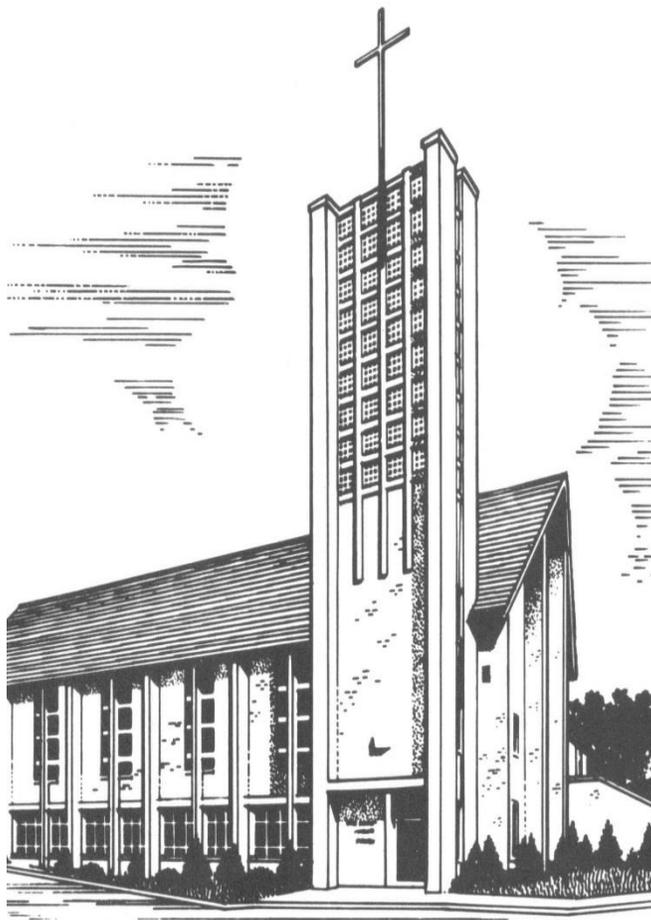


# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## HYMN OF INVOCATION “Sing Unto the Lord a New Song” BOTB 195

Sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth.

For God is great and greatly to be praised. God is great and greatly to be praised!

O Sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth.

## INVOCATION

*Based on Ephesians 1:3, 7, 14*

- P** In the name of God the Father,
- C** **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing,**
- P** in the name of God the Son,
- C** **in whom we have redemption through His blood,**
- P** and in the name of God the Holy Spirit,
- C** **who is the guarantee of our inheritance in heaven. Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalms 85:8*

- P** Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
- C** **for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;**
- P** but let them not turn back to folly.

*(Kneel/Sit)*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Amos 7:8; Ephesians 1:3, 7*

- P** Although we have repeatedly gone astray, by Jesus' sacrifice for us God has made forgiveness available, so that we should be holy and blameless before Him as He always intended. Let us therefore confess our sins, confident of His grace and mercy for Jesus' sake. Most merciful God,
- C** **when we recognize the straight plumb line of Your Law, we see the crookedness of our ways. From birth, our sinful condition has shown in our**

thinking, speaking, and doing. When we recall the prophets of the Old Testament and John the Baptist, we recognize the weakness of our convictions. Without Your aid, we are as good as dead. According to the riches of Your grace, grant us forgiveness because of the redemption we have through Jesus' blood. By Your Holy Spirit, raise us to newness of life that we may walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** God has blessed us in Christ that we should be holy and blameless before Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*(Stand)*

## INTROIT

*Psalm 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11*

**P** For Your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!

**C** In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

**P** Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**C** In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

**P** Enter not into judgment with Your servant,

**C** for no one living is righteous before You.

**P** Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love,

**C** for in You I trust.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** For Your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!

**C** In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

## HYMN OF PRAISE

To God Be the Glory

The Baptist Hymnal 4

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! Oh, come to the

Father through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, You brought Your Son through death to life for our sake.
- C** **Give us confident faith that because He lives, we shall live also and that nothing shall separate us from Your love in time or eternity;**
- P** through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*(Sit)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Amos 7:7–15*

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” <sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”” <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” <sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Stand)*

## **VERSE**

*Matthew 5:10*

**P** Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

**C** for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

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

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

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

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

*(Sit)*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN** "By All Your Saints In Warfare" *LSB 518 sts. 1, 24, 3*

**SERMON** "Dying to Live" based on the Gospel reading

**APOSTLES CREED** *(Stand)*

**OFFERING** *(Sit)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Stand)*

- P** Let us pray for ourselves and this congregation. In times past You called Amos, John, and countless others to speak Your Word boldly.
- C** **We give thanks, O Lord, that You have also called us in our various vocations to teach Your will and Word. Strengthen us for the task so that many people may join us to praise Your holy name.**
- P** Let us pray for the Church around the world. Before the foundation of the world, O Lord, You chose Your people in Christ to be holy and blameless before You.
- C** **Guide and protect clergy and lay leaders in all the nations of the world so that they may proclaim the Gospel in freedom and safety.**
- P** Let us pray for the leaders of the nations. Lord over all, You ordain the earthly powers for the ordering of society.
- C** **Provide us with faithful and righteous leaders who will govern in peace and justice. Where there is injustice here or in any nation, strengthen those who will care for the downtrodden and despised. Where there is violence and terror, arrange for movement toward concord and harmony. Where despots rule, furnish others with the tools they need to effect peace within and across their borders.**
- P** Let us pray for farmers and merchants, bankers and builders, athletes and musicians, artists and instructors, soldiers and first responders, and all through whom God makes human society safe and enjoyable.
- C** **Impart them with the determination to use all their skills for the enrichment of our community and nation. May we rejoice together in the blessings they share with us all.**
- P** Let us pray for our friends and neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our fellow students and co-workers, and all who call out to our gracious God in their distress.
- C** **Surround them with caregivers to help them meet sudden crises or endure long-term ills. Bestow medical professionals and volunteers with the gifts they need to bring healing from sickness and renewed vision from depression and grief.**
- P** [We pray especially for . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.]**

**P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN TO DEPART

“My Life is in You”

BOTB 165

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You;

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You;

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,

I will praise You with all of my strength;

With all of my life, with all of my strength.

All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You;

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You, in You.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

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Those serving in worship today:

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor James Hageman

Organist: Steve Kohlmeier

Altar Guild: (8:00 a.m. Lisa Williams; 10:45 a.m. Lisa Lock;  
6:30 p.m. Elaine Fortner)

Attendance: 7/5/15 (8:00 a.m. 64, 10:45 a.m. 51); 7/6/15 6:30 p.m. 12

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