

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 8, 2018 - 10:45 AM



Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

G.I.F.T. Zone Opportunity For Parents & Young Children

We introduce our kid-friendly worship experience, located in the left-hand transept area of the main sanctuary. For families who wish to take advantage of the G.I.F.T. Zone, there is child-friendly worship furniture plus adult chairs for parents. Feel free to sit in the special area throughout the service with your child - or come to the area with your child following the Children's Message. During this middle section of the service, Deacon Lexanne Graves will be in the area to guide parents and children through activities to help our youngest worshipers follow the readings, sermon, hymn, creed, and prayers. This is an awesome way to keep children engaged in worship with the whole congregation - and learn the liturgy until they are able to worship in the pews for the entire service. We offer the G.I.F.T. Zone so that parents may share the worship experience with their children in a meaningful, stress-free way. At the 10:45 service, our nursery is also available for ages 0 - 3 (for those yet unable to benefit from the G.I.F.T. Zone activities.)



Kid Friendly Worship Experience



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In
Faith
Together

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SUMMER GATHERING SONGS

Our gathering time through the summer will include a hymn sing with music selected by you!

Baptismal Anniversaries: Lauren Bloss (7/3), Carter Peterson (7/12), Mike Loveless (7/13),

McKenna Allmann (7/14)

(Individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing in recognition of their anniversary.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

(Silence for reflection - we kneel as able)

Pastor: Eternal God our creator,

People: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ✚ forgives you all your sins.

People: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

""Here I Am To Worship""

*1. Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You*

Chorus:
*So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

*2. King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (Chorus)*

Bridge:
*And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross (Chorus 2x)*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Leader: Glo - ry to God, Lord, in the high - est; and peace on
earth, good will to all.

All: 1. Glo - ry to God, Lord, in the high - est;
2. Oh, might - y Lord you show your pow - er;
and peace on earth, good will to all. We give you
en - throned in grace, you hear our prayer; for you a -
thanks, we praise your glo - ry, oh, heav'n - ly King,
lone are true and ho - ly, for you a - lone
Lord God of all. Lord Je - sus Christ, God's on - ly
Son; Lord Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.
Son; Lord Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.
you take a - way the world's trans - gres - sions;
Oh, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,
Oh Lord, have mer - cy on us all.
E - ter - nal God, for - ev - er One.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

We are seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Alison Levitt

Children, youth, and young at heart are invited to gather on the steps for a special message. Toddlers may be accompanied by parents. All may bring forward coins or dollars for the bucket collection (currently RICH Learning Summer Art & Reading Camp). Following the message, young children and parent(s) are invited to the G.I.F.T. Zone for special activities that help young ones participate in worship through the middle portion of the service. As the children gather, we sing:

Children of God, sing your song and rejoice for the love that He has given us all. Oh, children of God, by the blood of His son we have been redeemed and we can be called children of God. Child-ren of God.

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FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from Ezekiel.
[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.
(Ezekiel 2:1-5)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123

Lector: To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

**People: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.**

Lector: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

**People: too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from 2 Corinthians.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. *(2 Corinthians 12:2-10)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1. Al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Sav - ior, all
2. We are stand - ing in your pas - ture, Lord we
3. Al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Sav - ior, all



glo - ry be to you; We are sheep with - out a
know that we have strayed; Hear ye now the prayers we
glo - ry be to you; Our hearts burn deep with -



shep - herd, by your word all life is re - newed.
of - fer for your word that guides our way.
in us as you fill us with your truth.

GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. *(Mark 6:1-13)*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

People: 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

Assist: Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

+ A brief silence +

Assist: Lord God, equip all your faithful people for the work of mission. When we are empty-handed, give us partners in ministry. Help us to speak boldly of your promises without reservation or fear. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Lord God, you breathe life into the dust of the earth. Bless the land and all who work it. Bring relief to areas of drought and famine. Send healing rains and cooling breezes to places scorched by sun and heat. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Lord God, when the nations are rebellious, raise up prophets and leaders to proclaim your way of justice. Provide for the needs of all who are forgotten or searching for hope. Protect all who live in areas of war and conflict. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Lord God, your grace is sufficient to bring wholeness to human weakness. Restore hope to those suffering hardships, persecutions, and calamities. Strengthen all who are fragile in body, mind, or spirit. We especially pray for: *Jeannie Hurlbert; Jan Berger; Margaret Blank; Stephanie Joyner; Jim Gogolin; Gail Martin; Jack Dearhart; Tommy Oliver; Danny Bland; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud....* Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Lord God, renew our commitment to the work of hospitality. Help us to offer a caring welcome to visitors and to those returning to the church. Help us to be living examples of your grace and your generosity. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Lord God, you equip disciples throughout the ages to proclaim your kingdom. Lead us by faith until every weakness of this world has been made perfect in the power of your everlasting glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

PEACE IS SHARED

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another, with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."

We are seated

THANKSGIVING MOMENT

OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

We stand as able

OFFERTORY HYMN

"We Are An Offering"

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a 7/8 time signature. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first, third, and sixth lines of music.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assist: Let us pray.

People: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:*



1. God of pow - er, Lord al - might - y, earth and
2. He is bless - ed, He is ho - ly, for his



heav - en bear your name; Ho - san - na in the
love is one in the same. As the heal - ing you now



high - est to the one who comes to save.
of - fer to the chil - dren of your name.

Repeat first verse



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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 your Spirit of 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.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

People: 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

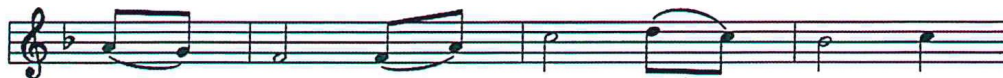
Pastor: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

People: Thanks be to God.



