

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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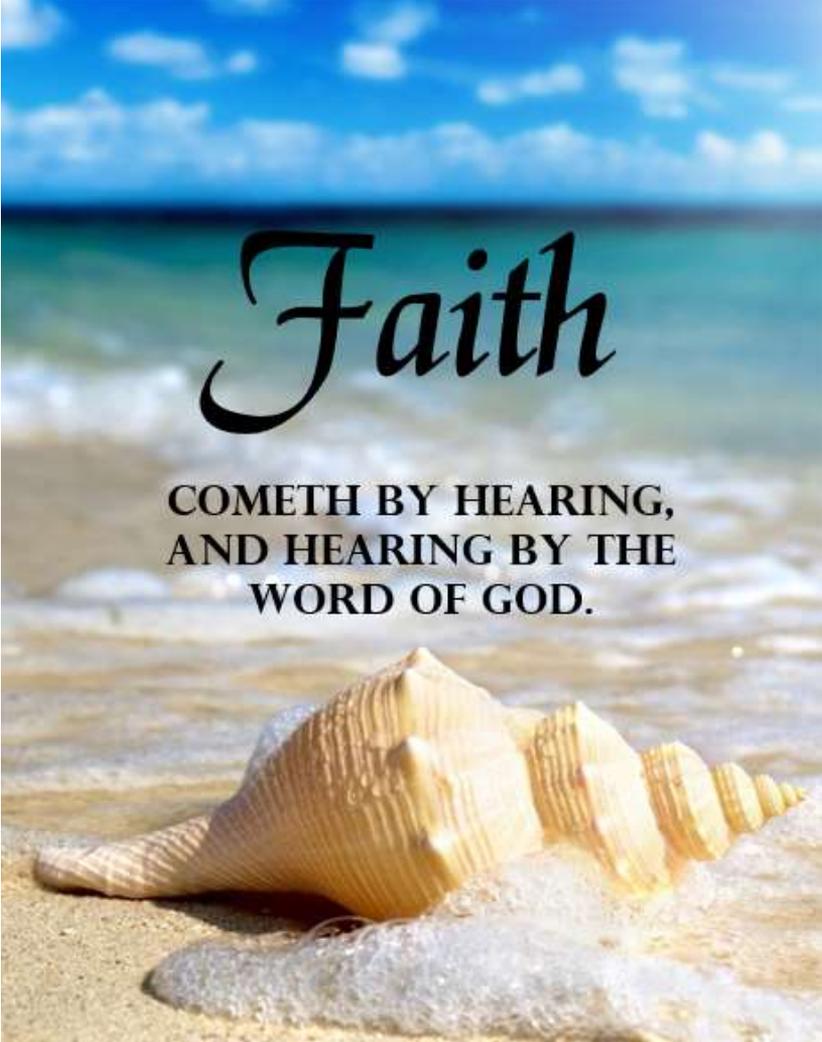
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Faith

COMETH BY HEARING,
AND HEARING BY THE
WORD OF GOD.

Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

Please join us Sundays at 8:00am & 10:00am Mondays at 6:00pm

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tesch (715-587-8521)

He became sin who knew no sin
 That we might become His righteousness
 He humbled Himself and carried the cross
 Love so amazing love so amazing

Refrain

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine
 Broken and poured out all for love
 The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
 Love so amazing love so amazing

Refrain

All our hope is in You
 All our hope is in You
 All the glory to You God
 The Light of the world

Refrain

Please rise

Jesus Messiah
 Lord of all
 The Lord of all
 The Lord of all

Confession of Sins

P: Dear Christian friends, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

Cong: *O Lord, my God, I confess that I am, by nature, sinful. You created an entire universe to take care of me, and still sometimes I don't trust you. You died on the cross for me and sometimes I doubt your love. You invite me to your table and offer me your holy Sacrament, and sometimes I think I have better things to do. You protect and care for me every day, and sometimes I don't thank you. I am truly sorry for my sins; please forgive me.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

P: By the grace of God and by his sacrifice on the cross, all of your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved child, in his care, here and forever in heaven. Go and sin no more.

Cong: Thank you, my gracious God. Teach me to live by faith, to trust your promises, and to serve and glorify you in everything I do. In Jesus' name I come to you. Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Lesson

Why talk about God's word when people don't listen?

