# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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(LSB 528)

# + DIVINE SERVICE +

**OPENING HYMN** "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#### **INVOCATION**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM OF BAKER MICHAEL ALBRIGHT 8:30 am (LSB 268)

#### **EXHORTATION**

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### **CONFESSION** and **ABSOLUTION**

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

#### **₩ORD**

#### **INTROIT**

Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15

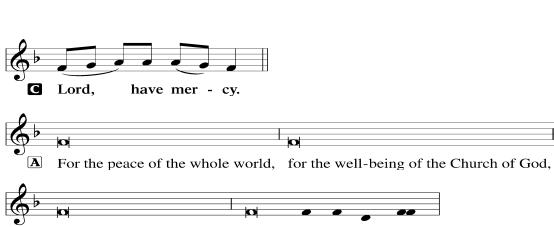
- P Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.
- With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.
- I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.
- I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your words.
- My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.
- **C** Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love;
- P O LORD, according to Your justice give me life.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

#### **KYRIE**





A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.





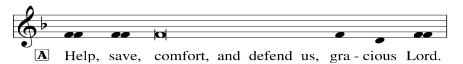




A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



Lord, have mer - cy.





### **SALUTATION** and **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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# C Amen.

(Please be seated)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 18:(17–19) 20–33 (Abraham prays to God, asking for mercy.)

After the reading:

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" trad. spiritual (arr. L. Larson)

Andrew Wulf, flute

Tiger Duinkherjav, oboe

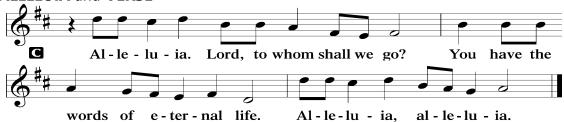
**EPISTLE READING** Colossians 2:6–19 (Stay rooted in Christ to be able to stand firm in your faith.)

After the reading:

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

#### **ALLELUIA** and **VERSE**



**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 11:1–13* (Jesus teaches His disciples to pray.)

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **BIBLE LESSON**

**SERMON HYMN** "All Depends on Our Possessing" (LSB 732)

**SERMON** "The Cloud of Witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1-3)

Pastor Sam Handschke

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The Lord is near

to All who

#### OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, You hear the prayers of Your dear children and care for all their needs of body and soul. As we come before You with our petitions, unburden our hearts from the weight of our sins and troubles, and give us faith to live in light of Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, You have bestowed a high honor and duty upon Your Church by teaching her to pray and promising to hear her. Bless our pastors in their prayers for Your people, and hear us all as we offer our petitions in the name of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Everlasting God, You have called the hearts of fathers to their children by bringing Your Son into our world. Nurture the life of prayer in the homes of Your people, that we all would know the full blessing of Your fatherly care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- Lord God, You have ordered the nations that men would seek after You. Curb the wickedness of this world, embolden the witness of the righteous, and make our nation a repentant and faithful place where Your gracious presence is welcomed with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Righteous Lord, You do not wink at wickedness, and You promise that Your patience with evil will not last forever. As You punished Sodom and rescued Lot in days of old, save Your people today and vanquish our enemies. Give us prayerful hearts to leave all vengeance in Your hands. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, You promise to hear our prayers and, through them, to involve us in Your divine plan. As You heard and considered the prayers of faithful Abraham, hear our prayers on behalf of [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all who suffer. Spare their lives, and through all things draw them ever closer to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, give us a child's confidence as we come to Your table this day, that we might approach it in sure and certain faith so that, in the gifts of Christ's body and blood, the forgiveness we ask for will be given and the life we seek we will find. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing and look to You as the Giver of all good gifts. Make us ever eager to come to You in prayer and thanksgiving, as Your Son has taught us. By Your Holy Spirit, bring us to behold in Christ the fulfillment of those things for which we pray Your holy name, Your coming kingdom, daily bread, forgiveness, shelter in temptation and deliverance from every evil; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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

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.

The 8:30 am service continues on page 11 with the Benediction.



