

# The Lakes Lutheran Church

Las Vegas, NV

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021 9:30 a.m.

*Service of Word & Sacrament  
(in-person & online)*

*Prelude*

*Faith of Our Fathers  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 812*

## Gathering

*Welcome*

*Confession & Forgiveness*

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

**C: Amen.**

PM: 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.

**C: Amen.**

PM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive 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.**

PM: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our 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.

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

God, We Gather as Your People  
*All Creation Sings 1038*

**God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,  
and we dare to claim the promise of your love.  
Though the day may not yet be here,  
we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.**

**Refrain**

**Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,  
fling the church doors open wide.  
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.  
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.  
May that welcome be our song.**

**Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame,  
so afraid of who they are and whom they love.  
May the message now be banished that your love is for the few;  
may their faith in you renew.**

**Refrain**

*Text: David Lohman, b. 1961  
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*Greeting*

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

**C: And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day*

PM: Let us pray,

*A brief silence*

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Word**

*Gospel Acclamation*

Celtic Alleluia  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 174*

**Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Gospel – Mark 6:14-29

PM: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

"The Cost"

Hymn of the Day

We Walk By Faith  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 635 vv. 1, 4, 5

**We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."**

**For you, O resurrected Lord,  
are found in means divine:  
beneath the water and the word,  
beneath the bread and wine.**

**And when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.**

*Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.*

*Prayers of Intercession*

PM: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, in your mercy.

**C: hear our prayer.**

PM: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your promise, through Christ, who is Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Peace*

PM: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Offering*

*We give to support the mission of Christ's church as a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for God's gifts. For those worshipping from home, offerings may be given online at [www.thelakeslutheran.org](http://www.thelakeslutheran.org), donate, or you may mail a check to the church.*

Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 465*

*Refrain*

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing  
is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence  
of your love.**

*Refrain*

**Let this be a foretaste  
of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this  
feast with you.**

*Refrain*

*Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950*

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*Offering Prayer*

PM: Let us pray,

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

*Great Thanksgiving*

PM: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

PM: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Preface*

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Thanksgiving at the Table I*

PM: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you,  
O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and,  
receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

PM: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

*Invitation to Communion*

PM: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

***The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ shed for you.***

*Hymn*

Just a Closer Walk with Thee  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 697*

*Refrain*

**Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak but thou art strong:  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk  
close to thee.**

*Refrain*

**Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord,  
none but thee.**

*Refrain*

**When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy kingdom shore,  
to thy shore.**

*Refrain*

## Prayer after Communion

PM: Let us pray,

*A brief silence.*

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending

### Announcements

### Blessing

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

PM: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Sending Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 537*

**On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety;  
Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy?**

*Refrain*

**Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore.**

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

**On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!**

*Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.*

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