

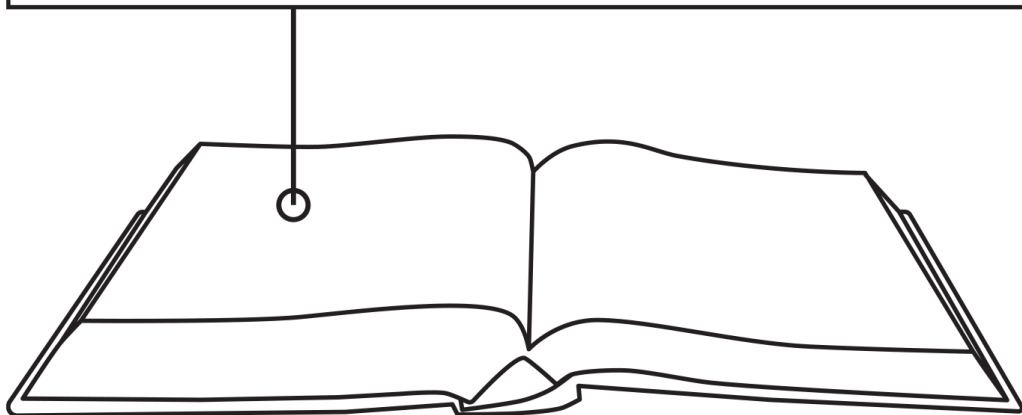
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 16, 2023

Worship Focus

The Christian Is Planted by the Word

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Order of Service for

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service

The Service: Setting Two

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

981 – In This Place Your Word Is Planted



1 In this place your Word is plant - ed; on our
 2 Let your plant - ing not be wast - ed, wilt - ed
 3 Help us trea - sure ho - ly wis - dom, sa - vor
 4 Blest are they who, truth re - ceiv - ing, know its



path the seed is sown. To the Church your
 soon in ston - y field. Let our world - ly
 ev - 'ry word you give. Help us cher - ish
 val - ue more than gold. Blest are they who,



Word is spo - ken; in our hearts a light has shone.
 cares not choke it, rob - bing you of right - ful yield.
 Je - sus' gos - pel, bread by which your peo - ple live.
 per - se - ver - ing, bear good fruit a hun - dred - fold.

Stand

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

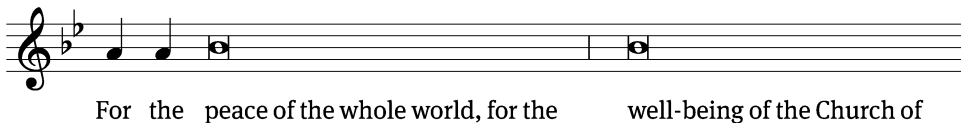
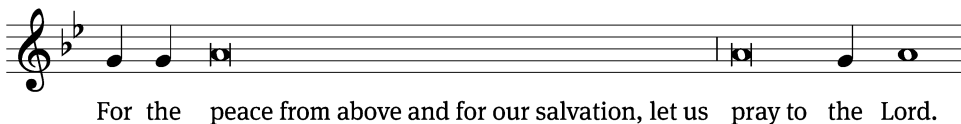
Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

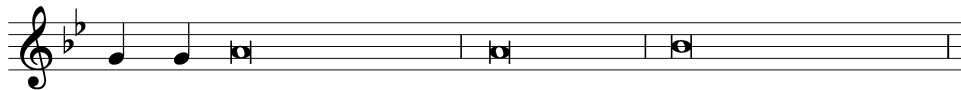
Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

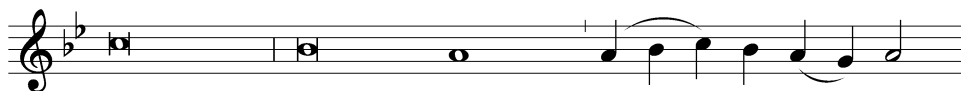




Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Be Seated

SONG OF PRAISE

855 – The Church’s One Foundation; sts.1-2, 5



1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, yet one o’er all the earth;
5 Mid - toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav’n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-11

God's Word always works—a seed that produces the fruit that God earnestly desires.

