

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE**  
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 19, 2020

**DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE**

**Confession and Absolution**

**Opening Hymn “Let Me Be Thine Forever” LSB 689**



1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;  
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,  
3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for - sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!  
Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead - fast - ness,  
For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
Him to the end con - fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
Give me Thy con - stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

Service of the Word

**Introit**

*Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6*

**P** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

**C** listen to my plea for grace.

**P** Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;

**C** unite my heart to fear your name.

**P** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

**C** and I will glorify your name forever.

**P** For great is your steadfast love toward me;

**C** you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

**P** O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

**C** and they do not set you before them.

**P** But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

**C** slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

**C** as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.

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**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 187*



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



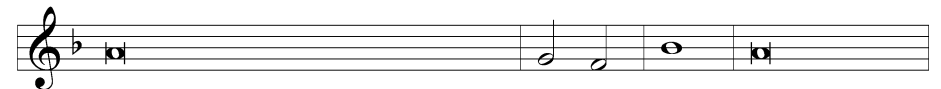
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



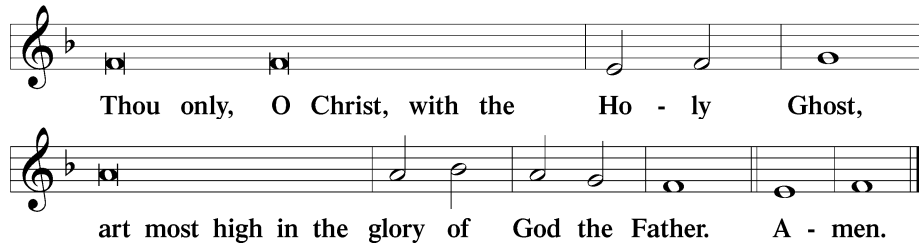
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 44:6–8*

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will  
happen.

<sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!  
Is there a God besides me?  
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

*119:57–64; antiphon: v. 89*

P The LORD is my portion;

**C I promise to keep your words.**

P I entreat your favor with all my heart;

**C be gracious to me according to your promise.**

P When I think on my ways,

**C I turn my feet to your testimonies;**

P I hasten and do not delay

**C to keep your commandments.**

P Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,

**C I do not forget your law.**

P At midnight I rise to praise you,

**C because of your just and righteous decrees.**

P I am a companion of all who fear you,

**C of those who keep your precepts.**

P The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;

**C teach me your statutes!**

### Epistle

*Romans 8:18–27*

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was

subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Apostle's Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father**

**Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

### Hymn of the Day "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" LSB 663



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat  
4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -  
5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and  
fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy  
ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your  
creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.  
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.  
nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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### Sermon

Rev. Dennis Wenzholz

### "WE ARE SAINTS"

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep  
your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**C** 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.

*Stand*

**Salutation and Benedicamus**

*LSB 201*

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

A Bless we the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

*LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious  
unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give  
you peace.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

**Closing Hymn** “Christ Is Surely Coming” *LSB 509*

*(Tune: “Holy, Holy, Holy”)*

1 Christ is surely coming  
Bringing His reward,  
Alpha and Omega,  
First and Last and Lord:  
Root and Stem of David,  
Brilliant Morning Star;  
Meet your Judge and Savior,  
Nations near and far!

2 See the holy city!  
There they enter in,  
All by Christ made holy,  
Washed from ev’ry sin:  
Thirsty ones, desiring  
All He loves to give,  
Come for living water,  
Freely drink, and live!

3 Grace be with God’s people!  
Praise His holy name!  
Father, Son and Spirit,  
Evermore the same;  
Hear the certain promise  
From the\_ eternal home:  
“Surely I come quickly!  
Come, Lord Jesus, come!”

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