## Pentecost 7 July 16, 2023 Divine Service 4





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- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

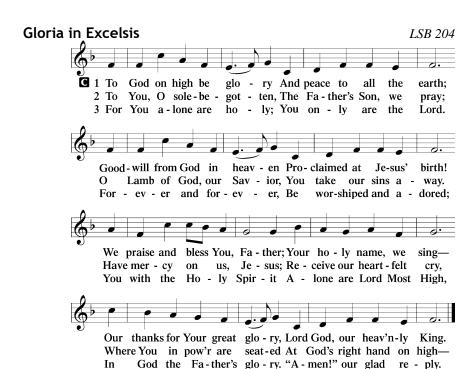
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



### Salutation and Collect of the Day

In Text: Stephen P. Starke

- The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that 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.

#### $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven

and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth:

it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle**

Romans 8:12-17

### **Heirs with Christ**

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who

are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia and Verse



### **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

#### The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no

depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear....

## The Parable of the Sower Explained

"Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

 $\mathbf{C}$ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty. maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 

→ of the world to come. Amen.

#### Children's Sermon

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- Look unto Him, ye nations; ownYour God, ye fallen race.Look and be saved through faith alone,Be justified by grace.
- See all your sins on Jesus laid;
   The Lamb of God was slain.
   His soul was once an off'ring made
   For ev'ry soul of man.
- To God all glory, praise, and love
   Be now and ever giv'n
   By saints below and saints above,
   The Church in earth and heav'n.

#### Sermon

#### Offering

### Blessing of Cross and Church Parking Lot

#### Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Father of mercy, our sins have merited thorns and briars and yield only trouble and strife. Forgive our transgressions and discipline us against temptation, that we may rejoice in Your name and the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

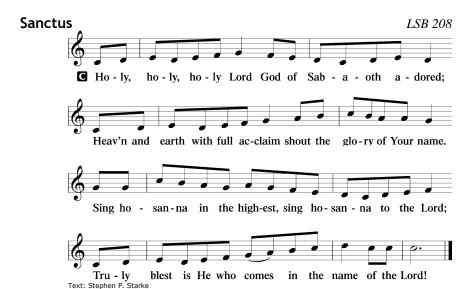
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, You send forth Your Word as abundantly as rains upon the earth. Grant that we would never take Your generosity for granted, but would seek the help and refreshment of Your Word in every circumstance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord of life, continue to sow Your Word through the fields of the earth. Bless pastors and missionaries as they proclaim Your truth. Prepare the hearts of all who hear to believe and yield abundant fruit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, bless parents with faithfulness as they plant Your Word into their children, that they may grow steadfast among the cares and troubles of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Creator of heaven and earth, by Your Word You send forth rain and snow to make the world bring forth and sprout. Give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. Provide us seasonable weather and bountiful harvest, that we may enjoy daily bread and praise Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God, look with mercy upon those who suffer from illness of body or mind. [Be especially with \_\_\_\_\_\_.] Give them healing. Comfort them with Your presence. Grant them patience to endure suffering, and assure them at all times that they are Your dear children and that the glory of Christ awaits them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P God of all grace, You have made us Your holy children and freed us from bondage to the flesh. Sustain us in repentance and faith, that we may receive Christ's body and blood for life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, Your Spirit calls us by the Gospel to the new life of faith. We praise You and acknowledge You as our Lord. Deliver us from the devil's temptations, that we may live under You and serve You in righteousness, innocence and blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a lifegiving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### 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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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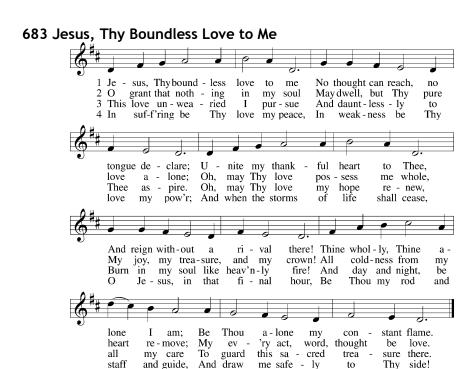




Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
  Help me when doubts assail me.
  Remember that I am but dust,
  And let my faith not fail me.
  Your supper in this vale of tears
  Refreshes me and stills my fears
  And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
  Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
  And, truly grieving for our sins,
  May prove by our behavior
  That we are thankful for Your grace
  And day by day may run our race,
  In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
  Be praised throughout all ages!
  Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
  The world against it rages.
  Grant that this sacrament may be
  A blessèd comfort unto me
  When living and when dying.

