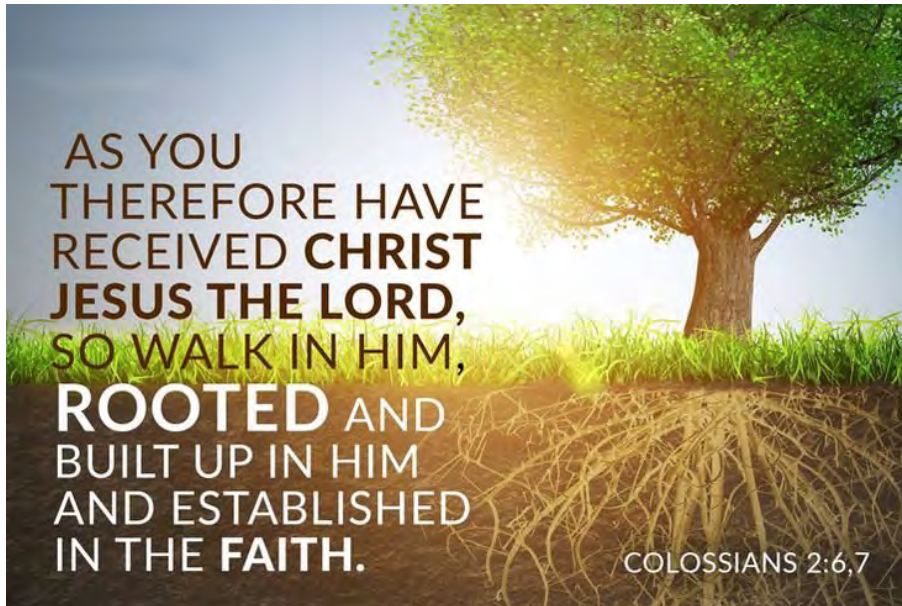


# The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

## July 27, 2025



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+ WELCOME – AS WE GATHER +  
+ PREPARATION +

**770 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS**



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?  
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86  
Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918  
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(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.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

**[P]** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**[C]** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**[P]** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**[C]** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**[P]** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**[C]** **Amen.**

*(Stand)*

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### INTROIT

*Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15*

**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.

**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.**

Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

## KYRIE

LSB 204



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

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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.

**C** Amen.

*(Sit)*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 18:17–33*

<sup>17</sup>The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup>seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." <sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>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."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>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?

<sup>25</sup>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?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>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." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

<sup>30</sup>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." <sup>31</sup>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." <sup>32</sup>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." <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Colossians 2:6–19*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Stand)*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE



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



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:1–13

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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.”

<sup>2</sup>And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup>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’? <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>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 to You, O Christ.**

(Sit)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “How Do You Grow in Christ?”**



# 596 ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of  
 2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-  
 3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-  
 4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of  
 cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-  
 ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-  
 cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The  
 out ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned  
 gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And  
 for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!  
 in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.  
 all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.  
 makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
 And give God thanks forever!  
 It gives the power to uplift  
 In all that you endeavor.  
 When nothing else revives your soul,  
 Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
 And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—  
 In Christ a new creation!  
 As faithful Christians, live and do  
 Within your own vocation,  
 Until that day when you possess  
 His glorious robe of righteousness  
 Bestowed on you forever!

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## **SERMON: “Rooted and Built Up In Christ”**

*(Stand)*

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C** 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.

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Each petition ends with...*

**P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

. . .

**P** ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Sit)*

## OFFERING

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*(Stand)*

## LORD’S PRAYER

**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.

## BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**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.

**C** Amen.

*(Sit)*

## 590 BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
 4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
 com - fort me When threat-'ning clouds a - round I see.  
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

Text: Johann Jacob Rambach, 1693–1735, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Cornelius Heinrich Dretzel, 1697–1775

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## MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

### DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace and Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Record of Faithfulness**

Attendance Last Sunday 67

General Fund Last Sunday: \$2572      (Needed weekly = \$3193)

