

P Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria!

Serving with Gladness

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Pastor Mentz

Pastor and Virginia will be out of town from tomorrow, July 22 – July 31.

Change the Lord's Prayer?

I invite you to join me today as we continue our special Bible study on The Lord's Prayer.

7th Sunday of the Pentecost Season



“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:42).

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Welcome!

We thank God for this time together! If you are worshipping with us for the first time this morning, we extend a very special welcome to Holy Cross. We are happy and grateful that you have joined us to worship God and celebrate His love. May God bless your worship with us, and please be assured that your presence among us is a blessing.

+ Pentecost 7 +

July 21, 2019

Divine Service III 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

STAND

✠ *In acknowledgement of our Lord's presence and as a reminder of His work on our behalf, please turn and face the Processional Cross as it is carried in.* ✠

Opening Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the**

sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray: Heavenly Father, Your beloved Son enjoyed time away from work to be with friends. Help us to appreciate those Whom You have placed in our lives. Help us to be a true friend and lasting companion to others may they see in us Your face. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

Announcements

First Lesson

Joshua 24:13-15

Pew Bible, p. 539-540

Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-9

Pew Bible, p. 992

(STAND)

Alleluia Verse *(spoken by pastor)*

P Alleluia. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, the Almighty. Alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10: 38-42

Pew Bible, p. 877

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to Thee, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed *(Please see inside back cover of hymnal)*

Hymn of the Day Message

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Offertory Hymn

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offerings

Prayer of the Church

P Almighty and Gracious Father, the Psalmist David wrote: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork (Psalm 19:1). As our nation celebrates the 50th anniversary of the landing on the moon, we give You thanks for the beauties and wonders of creation. We thank You for allowing us to benefit from the beauty of all that Your hand has created: for our seas, forests and skies. For he beautify and fragrant of plants and flowers, for the animals You have created. We are so blessed to be the recipients of all the beauty that surrounds us and testifies of Your awesome glory.

C May our hearts forever be thankful.

P As we thank You Father for the beauty and wonders of creation, we give You thanks for Your son, Jesus Christ, and especially for His examples of service to others. Your Son, Jesus, has left us so many examples of what it means to be a friend and companion to others. Give us the courage and strength to model His examples of friendship. Lord, in Your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P Gracious Father, we pray for our leaders: for our president and vice-president, for our governor and for all state governors, for members of the United States Cabinet and for all of our national and local legislators. Give them the desire to rise above politics so that they may rule our great land with dignity and respect for all. Take away from all of us the desire to be caught up in the dark forces of division that seems to be so prevalent in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, we pray for our church, Holy Cross Church. We thank You for the unity and good will that exists in our congregation. May that Spirit of oneness remain with us. Help us too as we look for ways to pay off our roof and to look forward to the future. Bless our 75th celebration and allow us to again see and be with former members and friends of our congregation. Lord, in Your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P Gracious Father, like Martha and Mary we struggle to find a balance in our lives between the many demands placed upon us. Help each of us to use our time wisely and to balance the demands of work and service to our family, friends and neighbors.

Special Prayers for:

+ **Katy Hurley** + (friend of Pastor & Virginia. Katy died, Monday, July 15);
Michelle Burrus; **Emmanuel Findlay** (recovering from kidney transplant surgery); **Hank Stuvén** (Washington Medical Center); **Teresa Wilcox**, mother of Amy Minor; **Robin Beam**, (sister of Susan Lucero); **Lucille Keys**.

Birthdays: **Gloria Ovwigho** (7/26); **Ian Byrnes** (7/27).

Anniversaries: Bob & Marilyn Benson (7/26).

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C Amen.

Celebration of Communion

Lutherans believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ are received with the Bread and Wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Baptized Christians who confess their sins to God, desire to live a

new life in Jesus Christ, and affirm this statement of faith, are invited to celebrate this Sacrament with us. If you have any questions regarding Communion, please speak with Pastor. We also invite children to come forward to receive a blessing.

Communion Liturgy

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He overcame death by His resurrection and opened up for us the way to eternal life with You. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise Your glorious name singing:

Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

P 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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Consecration

Agnus Dei



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Nunc Dimittis

☐ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

PRAYER

C Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His Countenance upon you and give you peace.

☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Christ Be My Leader

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