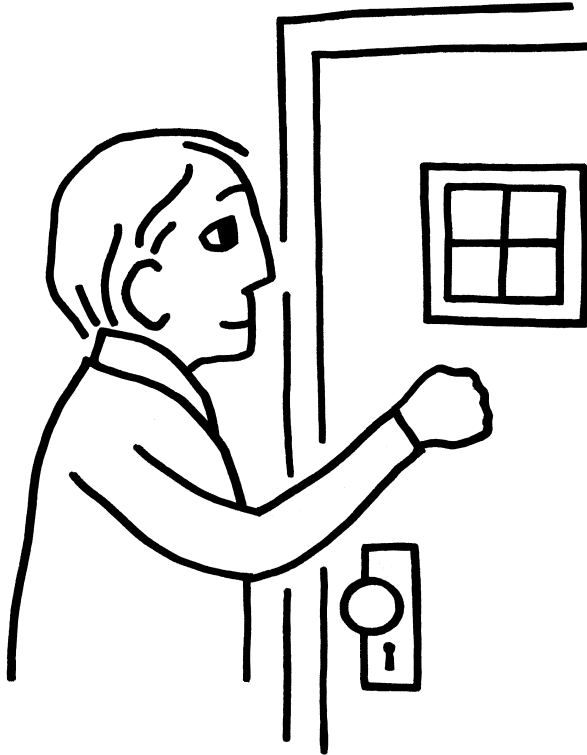


# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 28, 2019



## Christ Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

A Community of Faith, Reaching Out to Change Lives

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**Welcome to our community of faith!**

Welcome and thank you for worshipping with us today. **CLC is a community of faith reaching out to change lives.** Everyone is invited to participate in the worship and service life offered here. CLC is a warm, caring community that we can all call home.

Please let us know if you would like to receive information about the church or become a member. Fill out the white information sheet found near the center aisle of each pew or the registry by the narthex kiosk.

**Welcoming Our Youngest**

- **Relax!** God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!
- **Consider sitting toward the front** where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's happening. They get tired of seeing the back of other's heads.
- **Quietly explain** the parts of the service and the actions of the participants.
- **Sing the hymns**, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- **Feel free** to leave the service with your child, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."
- **Remember** that the way we welcome children into church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- **To our congregation:** The presence of children is a gift; they are a reminder that our church is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

**Christ Lutheran Preschool**

Our preschool has been a growing ministry in the church for more than 50 years. Children between the ages of two months and five years are provided a safe, nurturing environment with age-appropriate learning experiences to encourage physical, social-emotional, aesthetic, cognitive and spiritual development. For more information about our preschool, please visit the homepage [www.clPreSchool.org](http://www.clPreSchool.org) or contact the office at (214) 363-2242.

**Today at Worship - 10:00 AM**

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Ben Dueholm
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Hando Nahkur
<b>Cantor</b>	Suzanne Dunkelberg
<b>Acolyte</b>	Katie Rose Keesy
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Juris Laivins
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Jack Strobel
<b>Altar Guilds</b>	Carolyn & Juris Laivins   Connie & Jeff Uhri
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Kylie Mauer
<b>Ushers</b>	John McConnell and Michelle Scheuter

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Don & Pat Rowland in honor of their daughter and grandson's birthdays.

## GATHERING

**Prelude:** “The Dark Island” - L. McLaughlan  
Erling Rolseth

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Temple Talk:** Connie Uhri

### **Sharing of the Peace**

*Please stand*

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The congregation is invited to share the Peace of Christ with one another.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

C: Amen.

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: God of mercy,

C: 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.

P: 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!

C: Amen.

**Opening Hymn:** 611 - “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” (Vs. 1 and 2)

### **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.

### **Kyrie**

#### **Refrain**

*Assistant:*

*Congregation:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,



Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



Help, save and de - fend us, O



God. A - men.

## Hymn of Praise

### Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and



free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -



er - more!

### Verse 1



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once

slain, whose blood has freed and u -

nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of

*to Refrain*

**Verse 2**

*Congregation*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

*to Refrain*

for ev - er.

**Verse 3**

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to

make us peo - ple of God; to make

*to Refrain*

all things new.

**Salutation**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### 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.*

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."

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM TONE 7



## Psalm 138

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 a- | bove 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 pur- | pose for me;**

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

## Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

*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.*

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation Hymn

*Please stand*



## Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

*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.*

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: 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!"

