

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022



Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)

10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134

“Celebrating and sharing God’s Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others”

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Bold type indicates Congregational responses

**Congregation please stand as you are able*

Introduction

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

Prelude

Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

***Greeting**

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

And also with you.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

against one another,

and against the earth entrusted to our care.

We are worried and distracted by many things,

and we fail to love you above all else.

We store up treasures for ourselves

and turn away from our neighbors in need.

Forgive us,

that we may live in the freedom of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

When we were laid low by sin and guilt,

God made us alive together with Christ,

forgiving us † all our trespasses

by taking our sins to the cross.

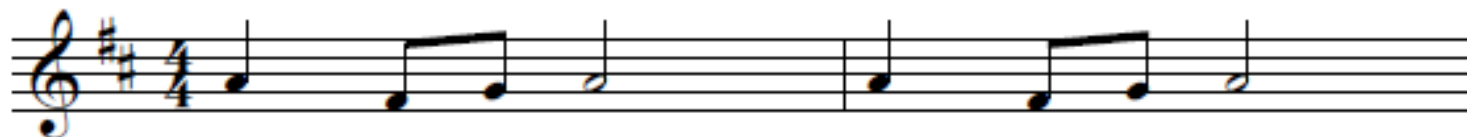
For freedom Christ has set us free:

Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

Refrain



(Women) Glo - ry to God! (Men) Glo - ry to God!



(All) Glo - ry to God in the high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry,



Glo - ry to God a - bove. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the God of Love.

Fine

Verse



1. Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain whose
 2. Pow - er rich - es wis - dom and strength and
 3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and
 4. Bless - ing and hon - or glo - ry and praise be to



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 ho - nor and bless - ing and glo - ry are God's.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

D.C.

****Prayer of the Day***

L: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Poetry selections read by Doug Aden

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

L: Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

L: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ^l of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall
save me.

You will make good your purpose for me;

**O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of
your hands.**

****Gospel Acclamation***

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

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

****Gospel: Luke 11:1-13***

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not

bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon Rev. Becky Sells

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Hymn of the Day: “*Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright*” ELW 745

***The Apostle’s Creed**

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 Intercession***

L: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer, especially, we pray for those listed on our prayer list, and the names of those we lift up to you now.... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

Offering

L: We are called to reflect on how we are giving back to God for all the blessings God has given us. This includes continuing to financially support the church and its mission, along with considering how we might be called to give and use our time and talents to further God's kingdom here on earth.

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary or may be given electronically at www.lord-of-love.org. Children may come forward to put their offering in the noise jar.

Offertory



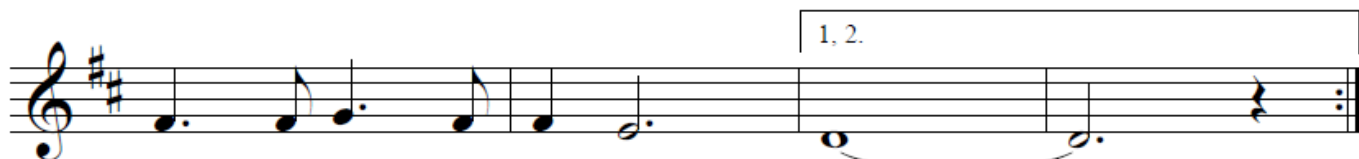
1. What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
 2. What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
 3. What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



Coins _____ from the cof - fer Hearts _____ filled with care.
 Love, _____ ripe with laugh - ter, Hope that we can sing.
 Eyes that are wide o - pen, Lies that we won't live.



