



## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

10:00 a.m. Worship

Our Mission is to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with all

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**Prelude & Welcome:**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*Pastor:* Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**

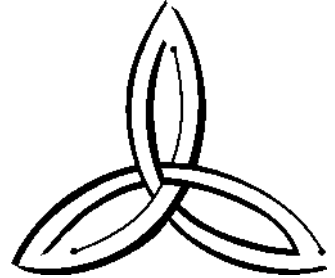
*Pastor:* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

*Pastor:* Merciful God,  
*Assembly:* **we confess that we have sinned.  
We have hurt our community.  
We have squandered your blessings.  
We have hoarded your bounty.  
In the name of Jesus,  
forgive us and grant us your mercy.  
Righteous God,  
we confess that we have sinned.  
We have failed to be honest.  
We have lacked the courage to speak.  
We have spoken falsely.  
In the name of Jesus,  
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Pastor:* God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy:  
you are freed and forgiven  
in the name of + Jesus Christ.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**



Opening Hymn:

*“For the Fruit of All Creation”*

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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*Leader:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Assembly:* And also with you.

**Kyrie:**

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features two vocal parts: a **Leader** and an **Assembly**. The lyrics are: "In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have For the reign of God, and for mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. For your Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your". The score consists of five systems of two staves each. The first system shows the Leader's entry and the Assembly's response. The second system continues the Assembly's response. The third system shows the Leader's entry and the Assembly's response. The fourth system continues the Assembly's response. The fifth system shows the Leader's entry and the Assembly's response.

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

**Hymn of Praise:**

***“Glory to God”***

**☐** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

**1.** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

**☐** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

1) Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

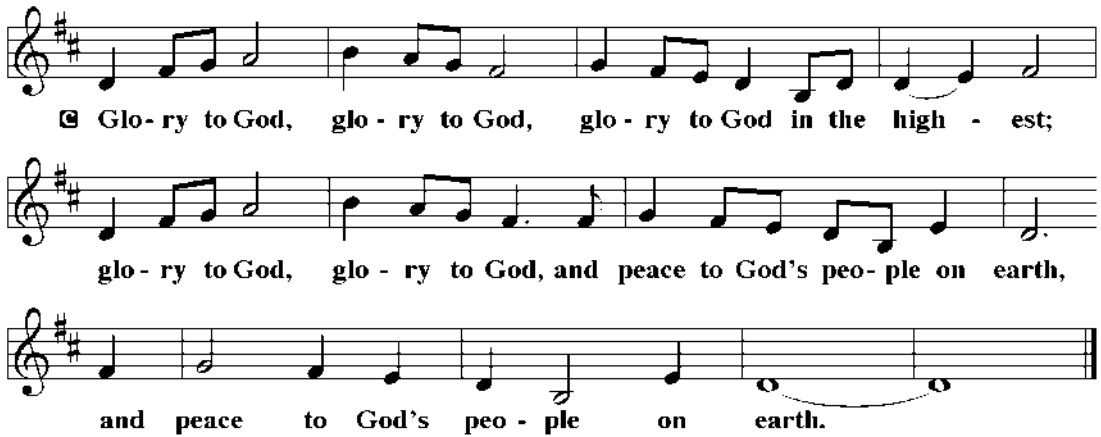
2) Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

(1) For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

(2) you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,  
 and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**The Salutation:**

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly:* And also with you.

**Prayer of the Day:**

*Leader:* Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Assembly:* Amen.

