



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

ELW Setting 2

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Prelude: “Lead Me, Lord” – John Leavitt, “When the Poor Ones” – José Olivar, Miguel Manzano

Greetings and Announcements

Stand

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hears un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

c Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9–14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's own hearts.

And the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?"

Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 32

Congregation sings the Refrain after the Cantor sings it and where indicated R. Congregation also sings the words in bold print.

Psalm Refrain

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

Psalm Tone

To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths. R**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted
all the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for
the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the low-ly in justice

and teach the low-ly your way.

**°All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and
faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your |
testimonies. R**

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:1–14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage from Paul.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and
Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in
Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in
Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,
because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard
of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has
come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole
world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the
day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.
This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant.
He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has
made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not
ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with
the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and
understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and
as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made
strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power,
and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience,
while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you
to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has

rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand and sing:

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

C **You shall love the Lord your God with ¹ all your heart,*
and your neighbor ¹ as yourself.**

Repeat alleluias

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

Gospel: Luke 10:25–37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Stand

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When the Poor Ones

Quando el pobre



1 *Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne y aún re-par-te,*
 Solo 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing;
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us;
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble;
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.
 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

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Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence

P Holy, loving God, spread your mercy to all corners of your church, and unite all traditions and peoples in Christ's mission. Bind us together in a spirit of service to you and love toward others. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Soften the impact of storms that batter coastlines in this season. Give early warning through people who watch the weather and quick recovery through those who respond to disasters. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Foster goodwill among all tribes and peoples. Foster in us a spirit of loving care and concern for all who inhabit the earth, and help us come to the aid of those who are not like us. Grant us a vision of your reign as we see people working in cooperation. Hear us, O God.

c Your mercy is great.

P Attend to the needs of all who live in fear, injury, and uncertainty (*especially . . .*). Give them peace by surrounding them with caring helpers who extend fullness of life through their love of God and neighbor. Hear us, O God.

c Your mercy is great.

P Open the hearts of this congregation to all who come seeking Christ. Lead us to extend hospitality to all visitors, as Christ welcomes us into his presence. Hear us, O God.

c Your mercy is great.

P Rejoicing in the lives of the faithful departed, give us a full measure of the love you have for all the saints. Make us bear fruit as witnesses to your goodness for all people. Hear us, O God.

c Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

c Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

c And also with you.

Congregation members are invited to greet each other with words of peace.

Sit

Offering

Stand

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

c Amen.

Words of Institution

P 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.

The Lord's Prayer

**c 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**

Instructions for distribution by Pastor

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Communion Distribution: - Stations

To our guests: Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

You will receive communion while standing. Stand when the ushers direct your row. Approach the altar by the center aisle, hold out your cupped hands, palms up, to receive the wafer (regular or gluten-free). Eat the bread and continue to the next server to take a cup of wine. Drink it and place the used cup in the basket. The center cups on the communion tray contain white grape juice. Return to your pew by the side aisle.

You may indicate on the friendship register that you intend to receive communion or write on a communion card found in the pew rack. Cards may be put in the offering plate or given to an usher.

The pastors would be pleased to serve communion to anyone who prefers to remain seated. Mention your request to a pastor before the service or raise your hand while the pastors serve others from the aisle.

After all have communed, the congregation stands

P May the body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

ELW – 204 “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P Almighty God, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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Postlude “O Christ Your Heart Compassionate”

– J. Wayne Kerr

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To the guest in our midst: It is good that we can be together this day. You are welcome. There is fellowship in Christ here that unites us in God’s love. We would like to know you better. Please introduce yourself to a pastor, sign the guest book, and place a completed guest card in the offering plate.

Those Who Helped with Our Service Today

Ushers – (8:00) Kathi Risley, Rob Risley, Terry Slotty, Linda Passehl, Kaitlynn Pulvermacher, Nathan Lovell (9:30) Diane Reich, Wolfgang Reich, Jon Sandeman, Justin Blum, Caleb Sisbach

Acolytes – (8:00) Anna Meyer, Skyler Richards (9:30) Matt Ballweg, Renee Ballweg

Cantors – (8:00) Janet Koenig (9:30) Dennis Fisher

Readers – (8:00) Eunice Yanke (9:30) Carolyn Gilbertson

Greeters – (8:00) Sanctuary Doors, Josie and Bob Fentress; Front Doors, Eunice Yanke (9:30) Sanctuary Doors, Dave and Jessa Kinnamon; Front Doors, John and Debbie Delabarre; Side Doors, Aaron and Meta Hartman

Communion Assistants – (8:00) Jayne Carlson, Brian Williams (9:30) Ken and Judy Denu

Communion Set Up/Clean Up – (8:00) Emily Bradley, Dorothy Halverson (9:30) Justin Blum, Cindy Blum

Coffee Set Up/Clean Up – Jason Nelson, Skyler Richards

Nursery Staff – (8:00) Emily Bradley, Teresa Bradley (9:30) Bailie Sass, Alyssa Cass

Librarian – Maren Andersen Boerger

Assisting Minister – Carl Sirotzki

Director of Music and Organist – Connie Burton

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Altar Flowers are given by Jayne Carlson in memory of David Carlson. The flowers by the pulpit are presented by Paul and Maureen Patterson in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Fellowship Coffee St. John's congregation sponsors the fair trade Equal Exchange coffee during the fellowship time today.

