



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

THE SERVICE at 8:30

We are honored that you are joining our worship today. We hope to make you feel welcome whether you are visiting with us for the first time or have been worshipping with us for years. In this worship bulletin, worshipers are invited to stand at the places marked with an * and bold type denotes the congregation's response. To aid your worship, assisted hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher. For children, our Playground and our unstaffed nursery are open for quiet, supervised play. Today's service is livestreamed. Most rear-row seats are out of view of the camera, but we cannot guarantee that any seat is off camera. By attending this service you are giving permission to be in the video we produce. We ask that you silence your cell phone or electronic devices.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE Holy God, We Praise Your Name Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.
God our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God, in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

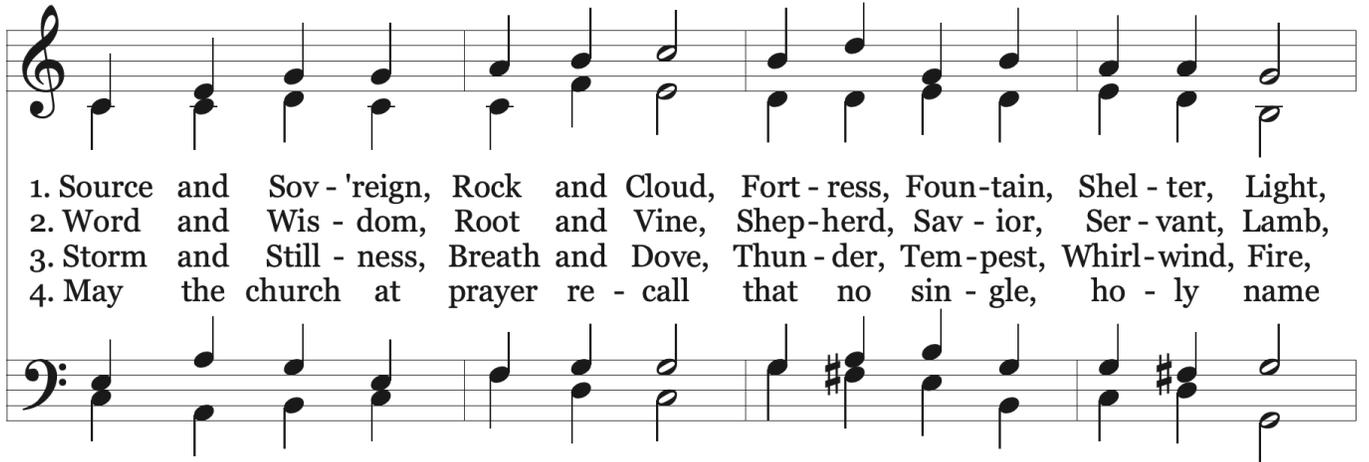
*OPENING HYMN Holy God, We Praise Your Name ELW #414

***GREETING**

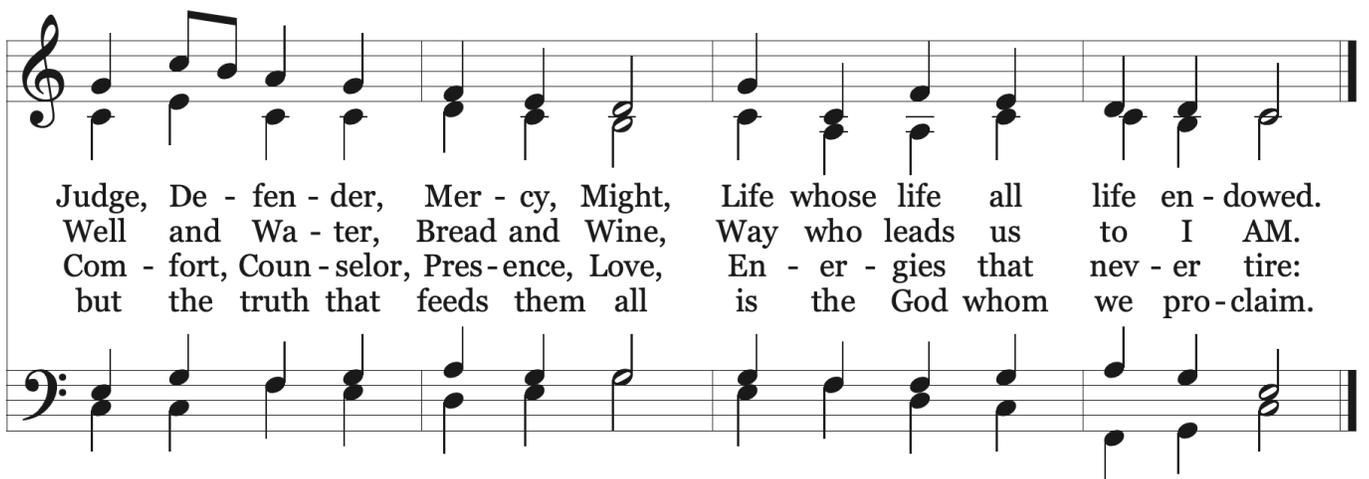
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**