*Please be seated*

**Announcements**

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13**

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
 and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
 making it bring forth and sprout,  
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
 it shall not return to me empty,  
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
 and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11**

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand





## **Gospel:**

## **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

*Leader:* The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

*Assembly:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*Leader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Assembly:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Message:**

Gary Rotenbury

*Please stand*



Hymn of the Day:      *“O God, Whose Word Well-Planted”*



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,  
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,  
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,  
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.  
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil  
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,  
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.  
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.  
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

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## The Apostles Creed:

*Leader:* With the whole people of God, let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**Assembly:** I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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 Intercession:

*Leader:* Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

Please kneel or be seated

*(The Prayers of the Church are said)*

*Leader:* Hear us, O God; **Assembly: Your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Assembly: Amen.**

Please stand

*Leader:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Assembly: And also with you.**

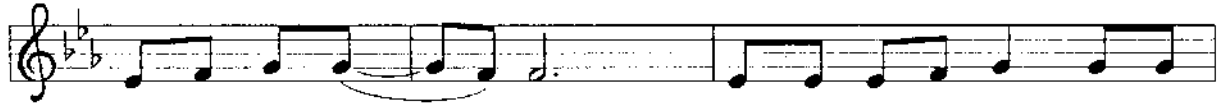
**Offering:** “*For the Mountains Shall Depart,*” selection from “*Elijah*” - Mendelssohn

**The Offertory:**

*“Create In Me”*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



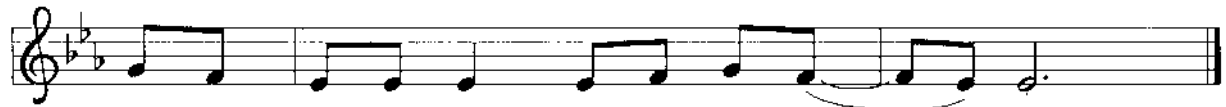
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me



with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

**Offering Prayer:**

*Leader:* God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**

*Leader:* Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
*Assembly:* **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.**

### **Thanksgiving for the Word**

*Leader:* Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things:  
you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life  
into being. For your Word of life, O God,

*Assembly:* **we give you thanks and praise.**

*Leader:* By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:  
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from  
exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

*Assembly:* **we give you thanks and praise.**

*Leader:* Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness:  
forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your  
self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

*Assembly:* **we give you thanks and praise.**

*Leader:* Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our  
faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.  
Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor  
and glory forever.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**

### **The Benediction:**

*Leader:* 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.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*



1 Sent forth by God’s bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this scr - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God’s chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ’s teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## **The Dismissal:**

*Leader:* Go in peace to share the life, love, and joy Jesus Christ with all.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **HELP US KEEP THE PRAYER LIST CURRENT:**

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list please contact the church office at office-assist.splh@gmail.com or simply use the Prayer Request Form that can be found on the church website.

**Please remember in your prayers those members, family and friends on our prayer list:**

Megan Argetsinger	The Funch Family	Melissa Mooran
Joanne Barnhart	Eric Hood	George & Charlotte Neborak
The Bill Family	Walt Humm	Bernadette Pence
Grayson Bruttomesso-Clark	Isabel Hyczko	Lindsay Peterson
Tomas Burka	Ted Hyczko	Ursula Schwartz
Chad Caparo	The Kiefer Family	Andrew Sherwood
The Chamberlain Family	Sharon Killough	The Shilling Family
Debbie Davis	Betty Jane Knittel	Karen Specos
The DelGrippo Family	The Langerfield Family	Karen Speers
Marge Devitt	John Soo Lee and family	The Stringer Family
The Dorn Family	Rose Letouille	Eugene Tufillaro
Austin Sang Dowell	Maryanne Lorenzon	Luba Tufillaro
Cooper Durham	Laura Mandracchia	Steven Tufillaro
Hunter Durham	Kevin McBurney	The Walton Family
The Eadline Family	Patricia McHale	Teresa Weber
Robert Emberger	The McMeans/Laskaris Family	The Wendler Family
	The Medicus Family	

# Worship has ended, let the service begin!



## St. Peter's Statement of Welcome

All people are created by God. We affirm with the apostle Paul, that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one. In keeping with our mission statement “to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with others”, we welcome all people regardless of characteristics which might cause exclusion or discrimination outside of St. Peter’s.

We affirm that all people share the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God. All people are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making the same affirmation of faith as all other members make. Members of this congregation are expected and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation.

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