

July 7, 2024
7th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Serenade" Schubert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

God is mighty in word and deed.
God's mercy is everlasting.
Blessed be the one holy and living God.
Glory to God forever.
Let us worship God!

INTROIT "Rondo (Praise)" Helman
Sanctuary Bells

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #339 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" LIFT EVERY VOICE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name,
yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call.
By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life
that we may return to faithful living,
in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... Your sins are forgiven, therefore be at peace.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #688 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" MORECAMBE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Loving God, **have mercy on us.**

Young children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
...

+ Those who are able may stand.

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GTG = Glory to God (purple)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the table of the Lord.
Partake of the bread when it comes to you,
mindful of your communion with Christ.
Hold the cup and we will all drink together,
mindful of our communion with one another.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us
to your table where all are welcome,
and for feeding us with the bread of life
and quenching our thirst with the cup of blessing.
As you have filled our lives with love and hope,
may we be a source of your love and hope
for others who hunger and thirst
for good news. Amen.**

Older children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Holy Lamb of God" Khill

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith
(United States, 1991)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 2:1-5 O.T. page 589

PSALM Psalm 123 O.T. page 438

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 N.T. page 142

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 6:1-13 N.T. page 31

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE John 6:68-69
The words of eternal life, by which we have come to believe.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Bill Pinches
"There Has Been a Prophet Among Them"

+**HYMN:** GTG #340 "This Is My Song" FINLANDIA

+**CHARGE** 2 Cor. 12:10
... Go in God's strength to love and serve.
Amen.

+**BLESSING**
... dwell richly in you forever.
Alleluia!

+**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** GTG #748 TALLIS' CANON
"Go with Us, Lord"

POSTLUDE "Clair de Lune" Debussy

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Mary Ozee
Greeters: Julie Dart and Vern Schrock
Next Week's Greeters: Ginnie Gibson and Bill Leutscher
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Dan Baker

Today's flowers are given by
Peg Shaub
in memory of
Chuck Shaub,
Marian & Bob Shaub,
and Anne & Sam McNaugher

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CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#92. Gospel of Luke: The Gospel according to Luke was probably written around the year AD 85, give or take five to ten years, by an educated Greek-speaker and skilled writer.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 16. What does it mean to say that we human beings are created in the image of God?

That God created us to live together in love and freedom — with God, with one another, and with the world. Our distinctive capacities — reason, imagination, volition and so on — are given primarily for this purpose. We are created to be loving companions of others so that something of God’s goodness may be reflected in our lives.

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Class of 2026: Ron Dlouhy, Bill Leutscher, Sandy Leutscher, Nancy Sue MacDonald, Laurie McGonigal

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
Thursday	Finance Committee	8:00 am
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Carol Shiery	July 8
Edward Clarke	July 9
Loren Harkness	July 12
Gladys Welker	July 12

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Prophet Ezekiel
Michelangelo, c. 1508-1512
Sistine Chapel, Vatican

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*