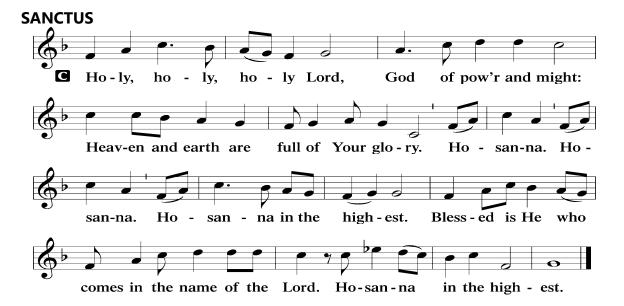
**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: United in a common faith (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); Repentant of sins (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); Able to examine their lives (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they receive the true body and blood of Jesus given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to please speak with our pastor, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

# **★ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** 11:00 am service

#### **PREFACE**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the allavailing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

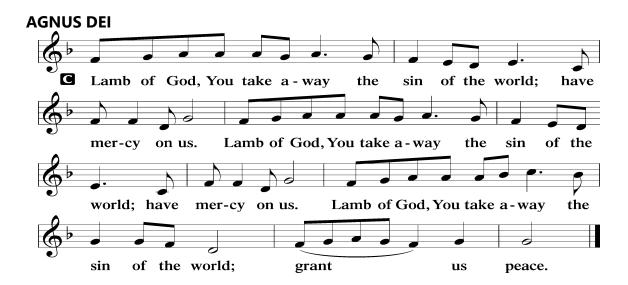
C Amen.

#### WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

#### **PAX DOMINI**

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



(Please be seated)

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

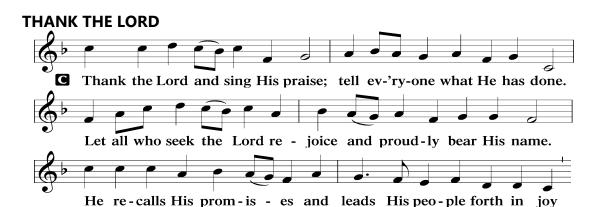
"Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy" (LSB 774)

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (LSB 770)

"Children of the Heav'nly Father" (LSB 725)



(Please stand)





#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

**BENEDICTION**Numbers 6:24–26

P <sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us<sup>[a]</sup> that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.



C Amen. (Spoken)

**CLOSING HYMN** 

"O Sing to the Lord"

(LSB 808)

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# THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER God's Word instructs us to stay connected to Christ. We experience that connection as we gather to hear God's Word, dine at our Lord's Table, and pray persistent, bold prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, communities, and world. Today we hear Abraham pleading with God on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples to pray. Jesus then illustrates the power of bold, persistent prayer and affirms the goodness of the One who hears our prayers. "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men,

the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time" (1 Timothy 2:5–6).

Then Abraham drew 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 spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? . . . And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Genesis 18:23–24, 26

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Seventh Sunday after Pentecost! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

**Preaching this morning** is Rev. Sam Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.

Holy Baptism This morning with ordinary water and by God's extraordinary Word Baker Michael Albright becomes a son of God. Baker is the son of Josh and Cassie (Axtell) Albright and joins big sister Olivia in the Albright family. Sponsors for Baker are Sammie Axtell and Matt Pease. May God bless Baker and his family as he grows in his faith.



# Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to:

<u>www.faithluth.com</u>. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

# STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Jul. 16, Att. 42; Offering \$0.00; Sun., Jul. 20, Att. 214; General Fund \$10,771.33; Building Fund \$540.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Medora Trip \$3434.00; Bus Fund \$81.00; Mexico Mission \$1,515.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Organ Fund \$50.00; Forever Young \$100.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) \$50.00, (Generations) \$100.00, (Future) \$100.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a separate check for your donation. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so it needs to be in the form of a check. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

**Thanks to "Do-Gooders"** – Each week we will highlight people who are doing good within our church, community, and world, with the intent of affirming the ways that all of us "Do Good."

This week we would like to thank everyone who came to our Hebrews Readings study in between services. No matter how many times you joined us, I am thankful for your comments and the discussion that came from reading through the book of Hebrews. I hope that you were enriched in your knowledge of God's word and how Jesus fulfills what God had promised to do for his people. Keep an eye out in the future for more of these types of studies.

**COUNTRY FAIR GIFT BASKETS NEEDS – DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 1st** 

Mark your calendar! The Faith Lutheran LWML will once again host the Country Fair fall bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm.

Gift baskets are a popular item at the Country Fair. Good quality baskets (not the type typically used for Easter baskets) are needed, along with new items that will fit in a basket. Please leave donations in Narthex coat closet – mark them "for gift baskets".

### Among items needed by September 1st:

\$5 or \$10 gift cards from Scooter's, Caribou Coffee, Taco John's, Subway, Dairy Queen, etc.

- Christmas-themed items
- Snowman items
- Baby blankets, baby toys, rattles, baby bath wash, baby books
- Assorted (wrapped) hard candy, candy bars, jerky sticks
- Individual serving size packets of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, soup
- Wooden spoons, soup mugs, small (new) cookbooks
- Hand soaps, lotions
- Candles, cute notepads, cloth napkins
- Small home décor items that will fit in a gift basket

NOTE - A limited number of gift baskets are made, so some items may be held over for future use.