Building Fund Last Sunday: \$100

Grace Fund Last Sunday: \$30

## **SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE**

### **Serving In Worship Today**

<i>Greeters</i>	Diane Schulze, Kathryn Phoenix
<i>Organist</i>	Tanya Fraker
<i>Acolyte</i>	Liz Eissler
<i>Reader</i>	Pastor Jim Kirschenmann
<i>Ushers</i>	Clint Sturdy, Shane Anschutz Reed Silver, Donice Browning
<i>Elder</i>	Dwight Becker

### **Serving Next Week**

<i>Greeters</i>	Loren & Liz Eissler
<i>Organist</i>	Tanya Fraker
<i>Acolyte</i>	Loren Eissler
<i>Reader</i>	Jim Bauck
<i>Ushers</i>	Clint Sturdy, Kelly Persinger Jeff Heidenreich, Caleb Anschutz
<i>Elder</i>	Dwight Becker
<i>Lay Assistants</i>	Jeff Heidenreich, Larry Wendling

## OUR PRAYERS

**HEALING AND CARE:** for those suffering from cancer: Stu Duncan, Jenny Peimann, Dan Henderson, Sheri Bravenec, Bonnie Von Lehe, Frank Wagner, Nancy Lahm, Barbara Feltner, Joetta Asbury, Tom Arb, Sharon Eilert (Eva's sister).

**CONTINUED HEALING:** Christopher Smith, Gabriella Schultz, Michael Nally, Charlie Timberlane, Logan Brady, Kathy Bigham, Jean Curtis, Carl Sluder, Raymond Zorn, Lyn Wren, David Wagner, Cecil McMullen, Ann Becker, Mark Feltner, Darrell Sturdy, Diane Schulze, Mac McDonald, Keith Scheid, Pete Scheid, Glenn Templeton, Betty Meyer, Bill McDonald, Harley Browning.

**SHUT-INS:** Don & Ann Becker, Virginia Elmore, Jim & Pat Croucher

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME** to all who worship with us this morning, especially our guests. You are invited for coffee and snacks after our service. You are also invited to stay for Bible Study and Sunday School.

**OFFERING For Texas Floods Disaster Response:** for the next month, we are collecting a Door Offering for support of those impacted by the tragic flooding in Kerr County, Texas. Donating these funds through THRIVENT will be met with matching funds (for every \$2 given, Thrivent will match \$1 up to \$250,000), so make your checks out to "Zion Lutheran Church" and note "TX FLOOD" in the Memo Field and we will send the funds through THRIVENT.

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Today** - Continuing a 13-Session Study of Ephesians.

**DAUGHTERS OF ZION** is collecting personal care items such as shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, dish soap, etc. for Help House. Any donations can be put on the table in the entryway.

**BREAKFAST + BIBLES:** Saturday mornings at 8 am we meet at Lamont Hill to enjoy breakfast followed by a Bible Study. You are invited to join us... and bring a friend!



## Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

**LUTHERAN WITNESS:** We have received a request for renewing the (Nov 2025-Oct 2026) subscription year to Lutheran Witness Magazine (with Kansas District insert) for members of Zion.

If you would like to receive this magazine delivered in the mail, or have an address correction, note such on the clipboards in the Fellowship Hall, or please call the Church office or email [Office@ZionVassar.org](mailto:Office@ZionVassar.org) before Aug. 3, 2025.



**MINISTRY AT THE MARINA:** On Sunday, August 10, 2025, Zion Lutheran Church will be holding service at Pomona Lake Marina at **9 am**. Please plan to Bring Your Own Chair and stay after the service to fellowship with all who attend. (Rumor has it that Ice Cream Treats will be served!)

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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## NOTE TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS

We are very glad you are here! Our services may look and sound different (other worldly, perhaps), but please bear with us! We worship the way we do for a reason and there is a certain rhythm involved. We gather to receive the gifts of salvation our Living Triune God comes to serve through His Word and Sacrament. In these gifts we receive the enlivening of our faith, forgiveness from our sins, and life eternal. Worship is the unwrapping of these gifts. The liturgy, hymns, and preaching proclaim His Word to us. They remind us of the promise of salvation as a gift we have in our baptism, and they prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace God comes to serve us in this Divine Service, and so our worship is centered around receiving these gifts of God through faith.

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