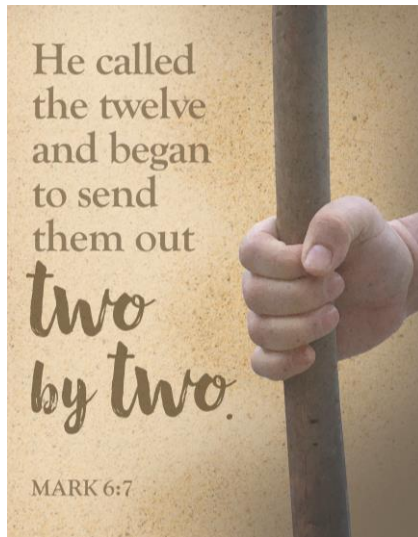


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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

8:30 am

## **The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life**

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey  
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ  
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

**We welcome all who worship with us today.**

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,  
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

**Children are welcome and celebrated!**

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book, pick up some coloring sheets and crayons or take along a copy of this week’s children’s bulletin.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Gathering Music**

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Doerkson/Turnquist

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Lord of grace, God of love, Spirit of holy communion –  
we give you thanks and praise for our baptism in Christ Jesus.

Through the gift of our baptism  
we no longer regard one another from a human point of view,  
but as beloved children of God and members of the body of Christ.  
**Now we walk by faith, not by sight, confident in your saving love.**

Fill us with the life of your Spirit,  
that we may be afflicted but not crushed,  
perplexed but not forsaken,  
struck down but not destroyed –  
always carrying in our bodies the death and life of Jesus our Lord.

**For the gift and calling of our baptism  
we give you thanks and praise –  
Lord Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, Eternal and Almighty One –  
one God, now and forever. Amen**

## Gathering Song

## Come, all you people

ELW 819



*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.**

Let us pray.

O God of the Sabbath, speak to us even when we are hardheaded and hard-hearted, even if we have rebelled against you, even if we refuse to hear. Speak to us so we can stand up on our feet and proclaim your Word through our words and deeds, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

**Reading** – 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Translation: NIV

A reading from Second Corinthians.

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 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. 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel – Mark 6:1-13**

Translation: NIV

The Good News from Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. 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? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? 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.

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

This is the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Mark Wimmer


Please stand as you are able.

## Word in Song


## Listen, God is Calling

ELW 513

*Refrain*  
Leader All




Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,




ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give-ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man-date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

## Prayers of the People

### *Invitation to prayer:*

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we join our voices in prayer.

### *After each petition:*

Gracious God,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Pastor's closing prayer:*

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms  
we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,  
trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life,  
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## **Peace**

On the road of faith, we rarely feel up to the journey.  
Look around at your fellow travelers, then share signs of Christ's peace,  
for this peace is grace and strength for the journey.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,  
"Peace be with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **Response to God's gifts**

The assembly responds to the Word of God by gathering an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please place your offering in the offering plates on the tables in the rear of the worship center.

The table is set.

*Please stand as you are able.*



## Great Thanksgiving

May the God of steadfast love be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of God, offer your hearts to God.

**We open our hearts to the One who fills them with grace.**

Children of God, sing your praises to the One who has gathered us here.

**Our songs of joy travel to the very ends of creation.**

Amazed at our crafty rebellion, you continued to love us,  
longing to shelter us in your heart.

When we continued to dishonor your prophets,  
when we would not welcome their words,

you sent Jesus to become that weakness strong enough to destroy sin and death.

## Words of Institution

### Word in Meal

As we remember Jesus' calling us to follow,  
as we seek to be sent forth to serve,  
we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

**Christ came, to shape our lives like his;**

**Christ came, to be our guide forever;**

**Christ will come again, to gather us in glory.**

So now, in this place where we have heard your promises,  
among these people in whom we have seen the Christ,  
pour your Spirit upon the gifts of your table.

The broken bread of life and your cup of grace,  
are more than we will ever need,

and more than enough to bring healing to those  
who have known only hardship, rejection, and loneliness.

## **Lord's Prayer**

God in Community, Holy in One, we unite in praying as we are taught:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## **Invitation to the table**

Christ has prepared an abundant feast for us,  
a safe place for us to rest and recharge,  
and a community to call home.  
Let us come to the feast ready to receive these gifts.

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Distribution of communion**

The body of Christ given for you.  
The blood of Christ shed for you.

**Communion Song****Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal**

ELW 464



- 1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.  
 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.  
 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—  
 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.  
 Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.  
 for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.  
 Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

**Communion Song****All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly**

ELW 461



- 1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
 3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Prayer after communion**

Let us pray.  
Jesus, bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Blessing**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen**

**Sending Song** *Please see next page.*

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sending Song

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW 538



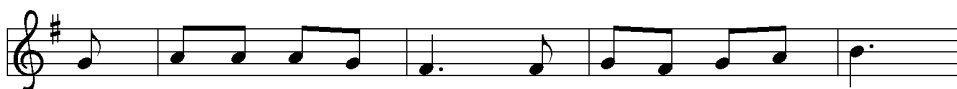
*En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá*  
 The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



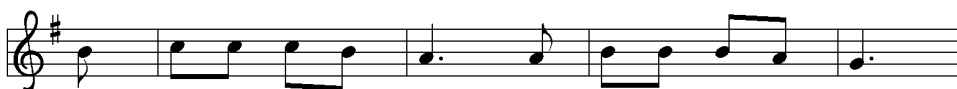
*pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.*  
 to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



*Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar*  
 The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



*un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;*  
 to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;



*me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.*  
 that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



*A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.*  
 Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

**Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:**

- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Use your credit or debit card at the Giving Kiosk;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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