

# PENTECOST 7

July 11, 2021

THE ETERNAL  
GOD  
— IS —  
YOUR REFUGE  
= & =  
UNDERNEATH  
ARE THE  
EVERLASTING ARMS

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DEUTERONOMY 33:27

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Sunday Worship, 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School, in recess

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# ORDER OF SERVICE FOR PENTECOST 7

Adapted from *Worship Supplement 2000* and *The Lutheran Hymnal*

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## OPENING PRAYER

### HYMN 1 (TLH)

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

## THE INVOCATION

(We declare that the triune God is the God we worship.)

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(We confess our sins and hear God's announcement of forgiveness.)

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us pray.

**PC Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, out of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful to us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need.

## KYRIE ELEISON

(Latin for "Lord, have mercy." Having prayed for our spiritual needs, we now ask God to care for our earthly needs according to His mercy.)

P Lord, have mercy upon us.


**C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(We sing a hymn of glory to God.)

Melody: WS 758 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

 **C** Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

(A prayer that collects and reflects the themes of the day.)

## THE LESSONS

(We hear Bible readings that support the thoughts of the season.)

**Philippians 1:3-11**<sup>CSB</sup> *Writing to the Philippians from prison, the apostle Paul expressed his joy in every remembrance of them and prayed for their faith.* | I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, and you are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how deeply I miss all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve the things that are superior and may be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

**Matthew 9:35-38**<sup>CSB</sup> *Let us pray for Christian preachers and teachers to work in the Lord's harvest-field.* | Jesus continued going around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest."

## PSALM FOR THE SEASON

(see back page)

Psalm 45  
My Heart Is Overflowing

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

(We respond to the lessons by reciting what we believe.)

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN 485:1-5** (TLH)

Lord Jesus, Who art Come

## THE SERMON

(We learn from God's word.)

# **THE ETERNAL GOD IS YOUR REFUGE AND UNDERNEATH ARE THE EVERLASTING ARMS**


(Deuteronomy 33:27a)

## PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

(In the last portion of the service we pray and give thanks to God.)

**P** And the peace of God which is a greater peace than any our own minds can give to us shall guard your hearts in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting. Amen.

## THE OFFERTORY

 **C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## OFFERING

## PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN 39** (TLH)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

## CLOSING PRAYER

The Collect for Peace


P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

 **C Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

(The Lord sends us home with His blessing.)

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

 **C Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**HYMN 485:6-7** (TLH)

Yea, Bless Thy Word Alway



**Daily Devotions for July 12-17, 2021**  
Commentary by Prof. Paul Koch (retired)

**Mon Ezekiel 2:1-5** follows upon the vision that knocked Ezekiel flat on his face (which disabled him), so God picked him up and stood him at attention to receive his assignment. *“Tell the Hebrews that though they have turned their back on Me, and despite their impudent and stubborn refusal to bow before Me, I am not done with them yet.”* God had lots more to say to them, and Ezekiel was His mouthpiece. We listen up and pay attention to God too.

**Tues Mark 6:1-6** We see these as rhetorical questions, for the answers are obvious. Of course, Jesus’ skill set was heavenly, superseding His carpenter skills, and as second Person in the Trinity, Jesus put His siblings in the shade (1-3). Further, when Jesus doesn’t get the credit He deserves, He may pack up and go where others will provide a more receptive audience (4-6).

**Wed 2 Corinthians 12:7-10** Whatever the infirmity was, God allowed it as a *messenger of Satan* to repeatedly knock the wind out of Paul. Why? Because pride over one’s spiritual gifts or religious adventures is still pride, in utter contrast to the humble demeanor God wants from us. P.S.: Our weaknesses ought not bother us, for Jesus’ power flourishes in our weaknesses (9-10).

**Thurs Psalm 143** Summary: “O Lord, I really need You (1-2). The old evil Foe is in my face and on my case (3-4) even while I am trying to hold tightly to You (5-6). But I still can’t handle what is happening in my life (7), so please take control of my life (18)! Cancel out all my negatives (9) and fortify Your positives in me (10). Lord Jesus, **I really need You** (11-12); help me!

**Fri Mark 6:4-5** It’s human nature for childhood chums to remember us as we were back then—classmates and buddies. That familiarity may hinder their accepting us as Sunday School or VBS teacher, or even as pastor or parochial day-school teacher. Jesus ran into that obstacle, too, sad to say.

**Sat Acts 28:17-27** Though his civil trial was on hold, Paul was willing to state his case and share his convictions with the local Jewish officials. They accepted his invitation and listened to his testimony. What was really on trial was the basic issue—whether Jesus of Nazareth was God’s choice as the Messiah long-promised to Abraham and his descendants (20). From personal experience Paul knew that Jesus was in heaven and was seated there with His Father for good reason—for He had paid the price required by God’s Law, and His performance squared our account with God. Perfectly. Finally.

Now then, who dares ignore God’s own good judgment and reject His gracious benediction (23)? Those who react that way against the Holy Spirit are committing spiritual suicide (25-27). Lord, have mercy!

## MY HEART IS OVERFLOWING

*Antiphon*

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm Tone*

My heart is overflowing with a good theme;\*  
 I recite my composition concerning the King;  
 My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.\*  
 You are fairer than the sons of men;  
 Grace is poured upon Your lips;\*  
 Therefore God has blessed You forever.  
 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One,\*  
 With Your glory and Your majesty.

*Antiphon*

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;\*  
 A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.  
 You love righteousness\*  
 and hate wickedness;  
 Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You\*  
 With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.  
**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.**

*Antiphon*