We are seated

LAMB OF GOD



1. Oh, Lamb of God; oh, Lamb of
2. Oh, Lamb of God, oh, Lamb of
3. Oh, Lamb of God, oh, Lamb of



God, you take a - way our sins.
God, have mer - cy on us all.
God, you grant to us your peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*This meal is the Lord's Supper of grace and is open to ALL Christians of any background or denomination. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in **Christ's true presence** in, with, and under the elements. We invite you to have your name tag visible so that the ministers may include **your name** as they offer you the elements. Communion at Living Springs is by **intinction** (bread is dipped into the wine or grape juice). In response to the words, "Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you," each worshipper may respond with, "**Amen.**" If you require a **gluten free wafer**, please let your worship assistant know so they can accommodate you. Each chalice contains two compartments: wine is located in the larger compartment, while **alcohol-free grape juice** is located in the smaller compartment for those who require it. After receiving the elements, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the rail for meditation and prayer (others may simply fill in the open spaces). **Children** who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a special blessing. Simply fold your hands to indicate you would like to receive the blessing.*

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW #471

*1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.*

Refrain

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain*

*3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

We stand after all have received communion

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING & PRAYER

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

People: **Amen**

Assist: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

People: **Amen**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

ELW #535

DISMISSAL

Assist: Do Justice! Love Kindness! Walk Humbly with God!
Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

If There Is a Theme

If any theme is consistent in the New Testament it is this: to know Jesus is to know God.

The mystery of God near us begins in the first books of the Bible. Adam and Eve, barely clad in fig leaves, hear the Lord God, creator of the heavens and the earth, walking in the Garden of Eden in an evening breeze (Gen. 3:8). Jacob, on the way to an uncertain reunion with his cheated brother, Esau, wrestles all night with an unnamed man. At dawn, Jacob says of him, "I have seen God face to face" (Gen. 32:30). Three unexpected visitors appear at Abraham's tent and stay for a dinnertime birth announcement that sets old lady Sarah laughing. One of the visitors was the Lord (Gen. 18:1-15). Moses faced a hidden God in the flames of a burning bush at Horeb (Exod. 3:1-6).

And it goes on like that through the pages of scripture; curious revelations and partial glimpses of God, until . . .

Jesus goes home. There, the way he teaches and the deeds of godlike power at first astound, but then quickly offend, the people. From the moment when a baby cried in a pile of Bethlehem straw and shabby shepherds ran to make known what they had seen, until the moment a withering body, nailed to a cross, cried out one last time and a Roman soldier shuddered with the recognition that "Truly this man was God's Son!" (Mark 15:39), the face of Jesus has scrambled and scandalized all the refined and suitable images of God.

If any theme is consistent in the New Testament it is this: we meet the extraordinary God in the ordinariness of Jesus, whose power is made perfect in weakness, who is the great I am, always the I-will-be-who-I-will-be God.



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Pentecost Seasonal Emphasis

*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!
Isaiah 6:3*

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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP THIS DAY!

We greet all who worship in the name of the Risen Savior!

May the Spirit speak to your heart the message of God's redeeming love for everyone, through the grace shown to the world in Jesus.

We gather as a community of disciples. Our center is Jesus Christ, and we are here to know and share the blessing of his forgiving, healing hand.

If you have any questions about our congregation, please call 736-0661, drop by our office (M - F 8:30-4:30) or visit our website at www.livingspringscolumbia.org.

WELCOME GUESTS! – We are especially blessed by your presence today and look forward to worshipping with you again. Please take time to fill out the blue slip in your bulletin and/or sign the welcome book in the narthex. New members are always welcome into our congregation. To learn more about becoming part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs, please contact the office (736-0661) or Pastor Eric (917-2749).

BULLETIN BLUE SLIPS - may be completed and placed in the offering plate for prayer requests, guest information, address/phone updates, and a record of communing. Members, please complete at least one blue slip during 2018 to ensure we have a record of your communing.

SEASONAL NAME TAG – In order to show hospitality, we ask everyone to stop by the table under the portico and complete a name tag with our seasonal scripture verse. The tags allow everyone to use names as we share the Peace - and allow communion ministers to speak your name (*please make sure your name is visible when you come to the altar rail*).

RESTROOMS – are located in the Administration Building on both levels. Greeters/ushers will be happy to show you the way. Main level restrooms are equipped with diaper changing stations. For your child's safety, please accompany them when they leave the Sanctuary to use the restrooms.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS - are now available, please see an usher or greeter.

HEARING ASSISTANCE – The ushers have headsets which will amplify the sound for you. Please return to an usher or leave in the pew at the conclusion of the service.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & ALCOHOL-FREE GRAPE JUICE– are available during communion, for those who desire either.

G.I.F.T. ZONE - is a special area in our worship space for parents and young children who wish to worship together with more child-friendly furniture and special resources to utilize during worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS – are distributed during the children's sermon.

NURSERY – is available for infants-3 years old during the 10:45 Worship Service; located downstairs in the preschool in the Education Building. Greeters/Ushers will be happy to assist you.

CHILD SAFETY – is very important to us, so we ask at least 1 adult to accompany your child if he/she leaves the Sanctuary during worship. Please do not allow children to play on the playground without parental supervision. During the week, church doors are kept locked to maintain security for our Preschool. Please ring the intercom by the office doors to check in.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME – is held each week following the 8:15 service and prior to the 10:45 service, inside the education building.

OUR PRAYER MINISTRY – As a community of disciples, we pray for one another and others - not just in times of illness, but also for praise, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. If you have a prayer request, simply fill out the bulletin blue sheet and place in the offering plate (or call/email the office). Please indicate if your request is for public or private prayer.