



**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Southern Pines, North Carolina**

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**7th Sunday after Pentecost – July 24, 2022**

**PRELUDE-** *Video*

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God,  
Who forgives all our sin,  
Whose mercy endures forever.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
Let us remember the gift of baptism and forgiveness of sin.

God of mercy,

**We confess that we have sinned against you,  
Against one another,  
And against the creation entrusted to our care.  
We're worried and distracted by many things,  
And we fail to love you above all else.  
We look after ourselves  
And turn our back on those unlike us.  
We participate in separating ourselves from others  
Creating distinctions that divide us  
We create hostility where you desire peace.  
Forgive us, that we may live in the unifying freedom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt,  
God made us alive together with Christ,  
Forgiving us (+) all our trespasses  
By taking our sins to the cross.  
For freedom Christ has set us free,  
But this freedom is not for selfish consumption,  
We are freed from sin to be free for service.  
Rejoice in this good news!

**THE GATHERING SONG:** *Enough*

**THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

People: **And also with you.**

## **THE HYMN OF PRAISE - ELW p. 139 [SPOKEN]**

*Pastor:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

*People:* **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* 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.

## **THE FIRST READING: Esther 4**

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and to entreat him for her people.

Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai: "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you

keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 138** (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;  
I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.  
On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.  
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.  
For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.  
The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**THE SECOND READING:** *Colossians 2:6-15*

*St. Paul writes,* "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 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 the

removal of 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."

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON** - Heather Lussier

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – *Thy Word*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** *Luke 11:1-13*

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." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father,[a] may your name be revered as holy.

May 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 out of friendship, 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 to 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 asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If 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!"

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord

*The People:* **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SERMON:** *For Just Such a Time as This: Moment of Truth*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:** *The Battle Belongs*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** - ELW p. 104

*People:* **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.**

**THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**THE PEACE**

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERING MUSIC-** Video

**THE OFFERING HYMN** – *The Doxology (Accapella)*

**THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God,  
For the greening earth given for all,  
For the talents are given to share,  
And for this bread and wine.  
Transform us to be the body of Christ,  
That, feasting on this food and drink,  
Our lives may reflect your generosity,  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - ELW p. 144**

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THE PREFACE** (*Spoken by Pastor.*)

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Spoken*)

**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.**

### **THE EUCHARISTIC INVITATION**

#### **COMMUNION SONGS:**

*Kindness/Give Us Clean Hands*

#### **THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

O God, in this holy communion  
You have welcomed us into your presence,  
Nourished us with words of mercy,  
And fed us at your table.  
Amid the cares of this life,  
Strengthen us to love you with all our heart,  
Serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,  
And honor the earth you have made,  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE BLESSING**

*Pastor:* Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity (+) one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

*People:* **Amen**

**THE SENDING SONG:** *He Reigns*

**THE DISMISSAL/ POSTLUDE**