ISAIAH 55:6 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.

⁹“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 65

Refrain



The seed that falls, that falls on good ground
will bring forth food for all.

Tone



Praise awaits / you, our God;
you call forth / songs of joy.
You care for the land and / water it;
you soften it with showers and / bless its crops.
The streams of God are filled with / water
to provide the peo- / ple with grain.

Refrain

You crown the year with your / bounty,
and your carts overflow with a- / bundance.
The whole earth is / filled with awe
at your / wonders.
The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are man- / tled with grain;
they shout for / joy and sing.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:5-11

We sow the seed of God's Word, but only God can make that seed grow.

¹CORINTHIANS 3:5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings:

Refrain



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

Cantor sings the tone:

Tone



My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I de - sire



and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Refrain



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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus pictures ministry as a sower scattering seed to all with no regard for where it might land.

MATTHEW 13:1¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

¹⁸“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

644 – Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and right - eous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

✂ Sermon ✂

Isaiah 55:6-11

Who Would Have Thought...

1. ... that God would come to the ungodly?
2. ... that the Righteous One would forgive the unrighteous

Stand

NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

Offerings can be given in any of four ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For repentance, that by every thorn and briar, God would warn us of sin and discipline us against temptation, so that we would place all trust in His promise of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For devotion to the Holy Word, which God sends as abundantly as rain on the earth, that we may never take it for granted but seek its help and refreshment in every circumstance, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For an abundant harvest of believers, that God would bless pastors and missionaries as they sow His Word to the nations, preparing the hearts of all who hear to believe and yield abundant fruit, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents, that the Lord would bless them with faithfulness as they plant His Word into their children; and for children, that by His Word the Lord would protect them amid the cares and troubles of this world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather and bountiful harvest, that according to our Creator's Word, He would send rain on the earth to make it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

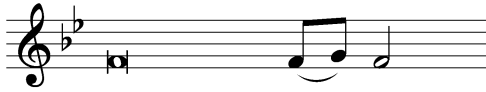
For those suffering from illnesses of body or mind, [*especially _____,*] that the Lord would give them healing, comfort them with His loving presence, grant them patience to endure suffering and assure them always of the glory of Christ that awaits them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who partake of the Holy Communion, that God would sustain His children in repentance and faith to receive Christ's body and blood for life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, Your Spirit calls us by the Gospel to the new life of faith. We praise You and acknowledge You as our Lord. Deliver us from the devil's temptations, that we may live under You and serve You in righteousness, innocence and blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ The Sacrament ✠

PREFACE



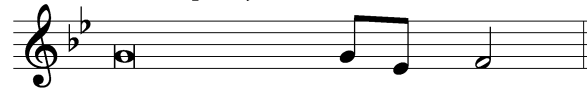
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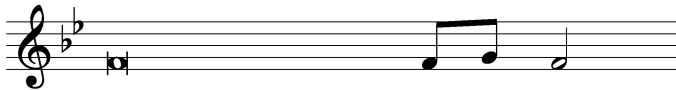
And al - so with you.



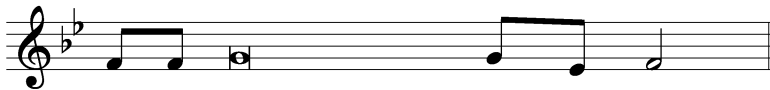
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Santus*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav-en 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, ho -

san - na in the high - est!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD *(Agnus Dei)*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

712 – Delay Not! Delay Not



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
4 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
for mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
the love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed, the Sav - ior is here;
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
and leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



re - demp - tion is pur - chased, God's prom - ise is true.
its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
to sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

925 – On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you



stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

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Scripture references: 1 Co 3:11; Eph 2:20; 4:4-6; Mt 16:13-18; Job 19:26,27

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