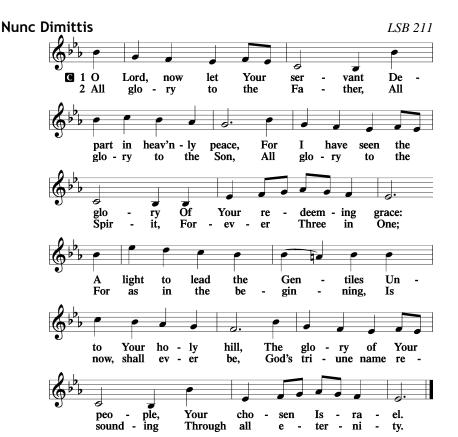
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#### **Post-Communion Collect**

## **A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

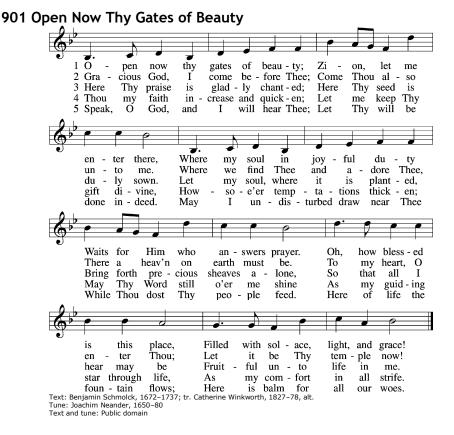
#### **Benediction**

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.

C Amen.



#### **Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ➤ The Divine Service is every Sunday at 9:00am with Communion.
- ➤ Bible Class is every Sunday at 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying the Psalms in the New Testament.
- ➤ The Mid-week Bible Study is every Thursday at 12:00pm. We are currently studying the Gospel of St. John.
- ➤ The Tuesday Night Bible Study for the LSF will begin again in September at 7:00pm.



"We are not having Sunday school this summer but plan to join us in September when we will have more inspiring Bible lessons about God's plan to send us a Savior." Thank You!

A big thank you from Phil and Sarah Thiem for their Baby Shower and for all who have helped them with Paul and Evelyn. It is greatly appreciated.

Redeemer Lutheran Church is having a Family Night on Sunday, August 13, 2023: 6 - 8pm

## Lutherans For Life

Message from Mary Wittmaier, LFL Rolla Chapter President:

Celebrating every human being as gift and privilege sometimes meets with resistance. This doesn't mean the message failed. Good ground may lie beneath an unsightly surface. Our patient Savior often slowly softens soil, and seeds take time to germinate and flower. The sanctity of life carries God's message, not ours, and He guarantees His strong Word never goes to waste (Isaiah 55:10-11).

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the Baby Bottle Boomerang collection. A total of \$347.17 was collected and forwarded to Rolla Pregnancy Resource Center.

Copies of the summer edition of **LifeDate**, a quarterly journal of news and commentary from Lutherans For Life, are available for pick up in the information center in the narthex.

## Rummage Sale

A Rummage Sale has been set for August 4 and 5. Donations of items in good condition will be accepted in the Student Center gym 9 am to noon on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning July 16.

Anyone willing to help accept donations or assist on sale days, please contact Martha Cox, Sue Perry, or Mary Wittmaier. Proceeds from the rummage sale are designated toward church bathroom renovation. Please note that clothing will not be accepted for the rummage sale.

## Dorcas/LWML

The national LWML mission grant goal for 2023-2035 is \$2,350,000. A complete list of the new mission grant projects can be found on www.lwml.org.

Pastor Perling, our LWML Zone Pastoral Counselor, is holding a district mission grant application workshop on Saturday, July 15, 10-12 am, at the Kensington Club House. Please RSVP Heidi Perling or Mary Wittmaier should you care to attend. Mary will be attending in hopes to discover techniques to secure LWML Missouri District mission grant funds for projects in the Rolla area.

July Servant Workshop is scheduled for this Tuesday, July 18, 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in the church basement. Quilts, baby diapers, pillowcase dresses will be delivered to collection points in August, September and October. Join our efforts to submit 100 quilts to Lutheran World Relief.

To God be the glory

## Leisure Lutherans

**Card and Game Day**, every Thursday at 1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Rolla Senior Center monthly newsletter can be found in the information center in the narthex. Take one for information about programs and projects the Rolla Senior Center has to offer.

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There will be no monthly meeting of Leisure Lutherans in July. Watch for information regarding August activities in the bulletin and/or Immanuel Newsletter.

# This Week at Immanuel

Monday: Collecting Items for Rummage Sale at Lutheran Student Center 9:00am – 12:00.

Tuesday: LWML Servant Workshop in the Church Basement 1:00pm – 3:00pm. And again 7:00pm – 9pm.

Wednesday: Collecting Items for Rummage Sale at Lutheran Student Center 9:00am – 12:00.

Thursday: Bible Class at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We are Studying the Gospel of John.

Friday: Collecting Items for Rummage Sale at Lutheran Student Center 9:00am – 12:00.