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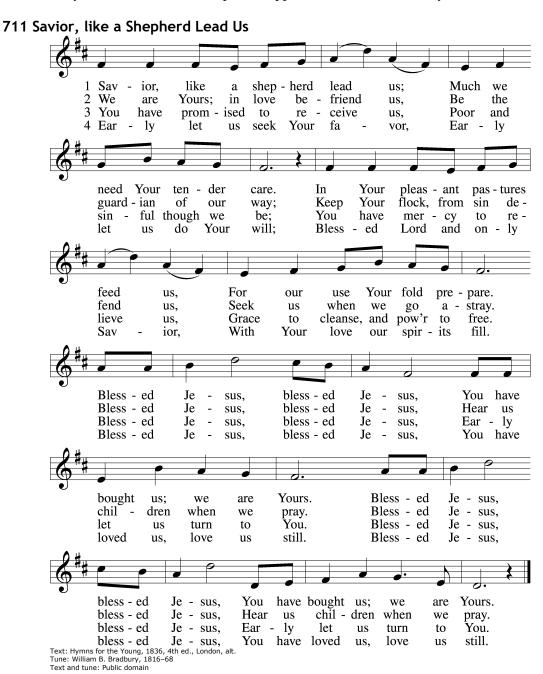
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

July 23, 2023

Divine Service, Setting One

As We Gather

Miracles tend to be big things in our minds. But the miracles Jesus does are more often tied to the simple things of ordinary life—like food! Jesus provides the simple things of life in miraculous ways. That is one of the things the five thousand learned when Jesus took a light lunch and fed thousands. It also confronts us here in simple water that becomes the means to new and everlasting life, or in simple bread and wine that feeds us the flesh and blood of Christ, or in efficacious words that accomplish what they say. But this is also true in our daily lives, as our Good Shepherd supplies all our needs of body and soul.



Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 47:3, 6–8; antiphon: vv. 1–2

- P Clap your hands, all | peoples!*
 Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!
 For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,*
 a great king over | all the earth.
- He subdued peoples | under us,* and nations un- | der our feet.
- P Sing praises to God, sing | praises!*
 Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!
- For God is the King of | all the earth;* sing praises | with a psalm!
- P God reigns over the | nations;* God sits on his | holy throne.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;
- as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Clap your hands, all | peoples!*
Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,*
a great king over | all the earth.

Kyrie LSB 152

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 154



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 62:6–12

R The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 62.

⁶On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent.

You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest,

⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

⁸The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm:

"I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies,

and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored;

⁹but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD,

and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary."

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people;

build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples.

¹¹Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth:

Say to the daughter of Zion,

"Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

¹²And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD;

and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

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

Epistle Romans 6:19–23

R The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 6.

¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



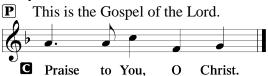
Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

Golo - ry to You, O Lord.

Mark 8:1-9

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, [Jesus] called his disciples to him and said to them, ²"I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." ⁴And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" ⁵And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." ⁶And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. ⁷And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. ⁸And they are and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.



Sit





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Sermon Are you hungry?

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- To the Lord our God, who reigns over the nations from His holy throne, that He would graciously subdue all spiritual enemies under our feet, giving us a share in the victory Christ has won for us, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For our missionaries in this country and around the world, that all people would receive the bread of everlasting life given in the Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the delegates who assemble in convention this week, that God would give them wisdom to work for the welfare of our Synod; that He would guard the lips of those who speak and the ears of those who hear; that He would give us courage to do with integrity what we promise; and that, according to His will, He would bless and prosper the plans and actions undertaken in His name, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For those who labor to produce food and shelter, safety and peace, especially for those in need, that their work would be blessed and we would be led to recognize God's gracious hand in all things, receiving our daily bread with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all mankind, made in God's image and given this dignity in His sight, that His gift of earthly life would be defended at every age, from natural conception to natural death, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those in any need, [especially ______,] let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

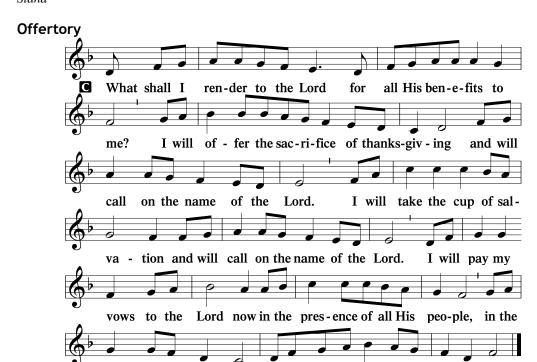
- P Heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You claimed us as Your own holy people in Your Son. Strengthen and preserve us in this holiness, that we might not give ourselves over again to the slavery of sin and lawlessness leading to death, but instead to the slavery of righteousness that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Offering

559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion sts. 1–2

Stand



Lord's Prayer LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

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.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

LSB 159

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.

\mathbf{C} Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 \mathbf{C} Amen.

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Announcements

Adult Sunday School is studying Exodus at 9am on Sunday mornings.

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory.

The **Ladies Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at **10am**. They are studying the book of Judges.

Church Council next meeting is Aug 13 at 8am.

July has a **Fifth Sunday!** Please get your hymn ideas to Pastor Huston by the 23rd.

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