Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

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T-coil audio is available in the nave. Ushers can provide hearing assistance and a wheelchair, if needed. Prayer shawls are available in the narthex.

CHILDCARE

Infants and children are welcome in worship. Changing tables are located in the restrooms. The nursery is open but unstaffed today.

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Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion pentecost 7 sunday, july 7, 2024 | 10:30 am

PRELUDE Wohl dem, der nicht wandelt | Heinrich Schütz

GATHERING

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

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.

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. **Amen.**

Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the altar.#675 PROCESSIONAL HYMN O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 2:1-5

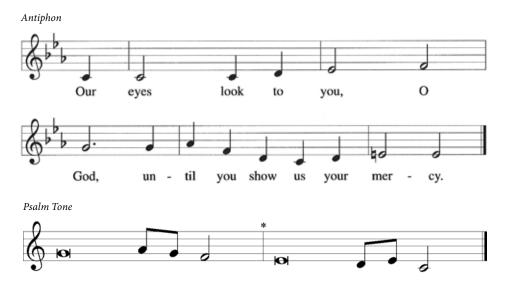
A voice said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123

The antiphon is sung first by the choir and then by all.



To you I lift | up my eyes,

to you enthroned | in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,

so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show | us your mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O | Lord, have mercy,

for we have had more than enough | of contempt,

too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich, and of the derision | of the proud.

The antiphon is sung by all.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will

boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand. **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Choir: I will boast gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13

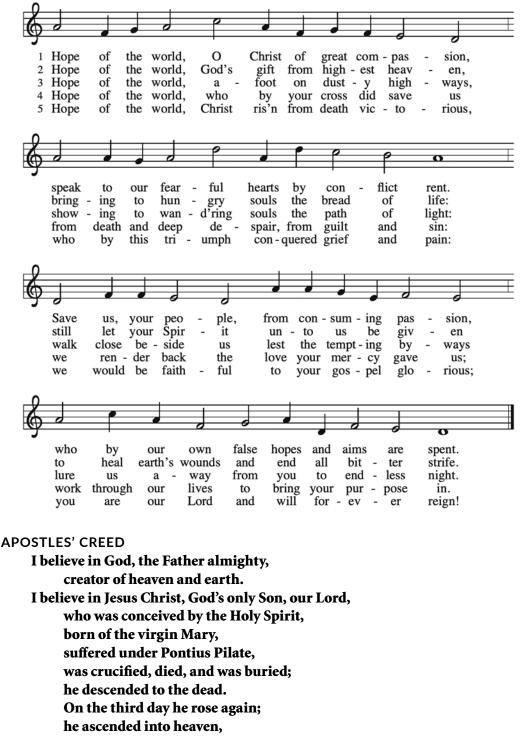
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit. SERMON *Please stand.* **HYMN OF THE DAY** Hope of the World



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.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** *Please greet your neighbor:* **Peace be with you.**

MEAL

Please sit.

OFFERING Your Kingdom Come, O Father | David Cherwien

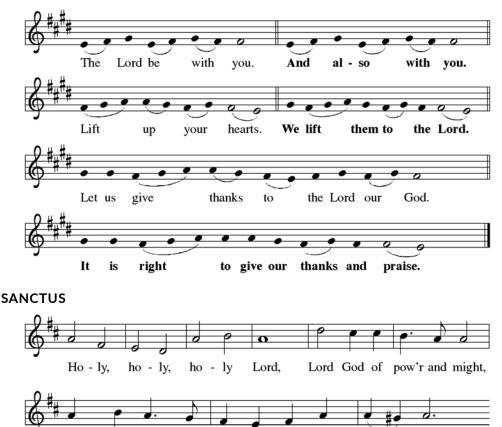
Please stand.

OFFERTORY 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



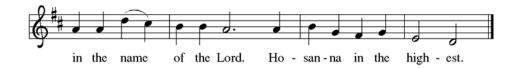


Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed

is

he who comes



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



Remembering, therefore... now and forever.





THE COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. We receive the Body of Christ (bread*) in our open hands. Christ is fully present in both bread and cup. The Blood of Christ (wine) may be received in any of three ways: by drinking from the first chalice, by dipping the bread (intinction) into the chalice, or by drinking from an individual glass poured from a second chalice. *Gluten-free bread is available on request.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Sonata II | William Corbett

#576 COMMUNION HYMN We All Are One in Mission

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the font.***#796** RECESSIONAL HYMN How Firm a Foundation

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Fanfare-Trumpet Tune | Franklin D. Ashdown

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

It is perhaps not so hard to forgive a single great injury. But to forgive the incessant provocations of daily life-to keep on forgiving the bossy mother-in-law, the bullying husband, the nagging wife, the selfish daughter, the deceitful son-how can we do it? Only, I think, by remembering where we stand, by meaning our words when we say in our prayers each night "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us." We are offered forgiveness on no other terms. To refuse it is to refuse God's mercy for ourselves. There is no hint of exceptions and God means what he says.

C. S. Lewis (1898-1963) The Weight of Glory and Other Messages

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Our thanks to Karen Snowberg and Ron Nelson for playing this morning.

Today we remember the inurnment of Steven Horn in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read his page in the memory books.

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