"They will know that a prophet has been among them." Our Old Testament lesson is a great encouragement for us to bring the power of God's Word to our friends and neighbors.

God told Ezekiel that whether people listened to him or failed to listen, Ezekiel was to speak God's word – even to rebellious people. God told Ezekiel not to be afraid. He was speaking at God's command and working with God's power. He was speaking the truth of God.

God's words were the only hope that Israel had. Their sin was killing them and they were facing judgment. God was offering forgiveness, healing, and a new life. They wouldn't want to hear it, but they needed to; God's grace was their only hope.

Our job is exactly the same: to speak God's Word faithfully. Then, whether people listen or refuse to listen, they will know that a prophet has been among them. It's not up to us to transform hearts or change minds. God does that through his word. God's Word is as sweet as honey in our mouths. It is the taste of life, love and forgiveness.

Ezekiel 2:1-3:4 (EHV)

^{2:1}He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." ²The Spirit entered into me as he spoke to me and brought me up to my feet. Then I heard him speaking to me.

³He said to me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to disloyal nations, who have been disloyal to me. They and their fathers have rebelled against me to this very day. ⁴These children of mine are brazen-faced and hard-hearted. I am sending you to them, and you are to tell them that this is what the Lord God says.

⁵Then, whether they listen or do not listen—for they are a rebellious house—then they will know that a prophet has been among

them. ⁶But you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words. Even though briars and thorns surround you and you are living with scorpions, do not be afraid of their words, and do not be intimidated by the look on their faces, for they are a rebellious house. ⁷You are to speak my words to them whether they listen or they do not, for they are rebellious. ⁸But you, son of man, listen to what I am telling you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am giving you.”

⁹Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out toward me, and in it there was a rolled-up scroll. ¹⁰He unrolled it in front of me, and there was writing on both sides. Written on it was: Laments, Groaning, and Woe.

^{3:1}Then he said to me, “Son of man, eat what you have received. Eat this scroll, and then go, speak to the house of Israel.” ²I opened my mouth, and he fed me the scroll.

³Then he said to me, “Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your belly with this scroll that I am giving you.” I ate, and in my mouth it was sweet like honey.

⁴He then said to me, “Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them.”

Psalm 143

(CW p. 118)

Epistle Lesson

Why was the early Christian church persecuted? It's interesting that the persecution didn't start with the Roman government. It started with their own people. It started with priests and church leaders who didn't want to hear the truth—it made them look bad and it made them feel the guilt of their sin. People have been opposed to God's word because of politics and opinion. Some don't like God's morality. Others

don't like the organization or the people. Satan comes up with all kinds of reasons to oppose the Gospel.

Jesus warned us to expect trouble from the world (John 16:33). He repeats the warning through Paul: “Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” Since opposition is virtually guaranteed, God tells us to stay in the Word. They are God's own voice, filled with God's power. He uses them to save us, guide us, comfort us, strengthen us, teach us, correct us, and train us for life and life eternal.

2 Timothy 3:10—4:5 (EHV)

¹⁰But you have faithfully followed my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfast endurance, ¹¹my persecutions, my sufferings—the kind that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, the kind of persecutions I endured—and the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹²Indeed, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evil people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

¹⁴As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them ¹⁵and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work.

Proclaim the Gospel

^{4:1}I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom: ²Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage, with all patience and teaching. ³For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires. ⁴They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

⁵As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

Hymn

Glorious Day

One day when heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men my example is He
The Word became flesh
And the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Glorious Day cont...

Refrain

***Living He loved me dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
O glorious day O glorious day***

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He
The hands that healed nations
Stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

Refrain

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose over death He had conquered
Now is ascended my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him
The grave could not keep Him
From rising again

Refrain

Glorious day
One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine

Refrain

Glorious day
O glorious day

Gospel Lesson & Sermon

How do you feel when your home team does well? Makes you feel good doesn't it? Or when someone from your hometown makes it big? There can be a feeling of a little shared glory there. It makes you wonder at the reaction of the people in Jesus' hometown.

They were amazed at his knowledge, his wisdom, and the miracles he performed. That seems right. Who of them knew who Jesus really was? They knew his family; but Jesus was another story altogether. When God comes to town, he just takes your breath away.

