



**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 7, A+D 2024**



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

## **The Ministers of Christ Are Sent with His Authority to Forgive Sins and Give Life**

The prophet Ezekiel was raised up by the Spirit of the Lord and sent to speak an unpopular Word to the rebellious house of Israel. As a prophet, he was not to speak his own word, but to preach the Law and the Gospel: “Thus says the Lord GOD,” whether the people “hear or refuse to hear” (Ezek. 2:4-5). So, too, in the footsteps of the prophets before Him, the Lord Jesus “went about among the villages teaching” (Mark 6:6). In His hometown, as elsewhere, “many who heard him were astonished,” marveling at His wisdom and at the “mighty works done by his hands,” and yet “they took offense at him” (Mark 6:2-3). The offense culminates in His cross, which is, ironically, the heart and center of His “authority over the unclean spirits” (Mark 6:7). It is by that authority of His cross that those He sends preach repentance, “cast out many demons” and heal the sick (Mark 6:12-13). Thus, the apostle Paul boasts in the cross of Christ and in his own weaknesses, knowing that God’s grace is sufficient and that the power of Christ “is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:8-9).

*Ringing of the Bells*

*Welcome*

**The Star Spangled banner**

*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag*

- C** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

*Pledge of Allegiance to the Cross*

- C** I pledge allegiance to the Cross of my Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, One Savior eternal, with mercy and grace for all. So help me God.

## Confession and Absolution

### 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

#### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

#### Exhortation

*LSB 151*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

#### Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your**

**present and eternal punishment. 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.**

### Declaration of Grace

LSB 151

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 132:13–16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8*

**P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**C Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

**P** For the LORD has chosen Zion;

**C he has desired it for his dwelling place:**

**P** "This is my resting place forever;

**C here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**

**P** I will abundantly bless her provisions;

**C I will satisfy her poor with bread.**

**P** Her priests I will clothe with salvation,

**C and her saints will shout for joy."**

**C 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.**

**P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**C Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

### Kyrie

LSB 152

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

LSB 155



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 2:1–5*

- A** The Old Testament Reading for The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is from the second chapter of the prophecy of Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." <sup>2</sup>And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' <sup>5</sup>And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

*2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

- A** The Second Reading is from the twelfth chapter of the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man 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. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was

given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 6:1–13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." <sup>5</sup>And he



could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup>And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## 717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

### Sermon

Rev Jason Zirbel  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Greenwood, Arkansas

*Stand*

### Apostles' Creed

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**G** 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 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 sits at the right hand of

**God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

*Sit*

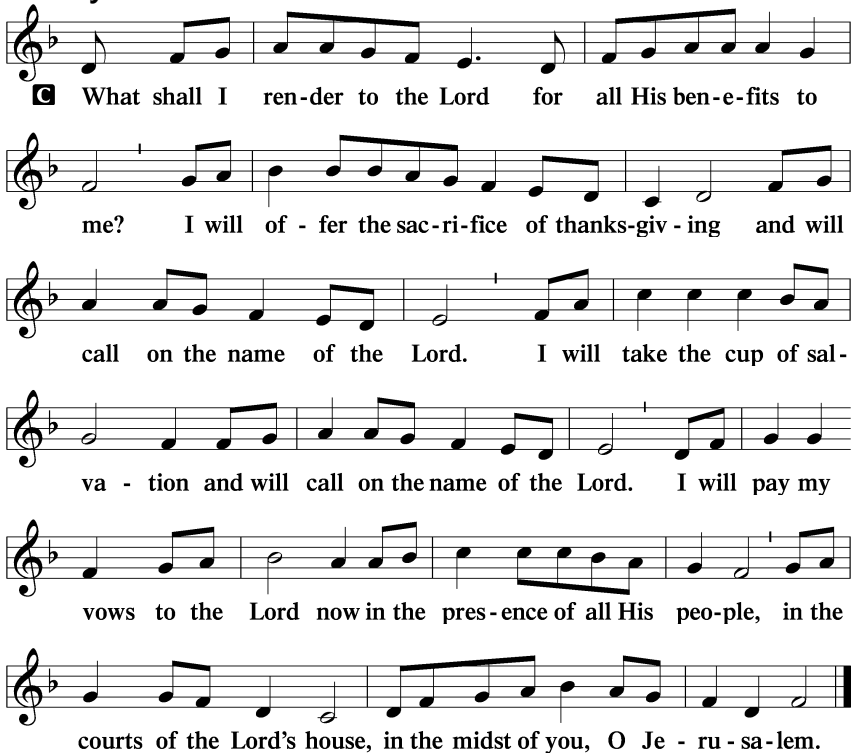
### Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

*If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.*

*Stand*

### Offertory

LSB 159



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**Prayer of the Church**

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- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**Lord's Prayer**

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**C** **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**

**Concluding Collect**

- P** Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Benediction**

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**965 God Bless Our Native Land****Acknowledgments**

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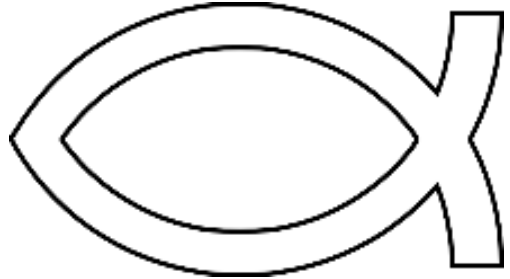
# The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

July 7, 2024

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Nora Wulf-Burklow  
Kyle Wulf-Burklow  
Daniel & Sharon Zander  
Danielle Zander  
Sean Zander



### BIRTHDAYS

Bob Brandy, 7/12  
Blake Hoeksema, 7/12

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Gene Wiltjer, 7/7  
Aaron Schassburger, 7/9

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jeanette & Victor Ramirez, 7/10

### SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Pray for** Norma Allen, Janice Abel, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Pastor and Pam Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, James Fluechtling, and Nathan Lopez.

**Serving as First Responders** – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

## NEWS UPDATE

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To the glory of God and in loving memory of Diane Akers a memorial gift has been made to the General Fund by her family and Janet Sanders.

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**St. Paul Book Club** will meet Wednesday July 10 at 10:00 am, to review *Coal River: A Powerful and Unforgettable Story of 20th Century Injustice* by Ellen Marie Wiseman. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

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**Christ For You this week on KFYO.org:** Finish studying Haggai and begin Zechariah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Luke 6-8 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study Confession and Satisfaction in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (7/13 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfyo.org](http://kfyo.org) and the KFYO Radio app!

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"Know that you too have been called to serve on behalf of life at such a time as this. God continually equips you, and you will be in awe of what He is able to do in and through you. The best part is He had it planned in the beginning (Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:16; Ephesians 2:10). May you be blessed as you continue to serve life in His image!" Jordan Killinger is President of Rice for Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

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## 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

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hardships  
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 weak

# GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS



June 30<sup>th</sup> Attendance 21, 16 Communed, 8 Online

Envelopes	\$841.00	Weekly Missions	\$30.00
General Fund	230.00	Luth. Church Charity	20.00
		Social Ministry	60.00
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	<b>1,071.00</b>	<b>Non-budgeted Total</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>
Offering Needed	1,362.00		
<b>Short</b>	<b>\$-291.00</b>		



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	10:00 am	Book Club
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

## SERVANT SCHEDULE

	<b>Sun, Jul 7, 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Sun, Jul 14, 9:30 AM</b>
Pastor		Pastor Fluechtling
Usher	Dave Bloom	
Lay Reader	Jenna Wiltjer	

## DONATIONS



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