

All Saints Lutheran Church

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
July 19, 2026

Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7–17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, *"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground . . ."* (Gen. 3:19). In other words, *"The wages of sin is death"* (Rom. 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1–9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For *"the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom. 6:23).

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Communion at All Saints

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. It is important, therefore, that those who come to the Lord's Table trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Scripture also teaches that Holy Communion is a confession of faith. Those who receive the sacrament together show forth their unity in Christ, that is, a unity of heart and mind accomplished when all who commune together believe the same doctrine and are at peace with one another.

Scripture teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and that Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, we, along with the historic Christian church, practice *Closed Communion.* Any who are not communicant members of All Saints, or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked to speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward during communion to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and bow your head, and the pastor will give you a blessing; and know that we would love to share more with you about our teaching and practice.

Prayers of preparation and thanksgiving for receiving the Lord's Supper are found in the LSB hymnal on p. 308.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; John 17:20–23; 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.

Divine Service 3

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Confession and Absolution

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

561 The Tree of Life



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Service of the Word

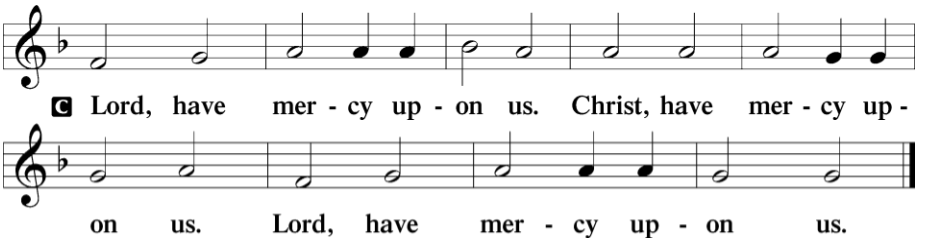
Introit

Psalm 47:3, 6–8; antiphon: vv. 1–2

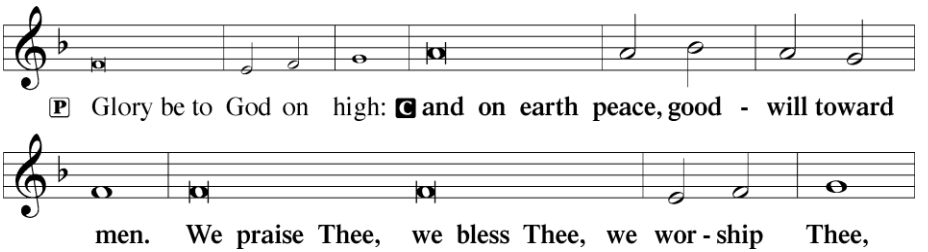


Clap your hands, all | peoples!*
Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,*
a great king over | all the earth.
He subdued peoples | under us,*
and nations un- | der our feet.
Sing praises to God, sing | praises!*
Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!
For God is the King of | all the earth;*
sing praises | with a psalm!
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.
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Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis




we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P 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.



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:7–17

7Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils
the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. 8And the LORD God planted a garden
in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9And out of the ground
the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food.
The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
10A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four
rivers. 11The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of
Havilah, where there is gold. 12And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are
there. 13The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole
land of Cush. 14And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And
the fourth river is the Euphrates.
15The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.
16And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the
garden, 17but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day
that you eat of it you shall surely die."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 34:11, 5



Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
Those who look to him are | radiant,*
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.

Epistle

Romans 6:19–23

[19]I 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.

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

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

Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 47:1



C **Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.**



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Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

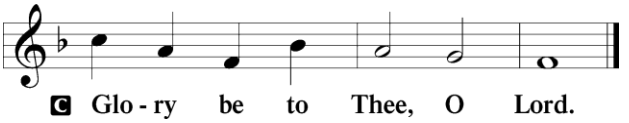


C **Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.**

Holy Gospel

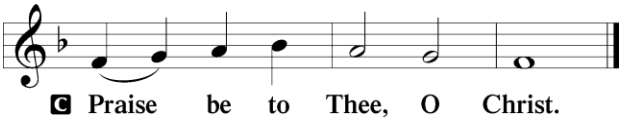
Mark 8:1–9

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



[1]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. [3]And if I send them away hungry
to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away."
[4]And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this
desolate place?" [5]And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven."
[6]And 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. [7]And they had a few small fish. And having blessed
them, he said that these also should be set before them. [8]And they ate and were satisfied. And
they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. [9]And there were about four
thousand people. And he sent them away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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.

