

The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

*Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road
and opened the Scriptures to us?*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive strength through hearing God's holy Word. We also gather to offer him our worship and praise.

Welcome to our guests & visitors. We are glad that you are here. Please join us again soon.

We want you to feel welcome and comfortable. Here are a few notes to help with that:

Large print worship folders are available. You'll find them at the entryway table. Please ask if we can be of help with this.

Connection cards are also located on the entryway table. We'd love the opportunity to get connected with you in additional ways – either in person or digitally. **You can hand the card to Pastor Glende, or simply place it into the offering box.**

Restrooms are located down the hallway on the right.

And please ask if there are any other questions we can answer for you.

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MORNING PRAISE

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

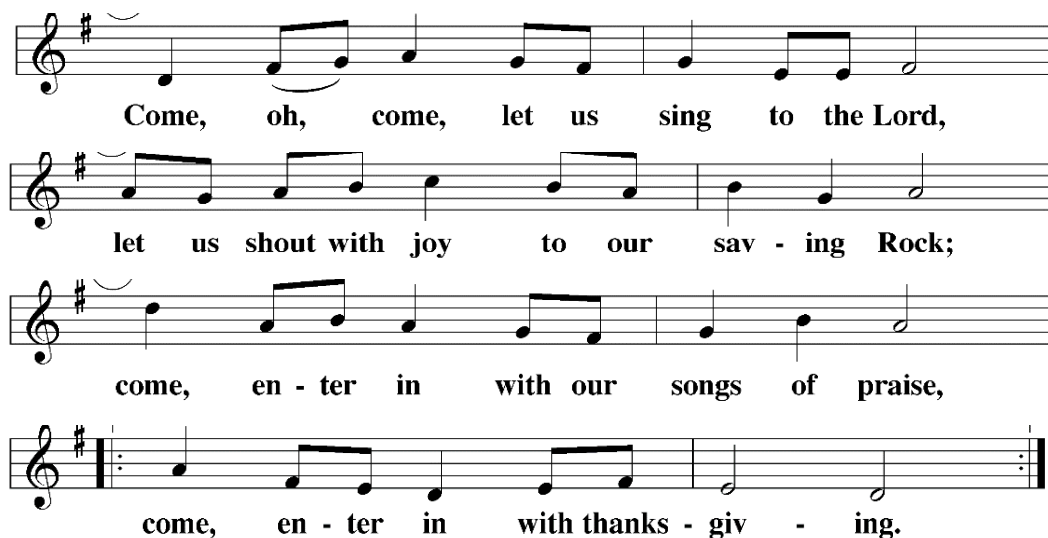
M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Spirit of the LORD fills the world: Let us worship him!

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

(taken from Psalm 95)



1. You are a great and a wondrous God, cupping in your hands all the depths of earth.
You made the hills and the mountains high, you made the seas and the dry land.

Refrain

2. Come, let us worship and bowing low, kneel before the One who has made us all.
You are the God whom we call our own, we are the flock that you shepherd.

Refrain

Please stand

INVOCATION

The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshippers of their baptisms.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [✠] and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

(Romans 7:18-20, Romans 5:19, Luke 18:13,14)

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with an honest heart and confess our sins to him asking him for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: O most holy and righteous Lord, I am a sinner whose thoughts, words, and actions testify to the evil that lives in me. Be merciful to me. Take from me the sin that I have inherited and the sins that I have committed, for the sake of your holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death.

M: The Savior's work is finished. The price is paid in full. Our Lord says, "Come, let us reason together: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool, for I will forgive your sins and remember your wickedness no more." According to the Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son [✠] and of the Holy Spirit.

(Isaiah 1:18, John 20:23)

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

(Romans 7:24-25)

The forgiveness extended by the pastor to the congregation is that special power and right which Christ gave to his Church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

Please be seated

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

Te Deum

The Te Deum Laudamus (We Praise You, O God) has been sung since the 6th century AD (the words date back as early as the 4th century AD). We join our voices to Christians who have gone before us. The words serve as a confession of faith.

The congregation is invited to join in the Refrains and "We praise you," where noted in *bold*. Please Stand.

Refrain:



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



Verses
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**
You have ris - en to free us;

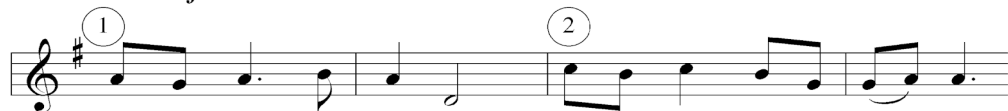


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyr - s and your
To the Trin - i - ty most
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
bless - ed, **We sing in end - less** *to Refrain*
glo - ry, **praise!** *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

THE WORD

LESSON

GENESIS

18:20-32

Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous **21** that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

22 The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. **23** Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? **24** What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? **25** Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

26 The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

27 Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, **28** what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?"

"If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."

29 Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

30 Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?"

He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

31 Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?"

He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."

32 Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"

He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

M: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 63

IN THE MORNING I WILL SING

The cantor will sing the refrain through once. Please join in the refrain after he introduces it.

