

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



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Theme of Today's Readings: Ezekiel and Jesus were both sent to a rebellious people.

Silent Prayer Before Worship: O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome

Opening Hymn, LSB 835 (No TLH)

"On Galilee's High Mountain"



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun-tain Christ gave the great com - mand
2 The Lord who, born of Mar - y, Came down as man and died,
3 His strength with - in my weak-ness Will make me bold to say



In words of strength and prom - ise Which all can un - der-stand:
Who preached to all who lis-tened, For us was cru - ci - fied—
How His re - deem - ing pow - er Trans-forms my stub-born clay;



"All pow'r to Me is giv - en To do what I shall choose;
This Lord, our liv - ing broth - er, In pow'r at God's right hand,
His touch of fire ig - nites me, With cour - age I am sent,



There - fore I send My chil-dren, Their wit - ness I will use."
Has cho - sen us to car - ry His truth to ev - 'ry land.
My tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.

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Invocation/Call to Worship

P We have come together this morning for a reason:

C **We are here to worship our God.**

P We worship in His holy name –

C **We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

- C As much as we don't like to admit it or think about it, we are sinners. Our words betray us, as do our actions. Even our thoughts are far from pure. We come, Lord, as Your humble children, asking – even begging – that You forgive us, even though we are far less than deserving.**
- P** Our God is just ... and He is merciful. In His powerful grace, He listens to us when we bring Him our concerns, especially when we admit our sin-full-ness. In the name of Jesus, and for His sake, He forgives us all, of all our sins. Live in this confidence ... that you are forgiven, and can begin again, cleansed by His grace-filled love.
- C Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** We pray together:
- C We pray, O LORD, that You be in our hearts...in our souls. Guide our words, our acts, and even our very thoughts, that we will be true to Your will in every part of our lives – not only on Sundays but the rest of the week as well. And may we do this to Your ever-greater glory. Amen!**

Old Testament Reading, Ezekiel 2:1-5 (NIV)

[God] said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." As He spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me.

He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against Me to this very day. The

people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says.' And whether they listen or fail to listen – for they are a rebellious people – they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Psalm 123

I lift up my eyes to You,
to You Who sit enthroned in heaven.
As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
till He shows us His mercy.
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us,
for we have endured no end of contempt.
We have endured no end
of ridicule from the arrogant,
of contempt from the proud.

Gospel Reading, Mark 6:1-13 (NIV)

P The Holy Gospel ...

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

Jesus...went to His hometown, accompanied by His disciples. When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were amazed.

“Where did this Man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given Him? What are these remarkable miracles He is performing? Isn’t this the Carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s Son and the Brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t His sisters here with us?” And they took offense at Him.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." He could not do any miracles there, except lay His hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to Him, He began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

These were His instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

P This is the blessed Gospel of our Lord.

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

A Statement of Faith

We believe in God the Father,
Creator of the heavens and the earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our LORD.
He was born on Christmas, lived a short life of ministry,
healed, served, and forgave sins of those near and far.
He realized His goal to call us together as His family –
around the table the night before He was crucified,
and around the cross where He gave His life for ours.
He conquered the power of death – for Himself and for us.
In His forever-life, He reigns as King with His Father in Glory.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 Who brings all these truths to us,
 Guiding us to gather as the Christian Church,
 Serving us as He comforts us with the forgiveness of our
 sins,
 And leading us in our service to our neighbors all around.
 Amen!

Sermon Hymn, LSB 839 (TLH 512)



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - jice.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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Sermon, "Acting in Faith"

"Son of man, I am sending you ... to a rebellious nation." – Ezekiel 2:3
 Jesus "was amazed at their lack of faith." – Mark 6:6

Communion

Prayers

Following each petition, the pastor will conclude, "*Lord, in your mercy.*" Please respond, saying, "*Hear our prayer.*"

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction (NIV)

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**



Closing Hymn, LSB 718 (TLH 410)

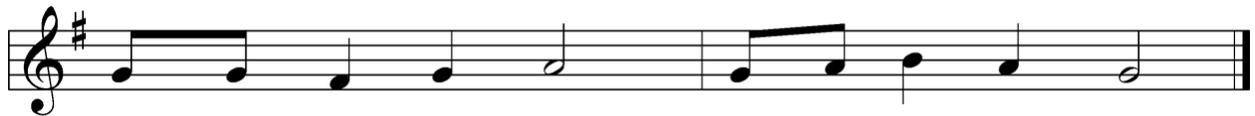
"Jesus, Lead Thou On"



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less
3 When we seek re-lief From a long-felt grief, When temp-ta-tions
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead-er,



way be cheer-less, We will fol-low calm and fear-less.
fears o'er-take us; Let not faith and hope for-sake us;
come al-lur-ing, Make us pa-tient and en-dur-ing.
still di-rect us, Still sup-port, con-sole, pro-TECT us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa-ther-land.
For through man-ya woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe-ly stand In our fa-ther-land.

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Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to Those Serving Today:

July Altar Guild: Mary Lange
July Communion Assistant: Lyle Horrmann
Counter for today: Lynn Oolman
Lector: Kimberly Blomberg
Organist: Julie Wright
Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger
Recorder: James Blomberg
Ushers: Keith Lange & Tim Phelon
Weed & Water: Sally Gorski

*Thank
you!*

Prayer Requests

For the family of Mark Newfield (former member) who passed away.

For the family of Patricia Robbins (former member) who passed away.

For Jeff Mulfinger (son of Pastor Don and Mary) and his wife Clea on the death of her father, John Dezio.

Mark Newfield Funeral

The funeral for Mark Newfield will be held at Holy Cross on Tuesday, July 13 at 2:00 PM. Visitation one hour before the service. Pastor Don will be officiating.

Masks Optional

In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks are now optional for those who have been vaccinated.

July Newsletter

The July newsletter is available on the table in the back of the church.

Attendance from Last Sunday

The attendance on 7/4 was 36. The total offering was \$9,130.76 including \$2,130 to the Building Fund, \$1,500 to the Food Pantry, \$177 to Synod and \$175 to Trinity First.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Vicky Dean (7/19), Marlette Steinke (7/25) and Michael Schlueter (7/25).

Water and Weed

Thank you to all those who have signed up to water and weed this summer. September dates are still available.

Offering

- 1) You can give by sending your envelope to HCLC.
- 2) You can give online from the Holy Cross homepage (holycrossmpls.org).

Click on the blue button or directly via the Holy Cross online donation form.

You can give to the General Fund, Building Fund, We Care, Synod or Trinity First.

Donations are processed through faith-based Vanco.

Payments are deposited directly into the Holy Cross bank account.

Lutheran Night at Target Field

The Annual Lutheran Night at Target Field will be Monday, July 26 at 7:10PM as the Twins play the Detroit Tigers. An information sheet is available on the table in the back of the church. Individual tickets are available as well as group tickets.

Donation Received

Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group has donated \$1,500 to our food pantry. It was included in the offering last Sunday.

Portals of Prayer

The July-September issue is now available on the table in the back of the church or at the welcome nook. If you would like one mailed, please let the office know.

Caleb Likely

Caleb Likely has made his summer music schedule available. Copies of his schedule are on the back table.

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What is your favorite hymn?

Write the name below and give the slip to Pastor Don or Julie.
