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# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville, MD

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## **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

July 19, 2020

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

## Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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**Welcome to worship** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! **If you are a guest** with us today we would like to extend a special greeting from our family. We invite you to worship with us; sing with us; pray with us; believe with us; for God has sent His Son to bring life and salvation. The ushers will be glad to answer any questions you have. Be here each Sunday, that we may rejoice in the Lord together! May God bless us.

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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## **WELCOME**

### Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

## Old Testament Canticle

C **The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

**With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.**

**And you will say in that day:**

**"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,  
make known His deeds among the people,  
proclaim that His name is exalted."**

**The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

**Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;**

**let this be made known in all the earth.**

**Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the  
Holy One of Israel.**

**The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

**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.**

**The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

## Readings From Holy Scripture

Romans 8:18-27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption

as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray      LSB 663**

- 1      Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;  
        From your sleep awaken!  
Be not by the evil day  
        Unawares o'ertaken;  
        For the foe,  
        Well we know,  
        Is a harvest reaping  
        While the saints are sleeping.
- 2      Watch against the devil's snares  
        Lest asleep he find you;  
For indeed no pains he spares  
        To deceive and blind you.  
        Satan's prey  
        Oft are they  
        Who secure are sleeping  
        And no watch are keeping.
- 3      Watch! Let not the wicked world  
        With its lies defeat you  
Lest with bold deceptions hurled  
        It betray and cheat you.  
        Watch and see  
        Lest there be  
        Faithless friends to charm you,  
        Who but seek to harm you.
- 4      Watch against yourself, my soul,  
        Lest with grace you trifle;  
Let not self your thoughts control  
        Nor God's mercy stifle.  
        Pride and sin  
        Lurk within,  
        All your hopes to shatter;  
        Heed not when they flatter.

5 But while watching, also pray  
To the Lord unceasing.  
God protects you day by day,  
Strength and faith increasing,  
So that still  
Mind and will  
Shall unite to serve Him  
And forever love Him.

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## Sermon

## Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for  
the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned,  
and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For healing and wholeness in our land and relief from the epidemic, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **Collect of the Day**

L O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **Collect for the Word**

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **Luther's Morning Prayer**

**C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## **New Testament Cantic**

**C Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.**

**Raised from the dead, He will never die again.**

**Death has no more dominion over Him.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.**

**Living, He lives to God.**

**Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Blessing**

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve us.

**C** **Amen.**

**DAILY READINGS** July 19: 1 Sam. 2:18–36; Acts 15:22–41; 20: 1 Sam. 3:1–21; Acts 16:1–22; 21: 1 Sam. 4:1–22; Acts 16:23–40; 22: 1 Sam. 5:1–6:3, 10–16; Acts 18:1–11, 23–28; 23: 1 Sam. 6:19–7:17; Acts 19:1–22; 24: 1 Sam. 8:1–22; Acts 21:15–36; 25: 1 Sam. 9:1–27; Acts 21:37–22:16.