God _____ will not fal - ter If _____ we will dare
 Dreams of what we're af - ter, Pro - mis - es of when
 Truth that must be spo - ken, Just - tice some - how



Lay it at the al - tar there. _____
 Lay it at the al - tar then. _____
 Lay it at the al - tar



now. _____ What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives _____ we will live. _____

*Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful God: We return to you the gifts that you have given: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your graciousness and love. Receive them and use them for the sake of the one who died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

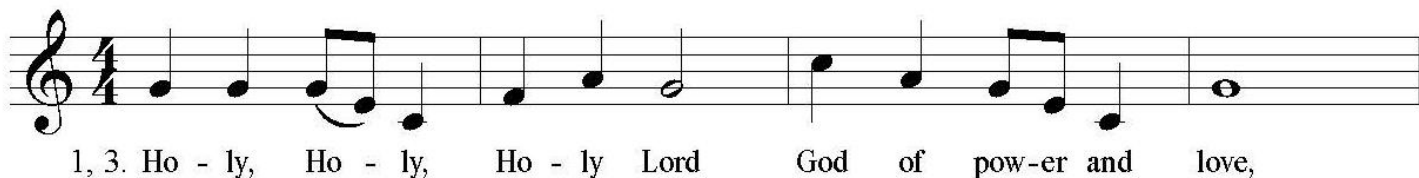
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

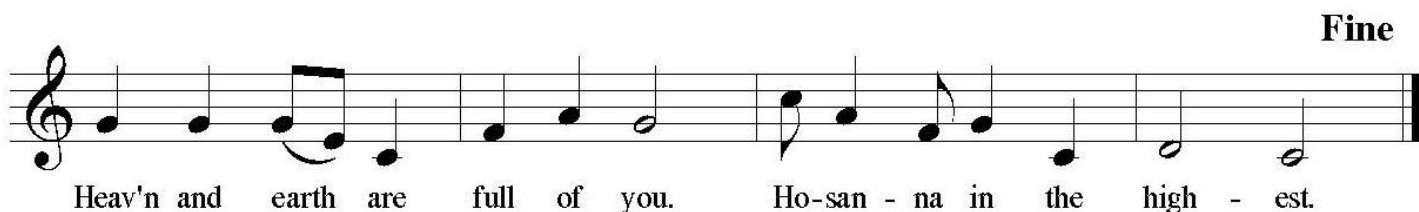
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

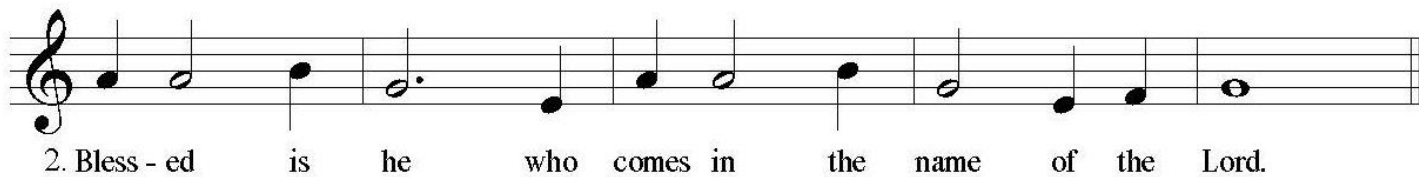
***Holy, Holy, Holy**



1, 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and love,



Heav'n and earth are full of you. Ho-san - na in the high - est. **Fine**



2. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

***Words of Institution**

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for remembrance of me.

***The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Please be seated.

Communion Invitation

P: God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

Lamb of God

1. Lamb of God, who takes a way the
 2. Lamb of God, who'd give your soul to
 3. Lamb of God, ris - en Lord, _____
 4. Lamb of God, ho - ly Son, _____
 5. Lamb of God, who takes a way the

sin of all the world to day,
 see a brok - en world made whole,
 heal us with your liv - ing word,
 bring us peace when day is done,
 sin of all the world to day,

Have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up - on us,

mer - cy up - on us and give us your peace.

Fine

Communion

***Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Sending of Senior High Youth on Summer Adventure

***Benediction**

P: Live your lives in Christ,
rooted and built up in him,
and abound in thanksgiving;
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God,
be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

***Sending Song:** “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*” ELW 742

***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God!

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

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