

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Church Campout – sign up in place of welcome

INTRODUCTION

The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer, and our experience with God in prayer strengthens us. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

We take a moment to quiet our minds and hearts for worship.

GATHERING SONG "Faithful One"

Vocals

Faith - ful One so un - chang - ing.

Age - less One You're my rock of peace.

Lord of all I de - pend on You, I call out to

You a - gain and a - gain. I call out to You

a - gain and a - gain. You are my

rock in times of trou - ble. You lift me

up when I fall down. All through the storm

Your love is the an - - - chor, my

hope is in You a - lone.

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PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (based on Psalm 138)

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

Your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
You will make good your purpose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

"Faithful One" reprise

You are my rock in times of trouble.
you lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm
your love is the anchor
my hope is in you alone.

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Colossians 2: 6-15

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – JTH

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You are the way_ You are the truth_ You are the light_ of my life_

You are the word, speak to my heart_ and my soul. 1. 2. soul.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ELW 742



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promises to hear us when we pray, we join our voices to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Loving God, we pray for the church throughout the world. Teach your people to pray with faith, perseverance and humility. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer. We pray especially that you will uphold Bishop Susan Johnson as she concludes her ministry and Bishop-elect Larry Kochendorfer and Cathy in this time of transition. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Teach rulers and authorities to sing of your ways, and guide them to act with wisdom and justice, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven and to work for peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Meet the needs of the sick, the poor, the under-employed, those who suffer far from us and those suffer on our streets. We pray especially for Myrtle, Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Karen, Janet, Dave, Tiffany, Corrie, Kyra, Patrick, Reinhold and Isobel, Joel and Ellen, Linda, Shirley, Nikola, Derek, Hugh and Ally, Donna, Helga, Margaret and Clayton, Nancy, Sheila, Cindy and those we name silently now . . . [silence]. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service, and make us people of reconciliation, mercy and truth. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to be your instruments of generosity and compassion. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. Bless the ministry of our Stephen Ministry. As we prepare Pastor Joel, Vanesa and Hans to join us, prepare our hearts to receive them. Hold them in your care as they wait. We pray too for Donna Virostek and Janice Vucurevich. Fill us with your loving presence, so that we may be a light in the midst of the world and witness to your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord God, we give thanks that you have taught us to pray and that you are a close God who listens, provides and sustains. We give thanks for all those who have gone before us. Fill us with your loving presence, so that we may be a light in the midst of the world and witness to your love, until we are united with you and all your saints. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we ask all this, knowing that you hear us and open the door to your life, love and salvation. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

WE SHARE THE MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Journey to Hope

$\text{♩} = 60$ **4**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are You God.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are You God,

13

ho - ly are You God.

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.

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

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.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*Together let us take and eat, the body of Christ given for you
Together let us take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you*

VIDEO CONTEMPLATION "Our Father" (Malcolm Gordon video contemplation)

COMMUNION SONGS

"Lamb of God" JTH

♩ = 80 4/4

Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

8 world. Lamb of God, oh, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

12 world. Lamb of God, oh, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

16 world. Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 80 and a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into four systems, each starting with a measure number (8, 12, 16). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line after the final system.

"Seek Ye First" WOV 783

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: Pour out your Spirit on all who share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING (TFF 42)

The blessing of God, Father, ☩ Son and Holy Spirit,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: "May the God of Hope Go With Us" ACS 984



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
bring-ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
Pray-ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

SENDING

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God. We will!

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