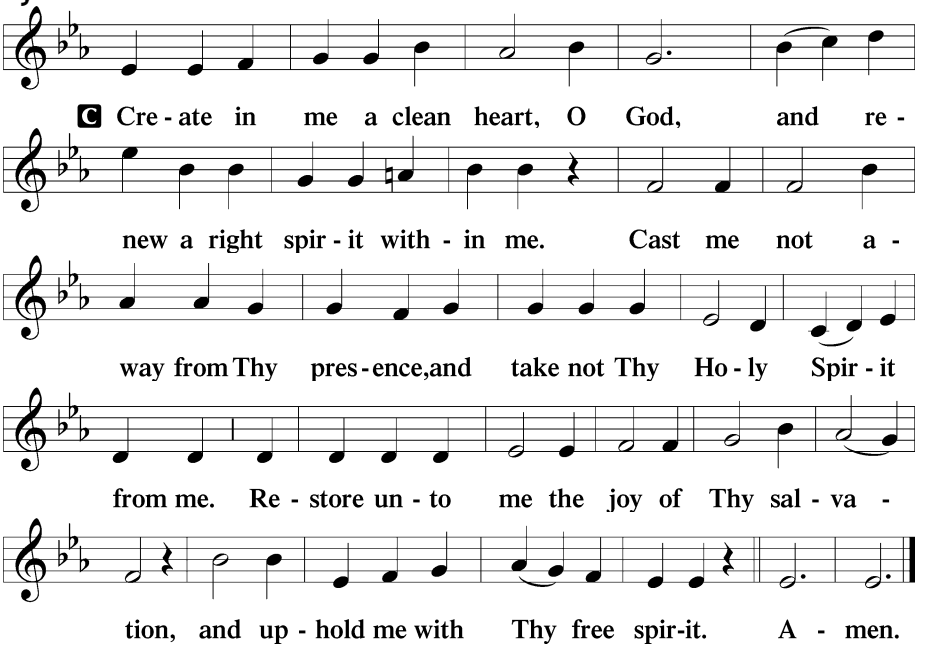
819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



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Sermon

Offertory



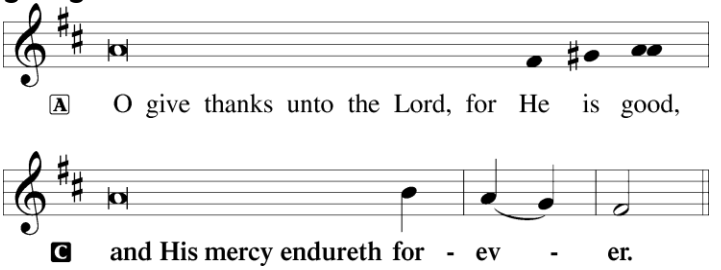
Prayer of the Church

Nunc Dimittis





Thanksgiving

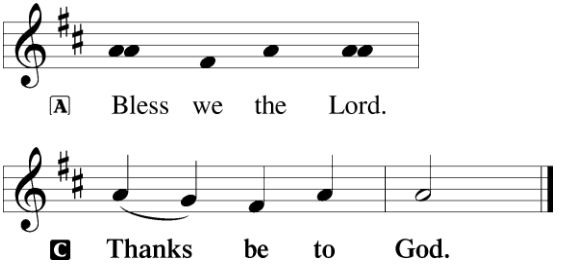


P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and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

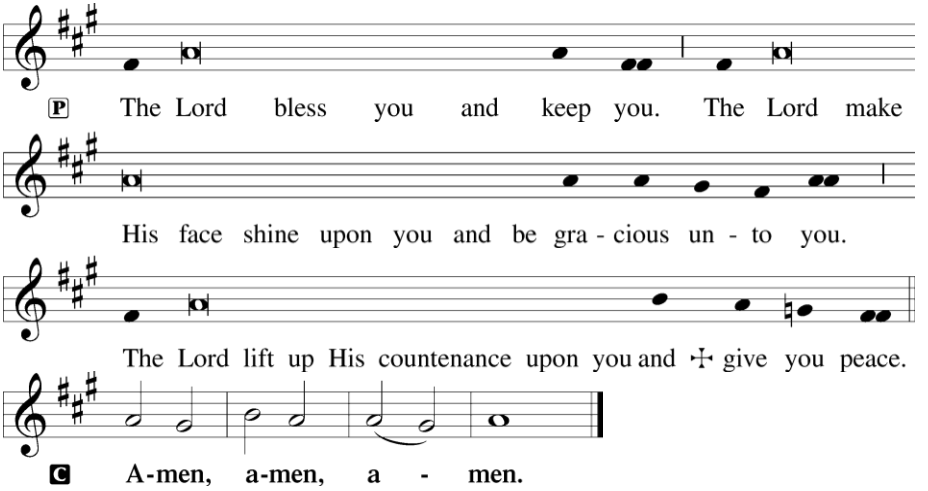




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Benediction



566 By Grace I'm Saved



5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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