

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Outdoor Worship

07/12/2026

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P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for our sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN: [ELW#742 “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”](#)

P From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: [ELW#807 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”](#)

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God our maker,
C **you guide us as the sheep of your fold. When we stray into rebellion and unbelief, bring us back and restore us, that we may follow your ways and listen to the voice of our shepherd who gives us eternal life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Please be seated.

PSALM 95

¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
³ For the LORD is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
⁸ Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,

as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
⁹ when your ancestors tested me
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways.”
¹¹ Therefore in my anger I swore,
“They shall not enter my rest.”

JOHN 10:22-42

L A reading from John: ²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah,^[a] tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all,^[b] and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

³¹ The Jews took up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus replied, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?” ³³ The Jews answered, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human, are making yourself God.” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Is it not written in your law,^[c] ‘I said, you are gods’? ³⁵ If those to whom the word of God came were called ‘gods’—and the scripture cannot be annulled— ³⁶ can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’? ³⁷ If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. ³⁸ But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand^[d] that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” ³⁹ Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands.

⁴⁰ He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. ⁴¹ Many came to him, and they were saying, “John

performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” ⁴² And many believed in him there.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY [ELW#638 - “Blessed Assurance”](#)

SERMON: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Please stand, as you are able.

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.

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- L** Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- L** God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

- L** God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

- L** God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

- L** God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill, who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

- L** God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation 'do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. We pray for Barbara Ash, Iteidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan; Rhina Chroniger, Lincoln Dippel, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Bob Hardy, Mark Hughes, Christine Kourkoules, Charlotte Leer, John McCarthy, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Claudia Schober, Esther Trautwein, Pastor Jack, and Helena Zozulak. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L For whom or what else shall we pray?

- For peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Lebanon, Gaza, Mali, South Sudan, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Mexico, Ukraine, Myanmar, and Venezuela ...

- For all immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers...

- For health and safety for all experiencing extreme heat and weather events, especially storms and tornadoes in central China and areas facing typhoon threats...

- For continued relief and rescue work following earthquakes in Venezuela ...

- For those wounded by explosions in Damascus, Syria ...

- For an end to human trafficking,

- For those killed and injured over the holiday weekend and communities impacted by gun violence ...

L We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C Amen

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

C **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

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen

SENDING HYMN [ELW#536 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"](#)

P Go in peace. Love and serve God and neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

*Offering to be sent to
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ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events

- Saturday, Aug 1, 6 pm - Frederick Keys Baseball Game - Meet at 5:30 pm at the stadium
- Sunday, Aug 9, 9:30 am - Outdoor Worship in the Neumann Chapel – bring a lawn chair

Upcoming Worship

Date	Theme of the Day	Worship Leader
July 12	John 10:22-42	Julie and Dave
July 19	John 11:45-57	Ron

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