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FRIENDS OF CHRIST ~ ALL OF OUR PEOPLE

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***We celebrate the promise that all people are loved
and enough in Jesus Christ as we worship, learn,
and serve together.***

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

*In our Lutheran Tradition, liturgy reminds us that we are one in Christ, so we do it together! You are invited to respond in community with the **bold print** and stand in body or spirit when indicated by the asterisks (*).*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

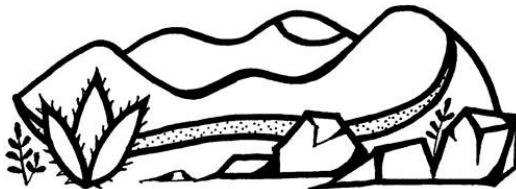
Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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.**

~time of silent confession~

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN: *How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)*



***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE** (*see insert*)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*in unison*)

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Ezekiel 2:1-5* (pg. 597)

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

RESPONSIVE READING: *Psalms 123*

¹To 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,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

SECOND LESSON: *2 Corinthians 12:2-10* (pg. 142)

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go?*

(*see insert*)

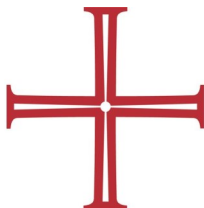
***GOSPEL LESSON:** *Mark 6:1-13* (pg. 31)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

~Gospel is read~

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

SERMON



*HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True*
(ELW 675)

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Offerings can be placed in the offering plate on the small table as you walk in the sanctuary.



***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***SANCTUS** (*see insert*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN:** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (ELW 890)*

***SENDING**

***POSTLUDE**



FLOWERS

The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God, by Cathy Heaps in memory of Fred Fabian and Elsa Persich.

SERVER SCHEDULE

	Greeter	Reader	Usher	Acolyte
7/7	Stacy Carey	Mark Mortenson	Paul Markkula	Nathan Pelino
7/14	Nick Carter	Paul Markkula	Bill Matthews	Alex Pelino

If you would like to help serve on a Sunday morning, let Pastor Zach know (pastorzach.blcne@gmail.com).

SERVICE NOTES

A **special and warm welcome** to everyone here this morning – seekers, members, and guests. We are glad you are here to join our church family for worship!

For worship, you'll need the bulletin and the cranberry-colored hymnal in the pew back in front of you. The liturgy is indicated by page number and can be found in the front half of the hymnal. The hymns are indicated by hymn number and are found in the back half of the hymnal.

If you find yourself needing to leave the worship space for any reason (cough, noisy child, overstimulated, etc.), the service is being livestreamed to the television in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to worship in there and come back into the sanctuary when you're ready.

Please return the green inserts to the back table, so we can use them throughout this growing (green) season.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

The communion table is God's table. Jesus invites all who desire to partake of His body and blood to come forward and receive God's amazing grace in the promises of forgiveness and eternal life. At **communion distribution**, please come forward to the altar rail, filling in the space from right-to-left. Pastor Zach will hand you a wafer to eat. You may then take wine from the tray (center ring is grape juice), drink it, and dispose of your cup in the basket as you return to your seat. If you want a blessing instead, please indicate this by folding your arms across your chest.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible School will be July 29-August 1. Check out the VBS Wish List on the back table, if you'd like to donate some items. We will have a VBS volunteer meeting after worship next Sunday, July 14.

Our next Adopt-A-Highway clean-up is this Saturday, July 13. We'll meet in the parking lot at 8:45am to gather supplies and head out together. We should finish up around 10:30am. Sign-up on the back table if you can help out.

Christmas in July will be Sunday, July 21 at 10:30am. We're at a NEW BARN LOCATION at Wonderland Farm (1200 Blue Ball Road, Elkton, MD). Wear your Hawaiian shirt, grab a chair, and bring some cookies to share.

For Christmas in July, we will be doing a Christmas-at-Sea for Seafarers service project. We will assemble satchels with: a sweatshirt, t-shirt, socks, winter cap, can of nuts or health snack and a Christmas card. Can you stop at the store and grab some items and leave them in the bin?

Pastor Zach and Alex P. will be in New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering from Tuesday, July 16-Saturday, July 20. If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Pastor Mark Crispell.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Please fill the **wood food basket** in the back for the St. Mary Anne's food pantry. Specific needs: canned meats (tuna, chicken, sausages, salmon, etc.), crackers, cereal, peanut butter & jelly. *Make sure to check those expiration dates.

For the ELCA Youth Gathering, congregations in our region are being asked to bring personal wipes. If you're at the store, grab a few packs, put them in the bin, and we'll take them to NOLA with us.



If you would like to give online, you can use the QR, which will redirect you to our giving platform.

Thank you for you for your faithfulness and generosity.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mike Beiter Ray Weygand Terry Fuss Rayanne Lavery
Steve Bird Kelly Campana Stacy Igo Abby Brown
Pastor Zach

If you have a question, concern, or a new idea,
make sure to tell someone!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Blue print indicates a church event.

Regular print indicates an outside community event.

Sunday, July 7th—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 10:30am Traditional Worship Service
- 11:45am Celebration Sunday Fellowship
- 1:00pm Korean Church Bible Study

Monday, July 8th

- 6:30pm Sisters of Serenity NA Fellowship

Tuesday, July 9th

- 9:00am TFC Lifesavers Class
- 6:30pm North East AA Group

Wednesday, July 10th

- 1:00pm Korean Church Bible Study

Thursday, July 11th

- 8:30am Men's Bible Study (meet at JoJo's in Elkton)
- 12:00pm Children's Sermon via Bethel Beacon, Facebook, & YouTube
- 4:00pm Nicanor
- 6:30pm Church Council Meeting
- 6:30pm Women's AA Group

Friday, July 12th

- 6:30pm District 11 AA Meeting

Saturday, July 13th

- 8:45am Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up

Sunday, July 14th—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

- 10:30am Traditional Worship Service
- 11:45am Vacation Bible School Meeting
- 1:00pm Korean Church Bible Study