 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.<sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.<sup>22</sup> 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."<sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."<sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."<sup>25</sup> 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."<sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: "Amazing Grace"

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 448

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and

now am ap - pear - ed; Was blind, but I see.  
 safe thus far, The hour I be - lieved!  
 por - tion be - lieved; And grace long I lead  
 me home. As long as life

THE SERMON

Vicar Sara Galyon

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again 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

THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a

right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from

me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those

who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN: "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" vs 1-4

# Rise Up, O Saints of God! 383

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts With no - bler zeal might burn.  
As heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, His word of hope pro - claim.  
Re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; Give jus - tice larg - er place.  
Stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, With love the weak sus - tain.

THE DISMISSAL  
THE POSTLUDE