P: The Gospel of our Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Children's Message:

*The children are invited to bring their offering forward at this time.  
After the message, they may return to the pew or go to the nursery.*

**Sermon:** Asking and Receiving

Pastor Ben Dueholm

**Sermon Hymn:** 742 - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*Please stand*



## **Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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 Intercession**

**A: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.**

After each petition:  
**A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.**

**When instructed, the congregation is invited to offer up their prayer petitions.**

**P: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen.**

## **MEAL**

## **Offerings Received**

*Please be seated*

*Many of our members give electronically. To learn more about this option, please see [clcdallas.org](http://clcdallas.org) or ask an usher. Please take a moment to sign the white 'getting to know you pad' in your pew.*

**Special Music: "Highland Cathedral" - M. Korb, Arr. D. Macpherson  
Erling Rolseth**

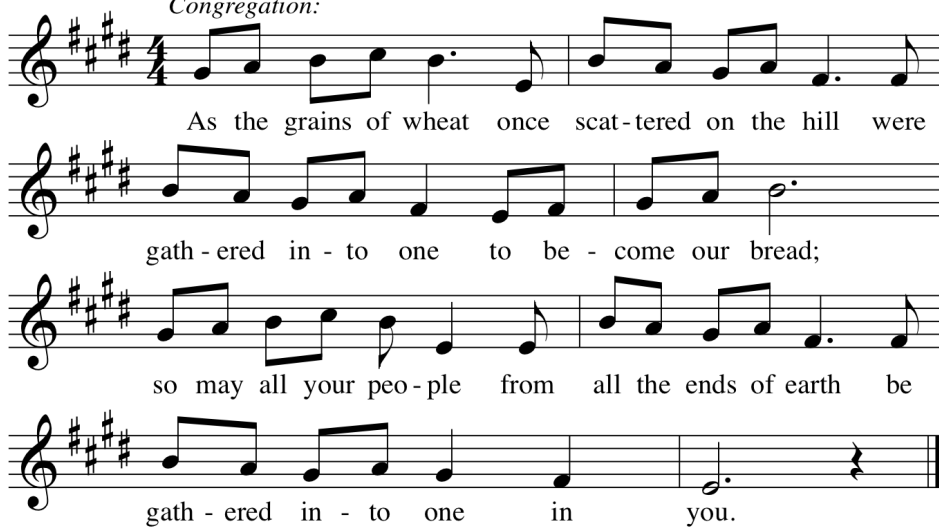
## **Presentation of the Gifts**

*Please stand*

## Offertory

### Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

### Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
*to Refrain*  
may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

**C: Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Remembering Christ's command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:



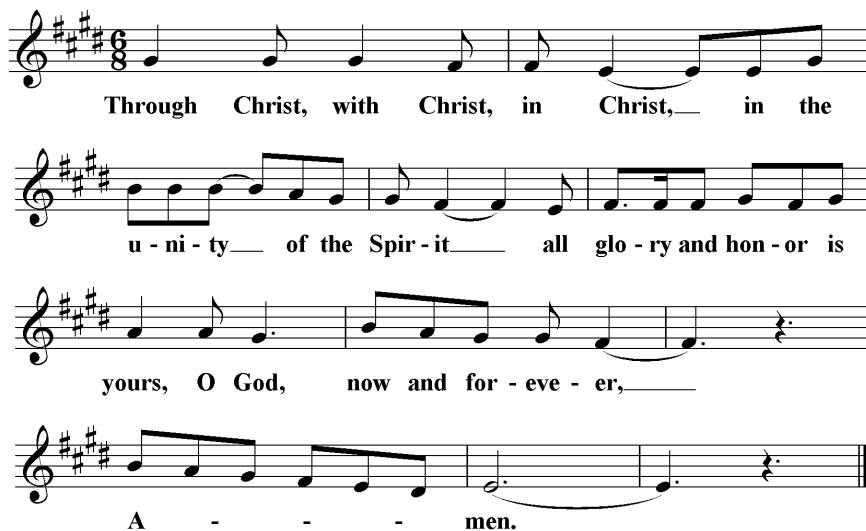
**All:** A - men, Come Lord Je-sus; A - men, Come Lord Je-sus

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.



**All:** A - men, Come Ho-ly Spir-it. A - men, Come Ho-ly Spir-it.

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and friend.



P: 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."

### Lord's Prayer

C: 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

#### Communion

*Please be seated*

*Holy Communion is the Lord's Supper. **All who believe** in Christ's presence to forgive our sins through this sacrament are invited. Those who choose not to commune may come forward to receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your hands across your chest.*

*The ushers will guide you to come up the center aisle to the altar rail. You may kneel or stand at the rail as you desire. You will be offered a wafer to dip into either red wine or clear grape juice. Afterwards an appropriate response would be to say "Amen". Then you are welcome to stay at the rail for prayer and meditation as long as you desire before returning to your seat by the side aisle.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion Hymn:** “Amazing Grace” - J. Newton, Arr. NTCPD  
 Erling Rolseth

483 - “Here Is Bread”

## Post Communion Blessing

*Please stand*

## Prayer after Communion

A: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## Sending

### Blessing

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.

C: Amen.

**Sending Hymn:** 790 - “Day by Day”

## Dismissal

A: We are a community of faith, reaching out to change lives.

C: **Let us go out in peace and share the Good News!**

**Postlude:** “The Skye Boat Song” - A. MacLeod, Arr. NTCPD  
 Erling Rolseth