

PENTECOST 7

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OUR SAVIOR EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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WORSHIP NOTES: When we experience success there's always something mixed in with it that reminds us we are not completely finished – we're not perfect and we're not living in our dream home... YET! It is in the gravity of his grace that we stay grounded. We know he has every challenge well in hand, and we become then, in quiet directedness, a place for others to heal. The more we deal with our own problems with his grace and love, the more our door opens for those who are unchurched. God gives us his tools to boldly correct, redirect and address the messes we encounter in the process.

A PRAYER TO PREPARE MY HEART FOR WORSHIP: O Savior, forgive me for my jealousy and betrayal. Assure me this morning that you love me dearly, that I might be motivated to respond with loyalty and affection. Teach me how to be a true friend, trustworthy and committed. In Your name I pray. Amen.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Our Savior offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for the entire family. Each Sunday adults and children study the Scriptures in our Sunday School at 9:15 am. We have a Christian Elementary School that provides an excellent education from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Contact our Principal, Nathan Schultz, for more information (262-377-7780).



PASTOR'S WELCOME

WE SING

"GOD OF WONDERS"

Lord of all creation of water earth and sky
The heavens are your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy.
You are holy, holy. The universe declares Your majesty.
You are holy, holy. Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning. I will celebrate the light.
And when I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night.
God of wonders beyond our galaxy.

You are holy, holy. The universe declares Your majesty.
You are holy, holy. Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah (soloist) *to the Lord of heaven and earth*
Repeat 2 times

God of wonders beyond our galaxy.
You are holy, holy. The universe declares Your majesty.
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me. Father hold me, hold me.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: God has called us to live a pure and holy life in words, deeds, and attitudes. His eyes of fire see all – our deeds, our words, even our thoughts. We confess:
- C: O holy God, we have failed You. We have failed to live a pure and holy life. We have looked at other humans with lust in our hearts. We deserve to be punished by You forever. Have mercy on us, O Savior!**
- P: Take heart, children of God, because where we had failed, Jesus prevailed! Jesus lived a perfect life in thought, word, and action, and Jesus died in your place, to forgive you. Because of Jesus' perfect life, God considers you to have lived a perfect life, too. In the eyes of God, you look perfect, just like Jesus!
- C: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His mercy endures forever!**

WE SING

“AMAZING GRACE”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: O Father in Heaven, You alone live in unapproachable light! Strengthen us, Your children, that we might live pure and holy lives, fleeing immorality and living in a way which gives honor to You. We pray in Jesus’ name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OUR FIRST READING EZEKIEL 2:1—3:4

The additional verses here are very useful. In the face of hostility and persecution there is one thing that sustains and strengthens us and gives us peace and joy: The same message of the gospel that provokes so much opposition is the source of all our own life and joy. Eat the scroll; savor its sweetness; devour it so that it becomes altogether a part of you!

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' And whether they listen or fail to listen for they are a rebellious house—they will know that a prophet has been among them. And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious house. You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious. 8 But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe. And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth. He then said to me: "Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (Based on 1 Corinthians 12:31 – Eagerly Desire the Greater Gifts)

WE SING

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand have made.
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder.
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great thou art
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great though art
And when I think that God His Son not sparing

Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great thou art
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great though art

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim
My God how great thou art.

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great thou art
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great though art

OUR GOSPEL READING MARK 6:1-6

It is quite bad enough when Jesus is rejected by those who do not know him. But how painful to him, so much so that in his state of humiliation he is amazed by it, when those who should have been first to recognize him instead reject him. The world, even our own so richly blessed country, exchanges the Child in Bethlehem for Santa Claus and the Risen Christ for the Easter bunny. No surprise there. But what of those in our own churches and families who think they know him so well that they no longer know him at all? He could do nothing there in Nazareth because in their unbelief; no one asked him to do anything. And in our midst? Were he still in his state of humiliation, would he be surprised at us who have had his Word for so long and still think so little of it? On the other hand, those who follow him in faithfulness have a stumbling block in their path: the unfaithfulness of those who should know better and then their ultimate hostility to the pure teaching and living of his Word. Only that Word and reliance on it gets us past that stumbling block; Jesus promised such rejection, and his Word even in that regard has proven true.

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

- P: Living in a world where people believe that the universe was formed through chance and accident, what do you believe?
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P: Living in a world where people are confronted with the guilt and punishment of sin, what do you believe Jesus did for you?
- C: I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P: Living in a world where people are without hope and certainty, what do you believe?
- C: 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.**

WE SING

“BE THOU MY VISION”

*Choir Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure thou art.
O Lord be my vision, O Lord be my light
Shine down your light of heaven
Breaking through my darkest night (repeat)

High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

WE MEDITATE

Acts 8:9-25

“Brave to Counsel & Redirect”

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND WELS CONNECTION

Online or in the entryway. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Please fill out a Guest Card located in the entryway, and drop it in the box on the Welcome Center so we can connect with you – thanks!

WE PRAY (special prayers)

WE PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER TOGETHER

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

WE RECEIVE HIS BLESSING

P: Be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: **To him be glory both now and forever! Amen (2 Peter 3:16-17)**

WE CLOSE WITH SONG

“OH THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS”

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Your Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Your way,
Restore Your wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in Your commands--
'Tis a delightful road--
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (7/11)	8:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
Monday	5:30 pm	Board of Elders Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Men's Softball Game
Thursday	7:00 pm	Worship Service w/Communion
Sunday (7/18)	8:00 am	Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Communion

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

1st Lesson	Amos 7:10-17
2nd Lesson	1 Timothy 3:1-7
Gospel	Mark 6:7-13
Psalm	Psalm 78

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**"BE COURAGEOUS AS YOU
CORRECT EACH OTHER"**

SERVICE THEME

PASTOR:

Mark Wagner

MUSICIANS:

Sarah Baumann on piano
Jimmy Pautz vocals and guitar
Alyssa Pautz vocals and violin
George Edwards on the drums
Vocals: Stephanie Boeckman,
Deanna Edwards, Mark
Mandler and Nick Vatter

SONGS:

As Printed

FIRST LESSON:

Ezekiel 2:1—3:4

GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 6:1-6

SERMON:

Acts 8:9-25

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