



St. Luke Lutheran Church Seventh Sunday after Pentecost • July 19, 2020

Prelude: "Our God is an Awesome God" 3X

**Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above.
With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God**

Confession and Forgiveness *(please stand as you are able)*

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

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

L: 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. **C: Amen.**

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: *(you may be seated)* #652 "Built On A Rock"

**Verse 1: Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling, calling the young
and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed, longing for life everlasting.**

**Verse 2: Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling
high in the heav'ns his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us in love, making our bodies his temple.**

**Verse 3: Christ builds a house of living stones; we are his own habitation; he fills our hearts,
his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation. Where two or three will seek his face,
be in their midst will show his grace, blessings upon them bestowing.**

**Verse 4: Yet in this house, and earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name, faith in our Savior confessing. Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant, granting his children the kingdom.**

**Verse 5: Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing; "I know my own,
my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen."**

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

Kyrie L: Kyrie eleison C: **Lord, have mercy.**
L: Christe eleison C: **Christ, have mercy.**
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Glory to God Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Prayer of the Day: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalms 86:11-17 (Call and response)

C: ¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

L: ¹²I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.

C: ¹³For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

L: ¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

C: ¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness & truth.

L: ¹⁶Turn to me & have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, & save the child of your handmaid.

C: ¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Romans 8:12-25 ¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia* (Please stand as you are able)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 2X

L: The holy gospel according to.... C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (Please stand as you are able) ²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,

³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

Children's Message: (*you may be seated*)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #612 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

**Refrain: Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**Verse 1: You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. [Refrain]**

**Verse 2: In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. [Refrain]**

**Verse 3: Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. [Refrain]**

**Verse 4: You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. [Refrain]**

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.**

The Prayers: (call and response)

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.* God of the harvest, you sow the good seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ into your field. Help your church throughout the world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and gentleness, that our witness may be faithful to your intentions. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all space and time, your whole creation groans in labor pains, awaiting the gift of new birth. Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and warring ways (regions and nations in conflict may be named). Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, you accompany those who suffer and are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despair, and all who suffer in any way, especially: the Family of Alex Dicke on the loss of his grandpa, Zach Gravemann, Jim Howard, Nathlye Benrud, Kyle Poncelet, Nancy Nord, George Campbell, Kelly Rehder, Tom Diercks, Dean Kirkland, Marlene Roschen, Lloyd Roschen, Robert Reese, Karl Thomforde and Finley Budensiek. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the seasons, in the midst of summer, give us refreshment, renewal, and new opportunities. We pray for the safety of those who travel. We pray for those who cannot take the rest they need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places and saints close to us (especially). Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

Offering & Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you C: **And also with you**
L: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Salutation

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power & might, heav'n & earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen.

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; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

Communion Blessing and Communion Prayer: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **Amen.**

Blessing (*please stand as you are able*)

L: May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #334 "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

**Verse 1: Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn; though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with ev'ry morn, still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

**Verse 2: We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word; ev'ry person lost and
broken wears the body of our Lord, wears the body of our Lord.**

**Verse 3: Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be; one with you in joy
and sorrow, we the river, you the sea, we the river, you the sea.**

Dismissal L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

"Go In Peace" 3X written by Debbi St. John

**Go In Peace And serve the Lord your God. Sow the seeds about the man of love.
Go into the world and tell them One by one. Go tell them what Jesus has done**