

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion at Resurrection Lutheran Church

July 11, 2021

The assembly gathers in seating in the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance and wearing face masks.

OPENING VOLUNTARY (“Aria”, Paul Manz.)

A Rite for Re-Gathering

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who upholds us through adversity,
who consoles us in our sorrows,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Song “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather” ELW 530

A reading from Isaiah (54:10):

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

A prayer of lament

We lament before you, O God, Comforter in our distress,
the losses that our congregation has suffered.
We have missed our weekly assembled worship,
our sharing of bread and cup,
our communal song,
our greetings of peace;
the full observances of Holy Week,
the Three Days, Easter, Pentecost, and Trinity;
baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals;
gatherings for education;
coffee hours;
the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted each Sunday,

Other laments of the local community may be added.

and we mourn members, friends, and family who have died of COVID-19.

O God, we lament our losses, for they are many.

Restore us, gracious God.

Restore us, gracious God.

We lament before you, O God, Sustainer of the universe,
the tragedies that our world has experienced.

We lament the millions sickened;
the countless dead;
thousands unemployed;
medical systems depleted;
economic security threatened;
government assistance inadequate;
political discord escalated;
despondency rampant;
racial injustice intensified;
communal engagements canceled...

Other laments of the world may be added.

O God, we lament the world's tragedies, for they are incalculable.

Heal us, compassionate God.

Heal us, compassionate God.

Praise on a Sunday of Re-Gathering

Yet today, O God of the everlasting arms,

we rejoice at this re-gathering of our congregation:
we praise you for Sunday worship in word and sacrament;
for the personal presence of our pastor[s], [our deacon], and ministers;
for infants, children, youth, adults, and the aged together;
for communal song and live music; s
for coffee hours;
for Bible study;
for service with one another for the wider community;
for the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted on Sundays and
weekdays...

Other praises of the local community may be added.

O God, we rejoice at this re-gathering for baptismal life together.

Empower our church, faithful God.

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And we pray, O God of safe harbor, for the emergence of a wholesome world:
with health restored;
mourners consoled;
vaccines available;
hospitals restocked;
employment reinstated;
poverty averted;
sustenance shared;
science respected;
travel resumed;
fear replaced with confidence;
sorrow turned to joy . . .

Other praises of the world may be added.

O God, we pray for the emergence of a wholesome world.

Renew the whole world, merciful God.

Renew the whole world, merciful God.

Give us your peace, eternal God.

Give us your peace, eternal God.

The people bow to one another, greeting each other without touch.

Hymn: "What Is This Place," ELW 524

What Is This Place

1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
 3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a

earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,

win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
 sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
 we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive

when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
 a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
 what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, b. 1906

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Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

Amen.

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, holding a plumb line. ⁸And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from its land.’ ”

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a shepherd, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD¹ God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their¹ hearts
to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to¹ those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell¹ in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have¹ met together;
righteousness and peace have¹ kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up¹ from the earth,
and righteousness shall look¹ down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed¹ grant prosperity,
and our land will¹ yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go be-¹ fore the LORD
and shall prepare for¹ God a pathway.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

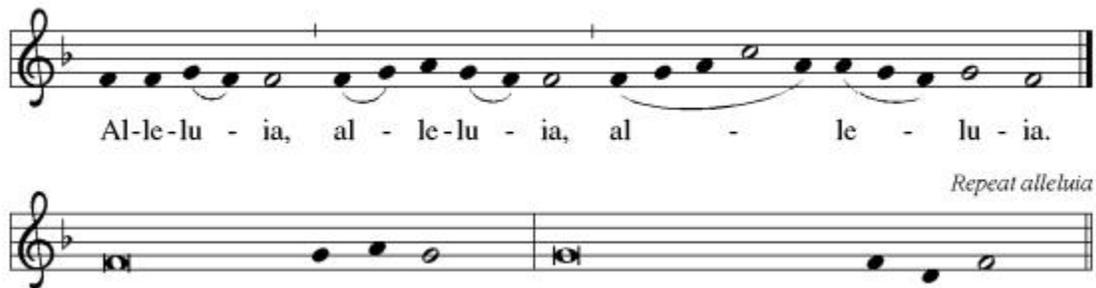
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world that before God, we should be holy and blameless in love. ⁵God destined us for adoption as children 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.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia sung by the assembly. Verse sung by the cantor.



May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes¹ of our hearts,* that we may know the hope to which¹ God has called us.

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some 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."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to marry your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against John, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When Herod heard John, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias 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." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" The mother replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. The soldier went and beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When John's disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: (ELW 717)

Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776
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Prayers of Intercession

Let us come before the triune God in prayer, responding to each petition with the words “Hear us and help us.”

A brief silence.

O God, bless the church throughout the world. Uphold bishops, pastors, deacons, chaplains, and leaders of monastic communities. Protect from danger and contagion everyone who attends church camps throughout the summer, and provide meaningful worship for the campers.

A brief silence.

That we might nurture one another in baptismal life, O God,
hear us and help us.

Bless the earth. Moderate the intense heat, give shade and breezes to all, and send necessary rain to nourish the crops. Preserve farm laborers as they work each day under the sun.

