

**Divine Service, Setting Three**  
**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**24 July 2022**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**BAPTISM HYMN: ♪"DEAREST JESUS, WE ARE HERE"**

**LSB 592 V. 1-4**

- 1 Dearest Jesus, we are here,  
    Gladly Your command obeying;  
With this child we now draw near  
    In response to Your own saying  
That to You it shall be given  
As a child and heir of heaven.
  
- 2 Your command is clear and plain,  
    And we would obey it duly:  
"You must all be born again,  
    Heart and life renewing truly,  
Born of water and the Spirit,  
And My kingdom thus inherit."
  
- 3 Therefore we have come to You,  
    In our arms this infant bearing.  
Truly here Your grace we view;  
    May this child, Your mercy sharing,  
In Your arms be shielded ever,  
Yours on earth and Yours forever.
  
- 4 Gracious Head, Your member own;  
    Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it;  
Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;  
    Way of Life, to heaven lead it;  
Precious Vine, let nothing sever  
From Your side this branch forever.

We will use the order of baptism on page 268 of the hymnal.

**AFTER BAPTISM HYMN: ♪“DEAREST JESUS, WE ARE HERE”**

**LSB 592 V. 5**

**5 Now into Your heart we pour  
Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.  
Our petitions heav’nward soar;  
May our hearts’ desires be heeded!  
Write the name we now have given;  
Write it in the book of heaven!**

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*Stand*

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

**C Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C Amen.**

**INTROIT**

**PSALM 119:145–149**

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep your statutes. I call to you; save me, that I may observe your testimonies. I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words. My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise. Hear my voice according to your steadfast love; O LORD, according to your justice give me life.

**GLORIA PATRI**

**♩♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

**G** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**G** Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**GENESIS 18:20–33**

Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## **GRADUAL**

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation. Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

**EPISTLE****COLOSSIANS 2:6-19**

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

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

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA**

**C** **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL****LUKE 11:1-13**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

- ☞ 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.**

## **CATECHETICAL VERSE**

### **The Second Commandment**

- ☞ You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

*What does this mean?*

- ☞ We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

*Sit*

## **SERMON HYMN: ♪"OUR FATHER, WHO FROM HEAVEN ABOVE"**

**LSB 766**

- 1 Our Father, who from heav'n above  
Bids all of us to live in love  
As members of one family  
And pray to You in unity,  
Teach us no thoughtless words to say  
But from our inmost hearts to pray.**
- 2 Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord,  
In purity to keep Your Word,  
That to the glory of Your name  
We walk before You free from blame.  
Let no false teaching us pervert;  
All poor deluded souls convert.**
- 3 Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain  
And Your eternal righteous reign.  
The Holy Ghost enrich our day  
With gifts attendant on our way.  
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage;  
Preserve Your Church from age to age.**
- 4 Your gracious will on earth be done  
As it is done before Your throne,  
That patiently we may obey  
Throughout our lives all that You say.  
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill  
That sets itself against Your will.**

- 5 Give us this day our daily bread,  
 And let us all be clothed and fed.  
 Save us from hardship, war, and strife;  
 In plague and famine, spare our life,  
 That we in honest peace may live,  
 To care and greed no entrance give.
- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,  
 That they may trouble us no more;  
 We, too, will gladly those forgive  
 Who hurt us by the way they live.  
 Help us in our community  
 To serve each other willingly.
- 7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,  
 Where our grim foe and all his horde  
 Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.  
 Help us resist, help us to stand  
 Firm in the faith, a mighty host,  
 Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.
- 8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;  
 The times and days are perilous.  
 Redeem us from eternal death,  
 And, when we yield our dying breath,  
 Console us, grant us calm release,  
 And take our souls to You in peace.
- 9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.  
 Make strong our faith in You, that we  
 May doubt not but with trust believe  
 That what we ask we shall receive.  
 Thus in Your name and at Your Word  
 We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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**SERMON: "A.S.K."**

**GENESIS 18:17-33**

By Pastor John Schmidt

**A.S.K. Genesis 18:17–33**

Last Sunday's Old Testament Lesson told of Abraham's hosting three visitors, one of whom was the Lord Himself. The Lord gave Abraham specific assurance that within a year, Sarah, in her old age, would give birth to the promised son. In leaving Abraham, the men looked down toward Sodom, and the Lord decided to reveal to Abraham His intention to judge Sodom and Gomorrah for their wickedness.

Why was Abraham especially interested in the fate of Sodom?

Sodom and Gomorrah were eighteen miles to the east of Hebron in the southern part of the Jordan Depression. With their sister cities, Adman, Zeboiim, and Zoar, they were called “The Cities of the Plain.” Today this area south of the Dead Sea is barren desert. At that time it evidently offered conditions favorable enough to make the cities rich and powerful (see Genesis 13:10–12). The pagan culture of these cities combined with their prosperity to produce a moral decadence that showed itself in sexual perversions and in callous inhumanity.

**And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)<sup>11</sup> So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other.<sup>12</sup> Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom.** Genesis 13:10-12

How does the name *Sodom* come down to us today?

What was Abraham’s primary concern as he interceded for the righteous who might be found in Sodom?

Does God delay or temper His judgment of the wicked for the sake of those who belong to Him? (See Mark 13:19–20.)

**For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be.<sup>20</sup> And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.**

What does it say about Sodom that not even ten righteous people were there?

Should every natural calamity be seen as God’s judgment on a sinful world?

Paul’s definitive analysis of situations and circumstances that bring God’s judgment is “**Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap**” (Galatians 6:7). What is the worst judgment God can impose on a decadent society? (See Romans 1:18–32.)

What can we Christians do when we see our society sinking deeper and deeper into godlessness and moral decadence?

When we see our society sinking into godlessness and moral decadence, we can, with God’s help

(1)

**<sup>14</sup> Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? <sup>15</sup> What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup> What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the**

temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>17</sup> Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, <sup>18</sup> and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.” <sup>1</sup> Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1

(2)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4

(3)

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Philippians 2:14-16

<sup>1</sup> and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, <sup>12</sup> so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one. 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

(4)

<sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 1 Peter 3:15-16

Can we forcibly make people “Christians?”

How does this Old Testament Lesson tie in with today’s Holy Gospel?

What does the friend do?

In the Greek these actions are in the present tense which we talked about last week. Being in the present tense means that our actions are to be?


*Stand*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.



## **OFFERTORY**

 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.

*Sit*

## **OFFERING**

*As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.*

### **OFFERING HYMN: ♪ "WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN"**

**LSB 781 V. 1-2**

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
  
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Sit*

### **HYMN: ♪ "HEAR US, FATHER, WHEN WE PRAY"**

**LSB 773**

- 1 Hear us, Father, when we pray,  
Through Your Son and in Your Spirit.  
By Your Spirit's Word convey  
All that we through Christ inherit,  
That as baptized heirs we may  
Truly pray.
  
- 2 When we know not what to say  
And our wounded souls are pleading,  
May Your Spirit, night and day,  
Groan within us interceding;  
By His sighs, too deep for words,  
We are heard.
  
- 3 Jesus, advocate on high,  
Sacrificed on Calv'ry's altar,  
Through Your priestly blood we cry:  
Hear our prayers, though they may falter;  
Place them on Your Father's throne  
As Your own.

**4 By Your Spirit now attend  
To our prayers and supplications,  
As like incense they ascend  
To Your heav'nly habitations.  
May their fragrance waft above,  
God of love.**

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*Stand*

**P** Collect

**C** Amen

### **BENEDICTION**

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

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

### **CLOSING HYMN: ♪ "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"**

**LSB 770**

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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## ***SILENT PRAYER***

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