

PENTECOST 7

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WELCOME!

If you are a friend who's been here before, welcome back. If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We'd appreciate it if you would leave your name and address in one of our guest books located in either entry way. Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know God bless your worship!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

AS MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, OUR MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GOSPEL OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST TO WIN SOULS FOR CHRIST, NURTURE BELIEVERS, AND EQUIP THEM FOR LIVES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

The time before worship begins is a sacred time for meditation, prayer, and worship preparation. As we gather in the sanctuary, lets quietly reflect on God's blessings and direction in the Scripture readings included in the worship folder.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Service of the Word – page 38 in the front of the hymnal

HYMNS: 251, 414, 468, 540

ORGANIST: Allison Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn 251: When Morning Gilds the Skies

**1 When morning gilds the skies, My heart, awaking, cries,
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**When evening shadows fall, Then sounds my vesper call:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**2 When mirth for music longs, This is my song of songs:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**God's holy house of prayer has none that can compare
With “Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**3 Let all of human-kind In this their concord find:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**4 Sing, sun and stars of space; Sing, all who see his face;
Sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**God's whole creation o'er, Today and ever-more
Sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”**

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Congregation: Amen

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Congregation: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues forever.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER

Pastor: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 2:1-5

1 He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” 2 As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. 3 He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day. 4 The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’ 5 And whether they listen or fail to listen — for they are a rebellious house — they will know that a prophet has been among them.

THE PSALM: Psalm 143

This psalm progresses from a prayer for mercy to a prayer for guidance and willing obedience.

Pastor: O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy.

**CONGREGATION: In your faithfulness and righteousness
come to my relief.**

Pastor: Do not bring your servant into judgment,

CONGREGATION: For no one living is righteous before you.

Pastor: I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works
and consider what your hands have done. I spread out my hands to
you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land

**CONGREGATION: Let the morning bring me word of your
unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me
the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.**

Pastor: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your good
Spirit lead me on level ground.

**CONGREGATION: For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve
my life; in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.**

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

7 To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly
great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of
Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it
away from me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for
my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the

more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on
me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults,
in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I
am strong.

THE VERSE

Pastor: Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and
good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia!

Congregation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:1-6

1 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his
disciples. 2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these
things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that
he even does miracles! 3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son
and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters
here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4 Jesus said to them, "Only
in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet
without honor." 5 He could not do any miracles there, except lay his
hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 And he was amazed at their
lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN 414: I Leave All Things to God's Direction

**1 I leave all things to God's direction;
He loves me both in wealth and woe.
His will is good, sure his affection; His tender love is true, I know.
My fortress and my rock is he: What pleases God, that pleases me.**

**2 God knows what must be done to save me;
His love for me will never cease.
Upon his hands he did engrave me with purest gold of loving grace.
His will supreme must ever be: What pleases God, that pleases me.**

**3 My God desires the soul's salvation;
My soul he too, desires to save.
Therefore with Christian resignation
All earthly troubles I will brave.
His will be done eternally: What pleases God, that pleases me.**

**4 My God has all things in his keeping; He is my ever faithful friend.
He gives me laughter after weeping,
And all his ways in blessings end.
His love endures eternally: What pleases God, that pleases me.**

THE SERMON TEXT: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

His Power Is Made Perfect In My Weakness!

1 How could a Christian pose a threat to God's power?

2 How did God choose to weaken Paul?

3 Isn't prayer a means of power?

4 Is God's grace sufficient for me?

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed, page 41 in the front of the hymnal

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING

The offering will be received as you are ushered out after the service in the fellowship hall so that offering plates are not passed.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN 468: My God, My Father, Make Me Strong

**1 My God, my Father, make me strong,
when tasks of life seem hard and long,
to greet them with this triumph song: Your will be done.**

**2 Draw from my timid eyes the veil
to show, where earthly forces fail,
Your pow'r and love must still prevail—Your will be done.**

**3 With confident and humble mind In service freedom I will find,
Praying through ev'ry toil assigned: Your will be done.**

**4 What seems impossible I dare; Yours is the call and yours the care.
Your wisdom shall the way prepare—Your will be done.**

**5 Heav'n's music chimes the glad days in;
Hope soars beyond death, pain, and sin;
Faith shouts in triumph, Love must win—Your will be done.**

PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

BLESSING

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

Congregation: Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 540: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise, Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

3 With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, Sweet music, noblest mirth. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

4 Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array. As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

5 At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest; The pilgrims find their homes at last, Jerusalem the blest. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for coffee and treats in the fellowship hall after the worship service. A sign up sheet for coffee hour treats is posted on the counter next to the coffee pots in the fellowship hall.

1 Bible Hour meets after worship this morning. We continue our study of Proverbs and our study of the witnessing Bible study, "Let's Go: Love - Listen - Lead.

2. Online Bible Class Continues.

The Format:

I send out weekly study guides in a congregational email on Mondays. You have an opportunity to work through the study guides at home.

I post an online video in which I work through the weekly study guide on Wednesdays. This video is sent out as a congregational email.

This week, we continue the study of Revelation.

3. OWLS meet this Friday, July 16th. Bring your sack lunch if you want to eat with us at noon. If not, the games begin at 1:00 pm.

4. God's Wonder Lab - Family Bible Camp - July 19-23

Weekday Evenings: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

At God's Wonder Lab, we'll learn about Jesus, our Savior, meet new friends, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, and more! It's going to be fun!

This is a family VBC - Adults are welcome as well as children.

A sign up sheet is posted on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the

fellowship hall. **Sign up if you plan to attend. Sign up if you are able to help!**

5. We are invited to be the guests of our fellow believers at Shepherd of the Lakes, Linden, on July 25th, as they celebrate the ordination and installation of their new pastor—Caleb Schaewe. The service on July 25th will begin at 3:00 pm and a fellowship meal will follow the service. Shepherd of the Lakes is located at 16214 Linden Road, Linden, MI.

6. The new Christian Worship Hymnal will be released this Advent Season. If you would like to learn more about this new hymnal, we have booklets entitled “Christian Worship Preview” on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. You can also go to the hymnal website: christianworship.com.