Sponsorship *If you would like to sponsor the flowers or the coffee, please call the church office to check for vacancies in the schedules.*

Help Pay the Mortgage We have a visual aid in the gathering area to remind us that we want to raise \$300,000 within a few weeks. We currently have \$33,660 in gifts and pledges toward that goal.

Food Pantry Thank you to all who contributed to the food pantry collection today. These items will be distributed to needy families in our community.

Women of the Church Annual Indoor Picnic All women attending St. John's are invited to a potluck picnic in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 21 at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the fun and fellowship. After the meal, Marge Erlandson will lead the Bible study, Pray Always. We have extra copies of the Bible study in the church office and will have them available that evening. The picnic will have a patriotic theme so if you wish to wear red, white or blue, this will add to the fun. This is always an enjoyable event and we urge you to attend.

Purses from Bags The Haitian group COFAT makes purses out of discarded plastic bags. We have a selection in the church office area for you to purchase. The price is \$10 for a small bag or \$20 for a medium or large bag.

Cans Against Cancer St. John's continues to collect aluminum cans for Cans Against Cancer. The cans should be securely tied in plastic bags and left on the small stones by the west (parking lot) side of the fellowship hall. A volunteer picks them up, turns them in for cash, and donates the money to the Relay for Life efforts next month.

Cards for Haiti The Erlandson family donated note cards made from Carroll Erlandson's artwork to be sold for \$2.00 and \$3.00 depending on the size. All proceeds will be donated to projects in Haiti. Stop by the gathering area and see the display basket of cards. A collection box for your money is also on the table.

Toys for Haiti We have a Christmas tree in the gathering area as a visual reminder of our need for new toys and decorated shoeboxes for the children in Thiotte, Haiti. A list of suggested items is in the June Visitor. The deadline for this project is early August.

Portals of Prayer Regular and large print copies of the devotional booklet *Portals of Prayer* for July, August and September are in the brochure rack in the gathering area.

St. John's Second Cookbook efforts are underway. The committee is very excited and hopes to collect many recipes from the congregation. We encourage families to share recipes that represent their heritage and diversity as well as the good old family favorites. The recipe submission form is available through the church office and in the gathering area. Please submit your recipes to the church office right away. **The deadline for recipes is July 23.** No recipes can be accepted after that date due to publishing deadlines.

Haiti Craft Projects Be sure to stop in the gathering area to look at the display of new craft projects to benefit the children of Haiti. You may take directions to make dresses out of pillowcases, knit or crochet comfort dolls out of scraps of yarn, or sew rag dolls out of ½ yard of cotton fabric. We will collect these items and send them to Haiti as we have transportation.

SERRV Jewelry on Sale All SERRV jewelry in the church office is on sale this month at 25% off. Stop by and make your selections.

Kitchen Helpers/Servers The Fellowship Board is looking for anyone interested in helping in the kitchen or serving at special events. This could be weekdays or Sunday mornings. Call Dianne Effinger at 643-4293 for more information.

Calendar

Sunday, July 11, Food Pantry/Blood Pressures

Worship Service – 8:00 a.m.

Reception for 90th Birthdays – 9:00 a.m.

Leave for Brewers Game – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 13

Bible Sharing at Maplewood – 10:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting – 1:30 p.m.

Evangelism Board – 4:30 p.m.

Fellowship Board – 4:30 p.m.

PR & Social Concerns Board – 5:30 p.m.

Parish Education Board – 6:30 p.m.

Senior Choir – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 14

Quilters – 9:00 a.m.

Memorial Committee – 10:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 15

Preschool Movie – 9:30 a.m.

Grade School Movie – 1:30 p.m.

Hospice Group – 3:00 p.m.

Wedding Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 16

Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Leystra's – 6:45 a.m.

Church Office Closed at Noon

Sally Mitchell/Jeff Williams Wedding – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 17

Habitat for Humanity Warehouse Open – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday, July 18

Worship Service – 8:00 a.m.

Fellowship – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.

Recently Hospitalized/Dismissed: Bethany Varley