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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the LORD when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**  
*EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*

**\*GATHERING**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE

**\*WELCOME AND ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright*

ELW 745

## \*GREETING

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.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom, for the sake of the few righteous people who are in it, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Prayed responsively by the leader and people.*

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 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.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:6-15

*Paul warns his congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in Baptism.*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.*

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

\*CREED

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 to the dead.**

**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

Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.

Unite your people under the banner of Christ, and give them boldness and persistence in working to fulfill your purposes throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the earth with favorable weather, and encourage our efforts to join your creative work in raising plants and animals, flowers and fruit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Watch over farmers, firefighters, gardeners, lifeguards, construction workers, police officers, and all who work outdoors to protect and provide for us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our hearts to those who are lost or seeking, and help us to be caring and generous to all who ask for understanding, wholeness, and healing, especially... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Additional prayers may be added here in speech and silence.*

We praise you for the lives of all your saints, especially... Bring us at the last to the fullness of death and life in Christ, in your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## \*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## MEAL

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

### \*DIALOGUE

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

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

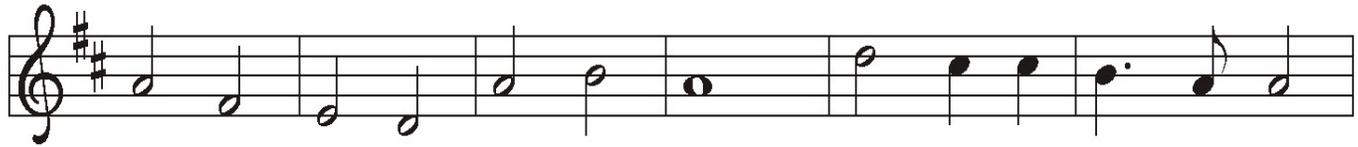
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### \*PREFACE

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 the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



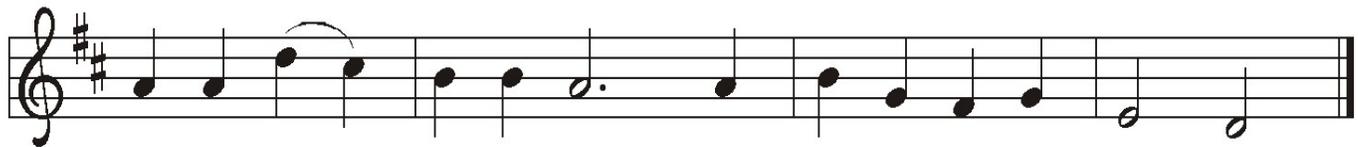
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



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

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which 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 the 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 the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen**

#### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Now come to the banquet.

DISTRIBUTION

*Nocturne*

John Field

**\*BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**SENDING**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

The blessing of the living God,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm,  
and fill you with courage. **Amen**



## Ask the Complicated Questions



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.  
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,  
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,  
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes  
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing  
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from  
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,



strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.  
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.  
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.  
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

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## \*DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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## **PRAYER LIST**

*Members of the Congregation:* Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Betty Mocek, Beverly Podzamsky, George Pagurko, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel

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### **Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2022:</i>	\$2,527.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$ .00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$ .00

# OPEN AIR WORSHIP 2022

## **The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Welcoming Our Sponsored Missionaries in Japan  
and Graduate Recognition Sunday*

*Potluck reception follows. Please consider bringing food to share.*

## **The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

*A Day of Remembrance: Patriot Day  
and Grandparents Day*

## **The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Commemoration of St. Francis, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
with Blessing of Animals*