**Texas Flood Help** There are many ways to assist, Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse among them. We have a church in Kerrville, Texas. The address is: Hosanna Lutheran, 134 Camp Meeting Road, Kerrville, TX 78028 They are willing to distribute gifts as needed to the community.



**Painting Class** The Board of Parish Fellowship is sponsoring a painting class **TODAY** from 3-5 pm. If you are interested in learning to paint, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Come and learn some basics to get you started.

# INTERESTED IN A GREAT MISSION PROJECT? LOVE SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS?

Consider volunteering at **Blessed Emmanuel** during the **2025 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally**!

The many volunteers who have helped during previous years can attest to the wonderful fellowship we experience with our fellow

LCMS members as well as the many visitors who attend breakfasts and suppers. We serve about 2000 meals during the rally. That's 2000 opportunities to witness!

And we are greatly rewarded when we receive letters, weeks and months after the rally has ended, telling us that after seeing the joyful volunteerism we have during rally, they have been motivated to volunteer more at their home church. Slots are available for **BREAKFAST** 6:00 am -12:00 pm

\* Daily from Saturday, **August 3rd through Saturday August 10**<sup>th</sup> 6 am – 12 pm—breakfast prep and cooking (4 people) 7:00 am – 12 pm—serving (14 people) 12 pm until done—clean-up (2 people)





Slots are available for **DINNER** 4:00 – 8:30 pm

\* Daily from Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 8:30 pm—set-up/serve/clean-up (4 people) https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2025RallySupper

Our Board of Missions is planning to help on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to help on that day contact Carolyn at 605-280-6347, or if you would prefer to help on another day, please call

Blessed Emmanuel at 605-423-5870 if you would like more information.

# **ADULT BIBLE STUDY - COMING THIS FALL, 2025**

A Study of the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

What is "The Rapture"? Does the Bible have any examples of "The Rapture"?

Will only 144,000 people be saved?

How many times will Jesus return before Judgment Day?

These and many other questions will be answered during our study.

Sign-up sheets are on the information desk in the Narthex by the West entrance



*Sreakfast* 

through August 17. Class size will be limited, so there will be two or more opportunities to attend during the week.

Due to limited classroom space, the Study will be scheduled Sundays between Services (9:45 to 10:45 AM), and one or two alternate times during the week, depending upon interest.

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**End of Summer Grill** The Board of Parish Fellowship is sponsoring an end of summer grill event on August 24<sup>th</sup>. They will furnish the meats and beverages and ask that the congregation bring salads and desserts. They plan on having a few games for all to enjoy.

**Greeters** Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays please sign the sheet in the Narthex. We are going to start again in September and would like to start preparing a schedule.





**Building Healthy Families:** Whether it's your growing awareness of the number of hours in your day tinged with anxiety or depression, or a gnawing feeling in your gut about the distance you're feeling from your spouse, know that you don't have to wait for a crisis to seek support. It's often easier to prevent a problem from growing worse than to recover from one in full bloom.

Pay attention to your mental, emotional, spiritual, and relational health. Talk to your pastor, a trusted Christian friend, or an LFS counselor, and remember (as the tee shirt says): It's okay to have Jesus and a therapist, too! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

**Main Street Living** "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life." Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on <a href="https://www.mainstreetliving.com">www.mainstreetliving.com</a>, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1* 

10:00am - "A Different Way" - Cousin Stanley visits the Fisher family and creates a difficult situation with the neighbors.

**10:30 AM - Rev. Matthew Bless,** pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church in Vermillion, SD, presents a message titled "Walking in Christ". The sermon is based on Colossians 2:6-15. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "There is no joy like the joy of welcoming another child into your life. You will marvel anew at how perfectly formed your little one is and over how quickly you will fall head over heels in love with him. You will be enchanted with every tiny aspect of her appearance. The color of her hair, the shape of her nose, and the winsomeness of her smile will occasion endless happy debates about from which side of the family (yours, of course) she got that adorable trait." Steve Mosher, Population Research Institute, author of "Ten Great Reasons to Have Another Child" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

# Faith Lutheran Youth

**VBS** Epic Australian Adventure is the theme for our August 3-8 (Sunday-Thursday) VBS. The hours for VBS are 5-8 pm. The Boards will once again be serving a light meal for VBS staff and participants right at 5pm.

# This Week at Faith Lutheran

**Today: Jul. 27** 8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Hebrews Reading

11:00 am Communion 3-5 pm Painting Class

Mon: July 28

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: July 29

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Study 'Joshua'

Wed: July 30

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: July 31

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Sun: Aug. 3

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship

5-8 pm VBS

6:00 pm Bd. of Elders