A brief silence.

That your creation will survive and thrive, O God,
hear us and help us.

Bless the leaders of nations. Crush the might of tyrants. Train those in power to care for all the oppressed in their land. Lead wealthier countries to share the Covid vaccine with poorer nations. Protect whistle-blowers and journalists, and form us into persons without prejudice against others.

A brief silence.

That the nations might know peace and justice, O God,
hear us and help us.

Bless all who live without power or status. Free the poor, especially youths, from every form of enslavement. Grant security and self-determination to indigenous peoples around the globe.

A brief silence.

That all people might live in dignity, O God,
hear us and help us.

Bless all who are sick or suffering. Comfort the survivors of disaster or gun violence. Protect us from the delta variant of the coronavirus. Visit all who are imprisoned, and accompany all persons who are facing capital punishment. Receive our prayers for

1. Sandy Lindamood
2. Franz Gimler
3. Joana Plerpa
4. Jeanne Broyhill
5. Effie Stallsmith
6. Maggie Mount
7. Lee Hanson
8. Malcolm Stark
9. Norm Olsen
10. Barb Jensen
11. Charlotte Boeck
12. Lynn Kiewel
13. John Beston
14. Phillip Swingler
15. Maria Liwski
16. Tucker Dean
17. Irene Belcher
18. Jacoby

A brief silence.

That all people might experience wellbeing, O God,
hear us and help us.

Bless each of us, that throughout this week we may pray and work in your name.
Receive now our silent prayers.

A longer period of silence.

That each of us might live as your adopted child, O God,
hear us and help us.

We bless you for all who have died in the faith, especially for Benedict of Nursia,
and for those we remember before you here. . . At the end, fulfill your promise to
us of life together in your presence.

A brief silence.

That we might be gathered up with all the saints in Christ,
hear us and help us.

Receive these prayers, merciful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.
men.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly greets each other with Christ's Peace by bowing to each other, waving, or offering another appropriate gesture. For continued safety, please refrain from handshakes and hugs.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Listen, God is Calling", Tanzanian Tune arranged by Austin Lovelace.

Offering and Setting the Table

While the table is set for Holy Communion, members of the assembly may prepare to bring their offering forward when ushers invite them to come to the chancel where baskets are available to receive your gift. Communion ministers will sanitize and cleanse their hands prior to handling the gifts of bread and wine.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. 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.
Amen.

Dialogue and Preface

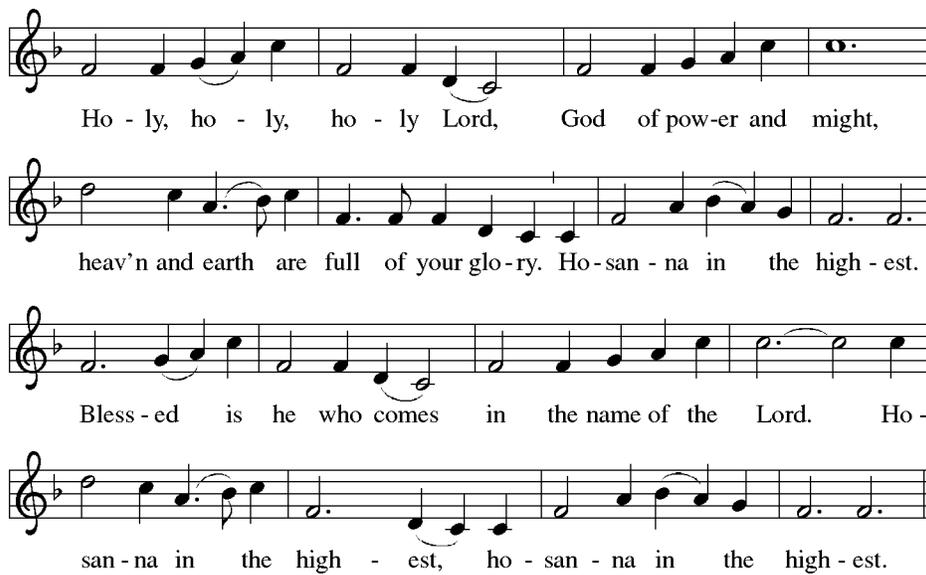
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

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 ELW Setting Ten



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, 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 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.**

Breaking of Bread and Invitation to Communion

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

*At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members of the assembly wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave in a continuous line, maintaining appropriate physical distance. Others may also come forward for a blessing. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up and level so that the presiding minister is able to drop the bread onto your uplifted hands without touching you. Using a receptacle, such as a small juice glass which you have brought from home, hold it firmly that the assisting minister is able to pour wine from the common cup into your individual glass. For health safety reasons, you may **not** dip the bread into the wine in the chalice. You may also elect to commune by receiving the bread only. You may, of course, remove your mask to commune. Gluten free hosts are available to those who need that option. Once you have received the bread and wine, return to your places by the side aisles, while maintaining appropriate physical distance from your neighbors.*

Lamb of God: ELW Setting Ten, S 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit
be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

Hymn: ELW 840

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Festive Trumpet Tune”, David German.

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