REFRAIN: In the morning, I will sing, I will sing glad songs to you.

I will sing glad songs of praise to you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

1. *O God, you are my God; for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.*

REFRAIN

2. *For your love is better than life, my lips will speak of your praise.
So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.*

REFRAIN

3. *On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night, for you have been my help
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.*

REFRAIN

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VERSE OF THE DAY

LUKE 11:9

M: Alleluia! Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;
C: knock and the door will be opened to you. Alleluia!

LESSON

I TIMOTHY 2:1-7

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— **2** for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. **3** This is good, and pleases God our Savior, **4** who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. **5** For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. **7** And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

M: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the words of our Risen Lord

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 11:1-13

On another occasion, Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.”

2 He said to them, “When you pray, say, ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. **3** Give us each day our daily bread. **4** Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’”

5 He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and tell him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, **6** because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before him.’ **7** And the one inside replies, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give it to you.’ **8** I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his bold persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

9 “I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. And to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

11 “What father among you, if your son asks for bread, would give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake instead of a fish? **12** Or if he asks for an egg, would give him a scorpion? **13** If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY 569

BEFORE THE THRONE

SERMON

Please stand

THE NICENE CREED

After hearing God's Word, we give expression with our lips to the faith which lives in our heart. The confession of faith also serves as a regular review of the teachings of how we are saved.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offering goes to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. (There is an opportunity for giving via the offering box at the back of the sanctuary or online.)



LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(Psalm 27:7)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

Exhortation to those receiving The Lord's Supper

M: Dear friends in Christ! Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood together with the bread and the wine as a truly life-giving food and drink. By means of this sacrament, Jesus forgives your sins, strengthens your faith, gives you strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants you a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Together, then, with your fellow believers, remember and proclaim the Lord's death, celebrate the gift of his redemption, and express the unity of faith which we share!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Dear visitors and guests: *You may be relieved to find out that God's Word teaches that Communion is intended only for those who have been made familiar in advance with the essence of the Sacrament, and for those who have previously expressed their doctrinal agreement with the congregation. This is the scriptural practice of "close communion." If you are not yet a communicant member of our Wisconsin Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), please observe our Communion service today, and speak with our pastor after the service. We'd be delighted to have come to know what we teach from the Bible.*

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper and through your Word. We pray that through these you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

L The Lord bless and keep you.

C A - men.

L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.

C A - men.

L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN 721

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

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Schedule

TUES	Women's gathering	10:30am
WED	Bible Information Class	7:15pm
<i>Living for the Lord - in Love for others</i>		
Next Sunday	Men's Bible Study	Note this time slot through summer 9am
	Girls' Teen Bible Study.	Topic: Who Am I? Understanding your Identity in Christ through facts not feelings 9am
<i>(Note: regular all-ages Bible Study on break through summer)</i>		
	Worship	10am
	Potluck & Friends Network Presentation	following worship

Other upcoming events & news

Camp Chi Rho is an event put on by our WELS North Atlantic District. Several youth from our congregation went last year and really enjoyed it. **WHO:** Youth finishing grades 4,5,6,7 or 8 as of May 1, 2025 are "Campers"; Individuals grades 9 through high school Seniors are "Counselors." **WHO'S IN CHARGE:** An adult staff is there to supervise all that takes place. **When:** July 28-August 1 (Monday-Friday morning). **Cost:** Before June 15 - \$219. **More detail:** Set in God's incredible Shenandoah River Valley, the camp brings teens together to forge friendships that can last for years to come. Bible study is a focus of our camp. **More info:** campchirho.org/



WELS Military Services & Pastor Paul Horn (WELS National Chaplain to the Military) stand ready to provide spiritual support and resources to our military members and their families.



- Here is the **link to find resources and info:** wels.net/military.
- Make use of the "**service member referral**" to receive materials when deployed.
- Before **basic training, reach** out to Pastor Horn and he will help with the ways to request the ability to be served with Word & Sacrament: military@wels.net.
- **Weekly video devotions** can be accessed directly at: wels.net/dev-military/.
- There is a **WELS/ELS Military Spouses FB group** (a closed group). If interested, reach out to Pastor Horn.
- Military families who would like **Christ-Light Sunday school materials**, so you can bring your children to the feet of Jesus: Contact specialministries@wels.net.

Lutheran Military Support Group is a non-profit organization providing Christ-centered support to WELS/ELS Military Service Members, Veterans, and their Families.

- Spiritual retreats: Find out more at lutheranmilitary.org.
 - One-Day Workshops for Military Veterans & First Responders.
 - Christian Service Members' Handbook.
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Ongoing Volunteer opportunities:

- Weekly Cleaning - signup sheet is out. A whiteboard checklist of basic cleaning tasks is on the inside of the far hall closet.
- Property care - please talk with Dewey Stevenson if you'd like to know more about helping with tasks on our to-get-done list.
- Weekly snacks – you're welcome to bring something for refreshments and/or snacks on Sundays. Thanks to everyone who does!