



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

10:15 a.m.



*My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness.*

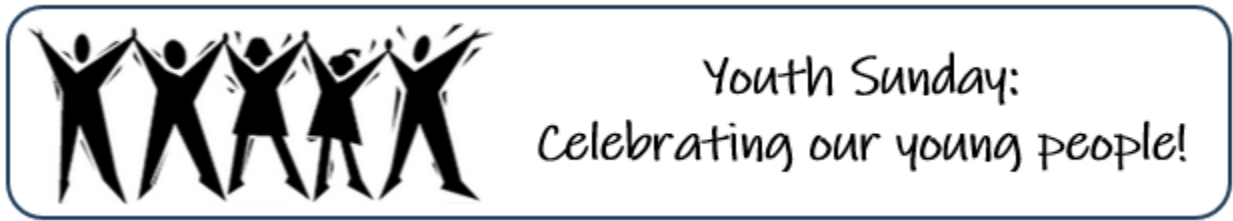
2 Corinthians Ch. 12

Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to
Connect with God and one another,
Grow in faith and understanding, and
Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded



The Liturgy of the Word of God

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

Prelude

“There’s a Halleluia at the End of This Song”

Rev. Eddie Blue

Rev. Eddie Blue and Children’s Choir

✠ **Processional Hymn**

“Come Now Is The Time to Worship”

Come, now is the time to worship
 Come, now is the time to give your heart
 Come, just as you are to worship
 Come, just as you are before your God
 Come

2. Willingly we choose to surrender our lives,
 willingly our knees will bow.
 With all our heart, soul, mind and strength,
 we gladly choose You now.

1. One day every tongue will confess You are God
 one day every knee will bow
 Still the greatest treasure remains for those
 who gladly choose You now

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Come, now is the time to wor - ship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

Come, just as you are to wor - ship.

Come, just as you are be-fore your God. Come.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God

Hymnal #S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5

A reading from the book of the Book of Ezekiel

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven— whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person— whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Sequence Song

“Thy Word”

Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light
unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my
feet and a light unto my path

1. When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my
way. Still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near
Please be near me to the end.

2. I will not forget your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

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The Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they

refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children's Sermon

The Sermon: The Rev. Dina van Klaveren, *Canon for Stewardship and Development*

✠ The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Adapted from *Planning for Rites and Rituals*

In freedom you have created us and called us to work and rest in your generous love. Hear our prayers on behalf of all your creation and empower us to share in your healing and reconciling work as we pray.

Lord God, we pray for Michael, Sean, Carrie our bishops, and your whole Church, that we may proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord not only in our words but in our deeds. In your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Lord God, let your dominion guide Joe our President, and all rulers and authorities of the world, that they may know that power belongs to you, and that they may exercise their own power in wisdom, compassion and love. In your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Lord God, we bring to your healing compassion all for whom we pray, especially Joy, Jenny, Katelyn, Buck, Ernest, Mary, Joanne, Rick, Janice, Kathy, Cheryl, and those who name now silently or aloud (*silence*). In your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Lord God, we give you thanks for Lisa, Raymond, Ann, Bryan, Frank and Cheryl, celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, and for all the blessings of this life, especially those we name now silently or aloud (*silence*). In your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

We pray for all who have died. In your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Offertory

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“Simplicity”

1. I come in simplicity longing for purity
To worship You in Spirit and truth
Only You
Lord strip it all away till only You remain
I'm coming back to my first love
Only You *(Chorus)*
Chorus: You're the reason I sing, the reason I
sing. Yes my heart will sing, How I love You.
And forever I'll sing, forever I'll sing
Yes my heart will sing, How I love You

2. I come with my broken song to You the perfect
One, to worship You in Spirit and truth
Only You
Give me a child-like heart. Lead me to where You
are. I'm coming back to my first love
Only You *(Chorus)*
How I love You
How I love You
How I love You
My first love

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♣ Presentation Hymn

“The Doxology”

Hymnal #380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
 him a-bove ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho- ly Ghost. A - men.
 Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2 from *Enriching Our Worship*

- Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.
- People:* **And also with you.**
- Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.
- People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

♣ Sanctus

Hymnal #S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He

took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever.



✠ The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

✠ The Breaking of Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

✠ Fraction Anthem

"Be Known to Us"

Setting: Gary James

Choir sings first line, congregation repeats

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. Be

bread. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the

bod - y of Christ. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though man - y, we share one

bread. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People

All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion in front of the altar. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. To receive the wine, you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharist minister on both sides of the priest. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Songs

“Do This in Memory of Me”

1. I am the bread of life
 All who believe in Me will have eternal life
 I am the bread of life
 Come down from heaven
 So that all who eat this bread will never die

Chorus

Take the living bread of life
 Take the cup of sacrifice
 Do this in memory of Me
 Take the body and the blood
 Given freely out of love
 Do this in memory of Me
 Do this in memory of Me

2. I am the bread of life
 Whoever comes to Me will not hunger again
 I am the bread of life
 No one can come to Me
 Unless the Father draws them near to Him

Amen I say to you
 Unless you eat the flesh
 Of the Son of Man and drink His blood
 You shall not have life
 All who will eat My flesh and drink
 My blood will have eternal life
 And I will raise them up again

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
 Pure and holy, tried and true
 With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
 Sanctuary for You

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✠ Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Song

“Mighty to Save”

1. Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

2. So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
And fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Chorus:

Savior, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

Worship Assistants	July 7	July 14
Organist	Donna Parker	Mary Butler
Musicians	Praise Ensemble	Adult Ensemble
Ushers	Beatrice Howe, Noah Ketterman	Bryan Lance, Beatrice Howe
Acolyte	Luke Gore	<i>1 needed</i>
Lector	Olivia Carpenter	Liz Lowe
Chalicians	Sandy White, Helen Lang Adelaide McIntyre, Kevin McIntyre,	Sandy White, Susan Considine, Helen Lang, Bobbie Gooding
Worship Slides	Emelia Howe	<i>1 needed</i>
Audio Visual	Nick Hoff	Nick Hoff

July Altar Guild: Team 4

Kim Tompkins Charlie Aler Beverly Baker Jenny Beeker Helen Lang

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Susan Considine, in thanksgiving and celebration of birthdays of her daughter, Jordan, and granddaughter, Fiona.

The Bread and Wine

The Bread and Wine are given to the glory of God by Bobbie and Jerry Gooding, in thanksgiving for blessings received.

The Bread and Wine are given to the glory of God by Steve and Deb Vana, in celebration of their son, Ross' birthday.

Attendance: June 30:

8:00 am - 25 10:15 am In-person - 62 YouTube - 9 Facebook - 1 **Total: 97**

Readings for Next Sunday: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - B

Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29

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