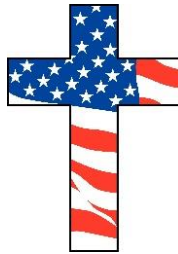


HOLY BIBLE





# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 6/7, 2024

WELCOME

THEME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

*stand*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO AMERICA



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,  
and to the republic for which it stands; one nation, under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

INVOCATION

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“God of Our Fathers”

*verses 1-3*

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before Your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past,  
in this free land by You our lot is cast;  
oh, be our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,  
Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.

From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be Thy strong arm our ever-sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

*sit***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Although the people remembered the Lord’s disciplining them in the wilderness, they did not walk in His ways or fear Him in the Promised Land.

**C** **We confess that we also have failed to keep the commandments. We have taken the Lord’s blessings upon our nation for granted.**

**P** Remember that these United States are not the final promised land.

**C** **We confess that we have sinned against one another; we have not acted like children of our heavenly Father. O Lord, forgive us.**

*A time of quiet to reflect on our need for God’s forgiveness.*

**P** In spite of our many mistakes and sins as individuals and as a nation, God has not forgotten us but has continued to bless us. Be assured of His grace and mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I declare to you that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**RESPONSE VERSE**

“God of Our Fathers”

*verse 4*

**Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine!**

✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

**THE FOUNDATION**

**P** The Bible, we hold, is God’s Word from cover to cover;

**C** **it makes me wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ;**

**P** it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training us how to live;

**C** **I need to read, listen, and learn from this foundation of truth laid forth by God.**

## OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

1 John 4:16b-19

<sup>16</sup>God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because He first loved us.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, He [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. And other boats were with Him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>And He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*sit Children's Message (Sunday) in A202 for children aged 3 through second grade. (Parents: Please keep your phone near you on vibrate so that we can contact you quietly if needed.)*

SERMON HYMN

"Eternal Father Strong to Save"

LSB 717

SERMON

Questions Jesus Asked and Why They Are Still Important:  
"Why Are You So Afraid?"

OFFERING *(See page 11 for offering information.)*

SONG

"God Bless the USA"

by Lee Greenwood

If tomorrow all the things were gone I worked for all my life  
and I had to start again with just my children and my wife,  
I thank my lucky stars to be living here today  
'cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away.

*(chorus) And I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free.  
And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me.  
And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend Her still today,  
'cause there ain't no doubt I love this land. God bless the U.S.A.*

From the lakes of Minnesota to the hills of Tennessee;  
across the plains of Texas, from sea to shining sea;  
from Detroit down to Houston and New York to L.A. - well  
there's pride in every American heart and it's time we stand and say that...

*(chorus x 2)*

*stand*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** - *after each petition:*

- P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
- C** His steadfast love endures forever.

*The prayer continues:*

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*LSB p 179*

- P** Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

- P** The peace and freedom in Christ be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

*sit*DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(See page 11 for communion information.)*

“America, the Beautiful”

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
 for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
 America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
 and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress  
 A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!  
 America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
 confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
 who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
 America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
 till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
 Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
 America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
 and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

*LSB 656 “A Mighty Fortress”**LSB 966 “Before You, Lord, We Bow”**stand*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *(Saturday)*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO CHRIST



I pledge allegiance to the cross of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands; one Savior, eternal, with mercy and grace for all.

BENEDICTION

**P** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who establishes all earthly powers, the Son, by whose grace we are citizens of heaven, and the Holy Spirit, who guides us to use His gifts even in our secular society—bless you and keep you, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## CLOSING HYMN

## “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,  
 He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
 He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword—  
 His truth is marching on.

*(refrain) Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
 Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!*

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps  
 they have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
 I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps—  
 His day is marching on. *(refrain)*

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat,  
 He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;  
 O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!  
 Our God is marching on. *(refrain)*

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
 with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;  
 as He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
 while God is marching on. *(refrain)*

**P** We enter to worship;

**C** We exit to witness.

To God  
 be the  
 Glory



## Regarding Thank Offerings

**To our Guests** – Your gifts to the LORD are deeply appreciated, but please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

**To our Members** – Our offerings and tithes are our acknowledgment that God has given us all that we have. We return to Him a portion that helps build His Kingdom on earth through the ministries of this congregation.

**Offerings can be given in the following ways:**

- Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit;
- Drop off or mail to the church office;
- Go to [oursaviorbett.org](http://oursaviorbett.org) and click on “Give” at the top of the page for more options.
- Click on the QR Code.



## Regarding Holy Communion

Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. The Bible teaches that distribution of the Lord's Supper is an important ministry of the church, and that loving care should be practiced so as to guarantee that all who partake receive Christ's body and blood to their spiritual benefit. (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Pew Bible, p. 812-813.) Members and guests please read the explanation below before attending communion today. If you have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating until you've had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. ***If you will not be receiving communion, please feel free to come forward to the communion rail to receive a blessing; indicate this desire by folding your hands.***

In accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord's Table who believe the basic teachings of the Lutheran church listed below:

1. *Have been instructed in God's Word, especially the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;*
2. *Confess and repent of all their sins;*
3. *Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith;*

*Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess, and a oneness in faith with fellow communicants.*

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## Those Serving This Weekend

Preacher.....	Pastor Keith Piotter
Liturgist.....	Pastor Gary Timm
Organist.....	Jean Baker
Brass (Sunday) .....	Tom Duncan, Andrew Piotter, Jim McCartney, Mike McCartney
Acolyte.....	
Children's Message .....	Lisa Piotter
Live Stream/Tech.....	Charles Buckelew (8:00)
Projectionist.....	Eric Zabel (5:00)
.....	Tammy McCartney (8:00)

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