

Youth Sunday  
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



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Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor    Miriam Beecher, Pastor    David Beecher, Minister of Music

☐ = Pastor    ☒ = Lector [reader]    ☑ = Congregation    ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship

↑ Please stand as you are able.

**PRELUDE**

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Miriam

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

☐ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. —Romans 5:8  
Lord of Life, we confess our sin:

☑ **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.  
We fear that we are not good enough.  
We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.  
We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us.  
Shape us to be powered by love, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.  
Amen.**

☐ God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved! —Ephesians 2:4-5

*THANKSGIVING*

☑ **I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.  
And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave  
himself for me.** —Psalm 103:8

↑ **GATHERING SONG:** *Come, Dear Lord*

*Tune: "Edelweiss"*

**Come, dear Lord; be our guest as we gather together.  
May our heart glow with love; keep us close to you ever.  
Friendship and joy, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever.  
Bless our homes; bless our friends; bless our common endeavors.  
Thank you, God, for this day; bless all those who greet it.  
May your love glow with peace; may your love go forth from us.  
Friendship and peace, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever.  
Bless our friends, bless our work, bless each of us forever.**

This song is sung at many Lutheran camps.

↑ **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

**P** 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.

**G** Amen.

## PSALM 139:13-17

—*New Century Version*

**L** The first reading this morning is from the 139<sup>th</sup> Psalm. Let us read it responsively.

**L** Your knowledge is amazing to me; it is more than I can understand.

**G** <sup>13</sup>**You made my whole being; you formed me in my mother's body.**

**L** <sup>14</sup>I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way.

**G** **What you have done is wonderful. I know this very well.**

**L** <sup>15</sup>You saw my bones being formed as I took shape in my mother's body.

**G** **When I was put together there, <sup>16</sup>you saw my body as it was formed.**

**L** All the days planned for me were written in your book before I was one day old.

**G** <sup>17</sup>**God, your thoughts are precious to me. They are so many!**

**Fix our hope in you all day long, for no one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame.**

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## LESSON: Colossians 3:14-16

—*NRSV*

**L** This morning's lesson is from the third chapter from Paul's letter to the Christians at Colossae.

**A**bove all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## ↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *United at the Table*

*ELW Hymn 498*

*Refrain: United at the table: all our joy is joined in song.*

**United in the faith: all our joy to God belongs.**

**1** **We will praise God, we will sing alleluias with hymns and with psalmody;  
we will praise God for the love that sustains us eternally. *Refrain***

*or SPANISH*

*Estrillo: Unidos en la fiesta, la alegría se hace canción.*

**Unidos en la fe, la alegría se hace oración.**

**1** **Cantaremos al Señor aleluyas con himnos y salmos,  
porque grande es el amor que en nosotros por siempre mostró. *Estrillo***

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## ↑ GOSPEL: John 3:16 and John 10:10, 27-28

—*NRSV*

**P** Listen for the Word of God from the Gospel of John, chapters three and ten.

**G** **Glory to you, O God.**

4  
[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. —John 3:16  
10:10 “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.  
27 “My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.”

Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.

Ⓒ Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

Pastor Miriam and others

⤴ HYMN OF THE DAY: *Borning Cry*

*ELW Hymn 732*

- 1 “I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”
- 2 “When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”
- 3 “In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I’ll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.”
- 4 “I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”

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⤴ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Ⓟ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

Ⓒ 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 THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes “God of grace,” please respond, “hear our prayer.”*

*The prayers are ended with these words, “God of every time and place, in Jesus’ name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.”  
Please respond, “Amen.”*

## OFFERING

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Thank you.*



**OFFERING MUSIC: *God Loved the World***

- 1** God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save,  
that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.
- 4** Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins that you have done,  
and justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.
- 5** All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; translated by August Crull, 1846-1923, altered

**↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

- 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 our thanks and praise.
- P** 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:
- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.  
—ELW page 108

**↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

- 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.

**↑ THE 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.

**SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH or WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD**

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church.  
Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.  
You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or white grape juice.  
You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine  
(as we have been using throughout the pandemic).  
At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:  
"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*



**COMMUNION HYMN: *New Things, O God****Tune: RYBURN*

- 1** New things, O God, you now declare; the former things have come to pass;  
so those enchained shake off despair; the prisoners feel the sun at last,  
for from God's heart the tidings choir: abundant life is God's desire.
- 2** New things, O God, you now create; out from the mount the witness goes.  
How beautiful the herald's feet! How fair the bearer of good news:  
that far from wrath and raging fire, abundant life is God's desire.
- 3** New things, O God, you now convey by hearts that hear and live your word;  
the kneeling Christ has taught the way in life of love and servanthood;  
toward justice let the world aspire: abundant life is God's desire.
- 4** Spring forth, O resurrected days, and shine the glory of God's name,  
that filled with joy we sing God's praise, and all may hear the news proclaimed:  
Cast off your fears, your dust, your strife: God deigns for all abundant life.

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**↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

- P** May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith. May we be rooted and grounded in Christ's love!  
May we be ever-strengthened in the breadth, length, height, and depth of God's love in Christ Jesus!  
  
Now, may the peace of God in Christ Jesus, which surpasses all knowledge and understanding, ☩ fill  
you with all the fullness of God. *—based Ephesians 3:17-19*
- C** Amen.

**↑ SENDING HYMN: *For by Grace You Have Been Saved****ELW Hymn 598*

- 1** For by grace you have been saved and even faith is not your own,  
It's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have done.  
Don't let anybody boast, for this is God's great gift. Amen.
- 2** "So my grace is all sufficient for each child who is my own,  
for my strength is now made perfect for each child who is my own.  
When you're weak, then you are strong, for this is God's great gift." Amen.
- 3** So this weakness with contentment I'll accept now in myself,  
all my hardships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep within myself.  
When I'm weak, then I am strong, for this is God's great gift. Amen. Amen.

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**↑ DISMISSAL**

- P** Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!
- C** Thanks be to God.

**↑ POSTLUDE**

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*Altar Guild: Carol Jensen-Linton**Tech Crew: Davida Kilgore and Dakota Atkins (8:30);**Sara Turk, David Turk, Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn (11:00)**Ushers: John Musil and Buddy Troy (8:30); Tom Conrad and Paul Talbott (11:00)*

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Judy Owen, in celebration of Thorn's sixth birthday,  
 and in memory of her great-grandfather, Papa Bob, who would have loved to celebrate with her.*