1. Source and Sov - 'reign, Rock and Cloud, Fort - ress, Foun-tain, Shel - ter, Light,
2. Word and Wis - dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav - ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,
3. Storm and Still - ness, Breath and Dove, Thun - der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,
4. May the church at prayer re - call that no sin - gle, ho - ly name



Judge, De - fen - der, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en - dowed.
Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM.
Com - fort, Coun - selor, Pres - ence, Love, En - er - gies that nev - er tire:
but the truth that feeds them all is the God whom we pro - claim.

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Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704
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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ²David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

^{12b}So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

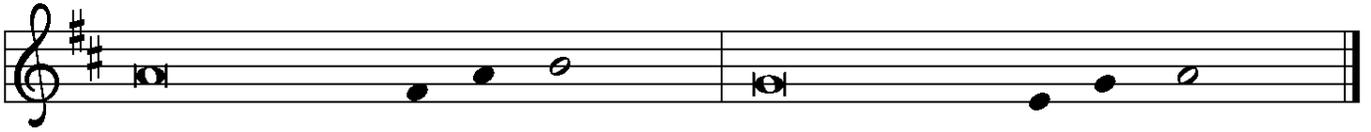
¹⁶As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. ¹⁸When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, ¹⁹and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24 (sung responsively, assisting minister/**congregation**)



- ¹The earth is the LORD's and all ¹ that is in it,
the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.
- ²**For the LORD has founded it up- ¹ on the seas
and established it up- ¹ on the rivers.**
- ³Who may ascend the mountain ¹ of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's ¹ holy place?
- ⁴**Those of innocent hands and puri- ¹ ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being,
nor do they pledge by ¹ what is false.**
- ⁵They shall receive blessing ¹ from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of ¹ their salvation.
- ⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek ¹ you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O ¹ God of Jacob.**
- ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- ¹ lasting doors,
that the King of glory ¹ may come in.
- ⁸**Who is this ¹ King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- ¹ y in battle!**
- ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- ¹ lasting doors,
that the King of glory ¹ may come in.
- ¹⁰**Who is this ¹ King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the ¹ King of glory.**

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

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, ⁴just as God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world that before God we should be holy and blameless in love. ⁵God destined us for adoption as children through Jesus Christ; this was God's good pleasure and will, ⁶to the praise of God's glorious grace freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

⁷In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of God's grace ⁸lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹God has made known to us the mystery of the divine will, according to God's good pleasure set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of the one who accomplishes all things

according to the divine counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of God's glory. ¹³In Christ 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; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of God's glory.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Mark 6:14-29 NRSV, emended

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

King Herod heard of (*the activities of Jesus' disciples*), for Jesus' name had become known. Some people were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷It had been Herod himself, who had married Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and who had sent the men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison. ¹⁸John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹Further, Herodias had a grudge against John, and wanted to kill him. She could not do this, however, ²⁰for Herod feared John and protected him, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John speak, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

Nevertheless, an opportunity came when, on his birthday, Herod gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When the daughter of Herodias herself 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." ²³ He solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ The girl went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" Herodias replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately the girl rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her request. ²⁷ Immediately he sent a soldier of the guard to bring John's head. The soldier went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When John's disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

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*APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Concluding petition:

A: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

During this time of Fading COVID, we encourage you to share the peace with a wave, a bow, or maybe an elbow, checking in with your neighbor for whatever feels safe and conveys the spirit of peace and reconciliation this ritual intends.

OFFERING

A silver offering plate is provided on the credence table by the doors to receive your gifts to support the ministry of St. Thomas. You can also give on our website (stlconline.org) or by using the Vanco mobile app (find it in the app store; once on the app, search with the code RTTMYX).

*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with stems, and are accompanied by lyrics printed below the staff.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled (sing three times)

Let not your hearts be trou- bled. Be not a - fraid.
Heav - en and earth have been gath-ered. Be not a - fraid.

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COMMUNION HYMN

O Christ the Same

ELW #760

***EUCHARISTIC BLESSING**

C: Amen.

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BENEDICTION**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Let Justice Flow like Streams

ELW #717

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Postlude

Flor Peeters

We depart in peace to continue our worship in lives of witness to Christ's love in work, play, service, and care for creation.

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Usher/Greeter: Jim & Marti Doering

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