“And they took offense at him.”

What? That seems backwards. Shouldn't they have celebrated? How could anyone reject the one who taught and healed and loved everyone so much? Even Jesus was amazed.

When we look at people today, what do we see? Most people reject him. They exchange the Child in Bethlehem for Santa Claus and the Risen Christ for the Easter bunny. No surprise there. But what about people from church or in our families who think so little of Jesus?

What about us? Is Jesus ever unwelcome in our conversations or in our gatherings? Do we ever consider the truth of God inconvenient or out of date? Are we ever offended when God admonishes us through a Christian friend?

Jesus is here right now. Let's listen, he's about to speak.

Mark 6:1-6 (EHV)

¹Jesus left there and went to his hometown. His disciples followed him. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did this man learn these things? What is this wisdom that has been given to this man? How is it that miracles such as these are performed by his hands? ³Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own house.” ⁵He could not do any miracles there except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching.

Please rise

The Nicene's 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Please be seated

The Offering

Please rise

PRAYERS FOR HEALING OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Melanie Bell, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Anita Hemminger, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, Pat Peterson, Angie Salewsky, Lisa Schmitt, Michael Stollenwerk, Shirley Truit and Lynn Urbaniak.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE CALLED TO PROTECT

Military: Jesse Adams (Sue Connor's son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow's godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht's great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** ((Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), Isaac Jansen's cousin), **Dacien Konell** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's son and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush's nephew). **Firefighter: Steve Campbell. Police: Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw** (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) **and David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

The 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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

P: We who trust in Jesus Christ for our full and free salvation can give no higher honor to our Lord than to believe and to do what He has commanded us. For that reason, we have come here to obey Jesus' gracious invitation, partaking in His Holy Supper according to His words and commands.

Consider carefully the words of the Lord and diligently examine your heart's condition in view of His Word. Jesus said, *"This is My body, which is given for you...this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."*

P: Jesus is telling us that this supper is for sinners. It is for sinners who grieve over their sin, its offense to God and its sentence to death. It is for sinners who long for the forgiveness of sins. It is for sinners who believe Jesus died the death our sins deserve. Do you believe this?

Cong: Yes, I believe this.

P: Jesus' clear and simple words also reveal a great mystery. In this Supper of bread and wine Jesus actually gives every communicant just what His words say: His body and blood that was crucified for you. Jesus' gifts of His body and blood are God's official seal that God Himself makes a covenant with each one who eats this bread and drinks this wine.

In this covenant God promises each communicant that his sins are forgiven and that he is God's child. The Bible states this truth also with warning. Anyone who comes to the Lord's Supper, but *"eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself"* for he is *"guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord."* Do you believe this?

Cong: Yes, I believe this.

P: Jesus said: *"Take and eat. his do in remembrance of Me."* And, *"all of you drink of the cup. do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."* Here Jesus invites us and commands everyone who calls Him Lord to come to this blessed Supper frequently. He also instructs us to do it while remembering and celebrating the central truth of our faith – Christ Crucified!

Every time you commune you declare that Christ is your greatest treasure. That Jesus is your life. This confession by your actions encourages your fellow believers, proclaims the Gospel to a dying world and praises Jesus who commanded you to do this in memory of His death. Do you believe this?

Cong: Yes, I believe this.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all compassion and the God of all comfort. For all this was

not revealed to you by man, but by our Father in heaven. You are blessed to believe this.

In this Supper Jesus will forgive your sins, strengthen your faith, draw you into close communion with the Living God and His holy people, fill your heart with thankful joy, and renew your zeal to walk as a child of Light, loving each other as Christ loved you.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

We now have the incredible privilege of approaching the Lord’s table at his invitation to receive His body and blood in the sacrament.

Come, for all things are now ready.

Please be seated

Closing Prayer

P: 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.

Cong: Amen.

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with each other. 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.

Cong: Amen.

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
 Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
 The King of Glory the King above all kings
 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
 Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
 The King of Glory the King above all kings

Refrain

This is amazing grace

This is unfailing love

That You would take my place

That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life

That I would be set free

Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
 Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
 The King of Glory the King of Glory
 Who rules the nations with truth and justice
 Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
 The King of Glory the King above all kings

Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Worthy worthy worthy

Refrain

All that You've done for me