

2023

“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Seventh SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to
hear and join in today's Worship service

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.
Psalm 29:1, 2*

Call Statement:*“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”***Mission Statement:***“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

WELCOME AND PRAYER**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

All: we confess that we are in bondage 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.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: **And also with you**

(Share the Peace for the LORD with each other)

SONG

Happy Day

Verse 1

The greatest day in history, Death is beaten,
You have rescued me. Sing it out, Jesus is alive.

The empty cross, the empty grave,
Life Eternal, You have won the day.
Shout it out, Jesus is alive, He's alive!

Chorus

And oh, happy day, happy day, You washed my sin away.
Oh, happy day, happy day, I'll never be the same,
Forever I am changed.

Verse 2

When I stand in that place, Free at last, meeting face to face.
I am Yours, Jesus, You are mine.
Endless joy, perfect peace, Earthly pain finally will cease.
Celebrate, Jesus is alive, He's alive!

Bridge

Oh, what a glorious day, What a glorious way,
That You have saved me.
And oh, what a glorious day, What a glorious Name.

Ending

Forever I am changed!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord God, Heavenly Father,

All: **We thank You that You have sown the good seed of
Your holy Word in our hearts. By Your Holy Spirit cause
this seed to grow and bring forth fruit, and defend us
from the enemy, that he may not sow weeds there.
Keep us from worldly security, help us in all
temptations and give us at last eternal salvation;
through Your beloved Son, Who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.
Amen.** Veit Dietrich, Reformation Theologian & friend of Luther

LESSON

Isaiah 55:10 - 13

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Sower and Seed

SONG

Draw Me Close

Verse 1

Draw me close to You. Never let me go.
I lay it all down again To hear You say that I'm Your Friend.
You are my desire. No one else will do,
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace.
Help me find the way. Bring me back to You.

Chorus

You're all I want. You're all I've ever needed.
You're all I want. Help me know You are near.

ENDING

Help me know You are near.
Help me know You are here!

APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;*

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His

disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**All: 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 COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

SONG

I Believe in Jesus

Verse 1

I believe in Jesus. I believe He is the Son of God.

I believe He died and rose again.

I believe He paid for us all.

Chorus 1

I believe He is here now, standing in our midst.

Here with the power to heal now,
and the grace to forgive.

Verse 2

I believe in You, Lord.

I believe You are the Son of God.

I believe You died and rose again.

I believe You paid for us all.

Chorus 2

And I believe that You're here now,
standing in our midst.

Here with the power to heal now,
And the grace to forgive.

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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NEXT SUNDAY July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 119:57-64 Romans 8:18-27

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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worship today

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fellowship as you sit down for some coffee,
cookies and conversation with your
Faith in Christ family.

*Praise God
from whom all blessings flow*
