

Pentecost 7 -- July 19 & 21, 2020

"Welcome Visitors and Members!"

(Visitors, you may find helpful information on the back cover.)

Focus: The Christian finds rest in Jesus.



1 "Come un - to me, ye wea - ry, And I will
2 "Come un - to me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will
3 "Come un - to me, ye faint - ing, And I will
4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not



give you rest." O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which
give you light." O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which
give you life." O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which
cast him out." O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which



comes to hearts op - pressed! It tells of ben - e -
comes to cheer the night! Our hearts were filled with
comes to aid our strife! The foe is stern and
drives a - way our doubt, Which, though we be un -



dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace, Of joy that
sad - ness, And we had lost our way; But thou hast
ea - ger; The fight is fierce and long; But thou hast
wor - thy Of love so great and free, In - vites us



has no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to thee!

Please stand.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "Look, you yourself have been telling me, 'Lead this people up,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³So now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you, so that I may find favor in your sight. Consider that this nation is your people."

¹⁴The LORD said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵Moses said to him, "If your Presence is not going to go with me, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶After all, how would people know that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Isn't it in this way: that you go with us, so that we are distinguished, I and your people, from all the people who are on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have said, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

¹⁸Then Moses said, "Please show me your glory."

¹⁹The LORD said, "I will make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD in your presence. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy." ²⁰He said, "You cannot see my face, for no human may see me and live."

²¹The LORD also said, "Look, there is a place next to me, where you shall stand on the rock.

²²It will happen that, while my glory passes by, I will put you in a crevice in the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back. But my face will not be seen.

Psalm 145

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;*
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall*
and lifts up all who are bowed down. *Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.*
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him,*
he hears their cry and saves them.

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. *Refrain*

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 4:1-11

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be fearful that any one of you may be judged to have failed to reach it. ²In fact, we have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did. But the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united in faith with those who did listen. ³Indeed, we who believe are going to enter his rest.

It happened just as he vowed when he said:

*So I swore an oath in my wrath,
“They will never enter my rest.”*

And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in this way:

And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.

⁵And again in this statement:

They will never enter my rest.

⁶Therefore, since it is still the case that some do enter this rest, and yet those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not enter because of disobedience, ⁷God again set a certain day, namely, “today,” when he later said through David, as quoted before:

*Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.*

⁸For, if Joshua had given them rest, then God would not have spoken later about another day.

⁹So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰For the one who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God rested from his work. ¹¹Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience.

Verse of the Day: Luke 8:15

Alleluia! The seeds in the good ground are the ones who hear the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it tightly, and produce fruit as they patiently endure. Alleluia!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time, Jesus continued, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. ²⁷Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

358 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
 4 By you my prayers ac - cept - ance gain Al -
 5 O Je - sus, Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place, My nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed; Sa - tan ac - cus - es
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my Life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain For God calls me his child.
 Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

6 I praise in weakness from afar—
 How cold my warmest thought!
 But when I see you as you are,
 I'll praise you as I ought.

7 Till then I would your love proclaim
 With ev'ry fleeting breath;
 And may the music of your name
 Refresh my soul in death.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877.

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 11:25-30
"Burden Bearer's Bidding"

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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

M: We will praise You, our God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. You are faithful in all Your words and gracious in all Your deeds. You uphold all who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. All eyes look to You for food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

O heavenly Father, we praise You especially for Your Son Jesus Christ, whom You sent as the Giver of rest. We thank You that He fulfilled the words of the Third Commandment to “Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.”

We confess, O Lord, that although Your Word tells us that You sent Christ to bring rest to the nations, we have often permitted the conflicts in the world around us and inside us to cause us to doubt Your Word. For our shortsightedness, forgive us, O Lord. You have not failed us, but we have failed You. For failing to be zealous in the proclamation of Your Gospel, forgive us, O Lord. We are weary of fighting the war of sin within ourselves, and we are disturbed by the violence and hatred we observe around us. Forgive our inclinations toward giving up the fight. We have given in to our own wills to do what we want rather than doing what You want. Forgive us, O Lord.

In our weariness of the flesh grant us Your Holy Spirit to enable us to accept the invitation of Your Son to come to Him for the rest only He provides in His Word and Sacraments. In Him we do have rest for our souls. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

C: **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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Please be seated for the final hymn.



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



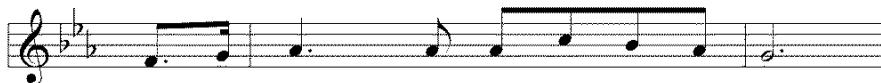
Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



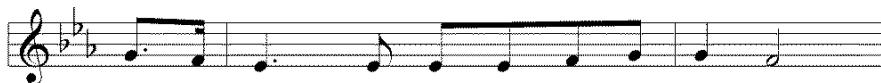
Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

This Week at St. John's: July 19, 2020

SERVING US TODAY:

Greeters: Donna Anding & Rosie Murphy

Ushers: Team 3- Dick Urban's team

Altar Guild: Jean Goetz & Ashley Leiterman

Donating Bulletins: Bryan & Paula Dux for their anniversary

Donating Website in July: Verlyn & Marilyn Shaw in memory of Martin & Margaret Wagner

SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Joel & Darlene Zschernitz

Ushers: Team 4- Rex Roehl's team

Altar Guild: Rachel Anderson & Jenny Shadrick

CHURCH NEWS

Guest Preacher: Pastor Jon Guenther is leading our worship service today. We thank him for his service and his message from God's Word.

Semi-Annual Voters Meeting: Our semi-annual voters' meeting will be held today right after the worship service. We encourage all voting members to attend.

Vacations: Pastor Biebert will be on vacation through July 20th. In case of emergency, contact Pastor Nathan Wilke of Globe/Christie at 715-743-2480.

WELS Weekly Prayer: New president at Martin Luther College – Lord of the Church, we thank you for providing those who are called to train workers for your kingdom. We ask that you bless all the ministerial education staffs of our schools with gifts and abilities to train the next generation. We especially pray for Rev. Richard Gurgel, new president of Martin Luther College. Bless his leadership of our college of ministry. Fill him with your Spirit that he may be a blessing to his colleagues and the students of MLC. We also thank you for the service to our synod from former President Mark Zarling. Bless his retirement and grant him new ways to serve you. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WELS Family Devotions: Get your family into God's Word during the week. WELS has started offering devotions developed for the entire family to use. Each devotion is complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable versions are also available. Find the family devotions at wels.net/family-devotions.

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Worship Schedule: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Worship Broadcast on Cable Channel 977: Sundays at 10:30 a.m. & Mondays at 7 p.m.

"Welcome Visitors & Members!"

To those who are visiting us for the first time, we extend our sincere welcome; to our friends who know us we renew our welcome; to those who seek a church home we invite you to be part of our family and enjoy fellowship with our Savior.

To assist you in worship, both personal listening devices & **large print hymns** are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers for assistance.

Visitors, if you would like to know more about our church or school, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.

We love seeing young children in church as we want families to worship together. We also love to hear children making a "joyful noise to the Lord." If you need some privacy for feeding an infant or changing a diaper, please make use of our parents' room off the north side of the entryway where you can still listen to the service.