

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



July 12, 2026



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.



a Reconciling in Christ
Congregation

***Gathering**

***Welcome & Announcements**

***Prelude**

*** Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

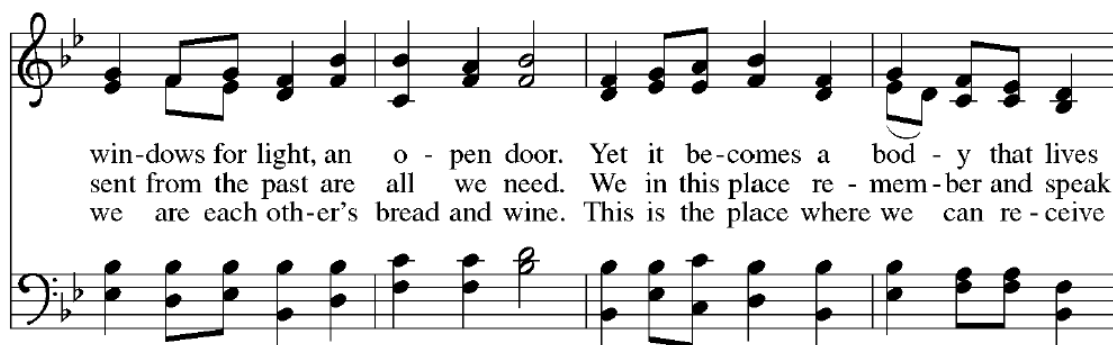
What Is This Place



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and speak
we are each oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, b. 1906

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*Greeting

P: The grace ... with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Hymn of Praise

ELW 875

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



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† Prayer of the Day

* Word

* First Reading:

Isaiah 55:10-13

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

- 1 You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion; to you shall vows | be fulfilled.
- 2 **To you, the one | who answers prayer, to you all | flesh shall come.**
- 3 Our sins are strong- | er than we are, but you blot out | our transgressions.
- 4 **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell there!**
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness | of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.
- 6 **You make firm the mountains | by your power;**
you are girded a- | bout with might.
- 7 You still the roaring | of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor | of the peoples.
- 8 **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble**
at your | marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river
of God is | full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.
- 10 **You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;**
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.
- 11 You crown the year | with your goodness, and your paths over- | flow with plenty.
- 12 **May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,**
and the hills be | clothed with joy.
- 13 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak
them- | selves with grain; let them shout for | joy and sing.

* **Second Reading:**

Romans 8:1-11

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel Acclamation**

ELW 175

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the staves. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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* **Gospel:**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

* **Sermon**

The Word of God Is Source and Seed



1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to
 2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to
 3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to

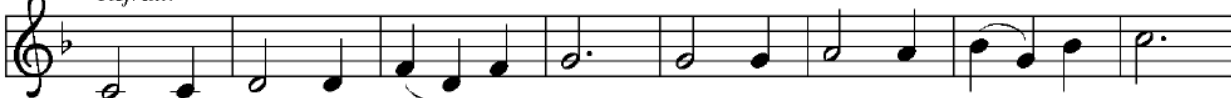


die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth
 heal and wake and save. So let the Spir - it
 sing, to laugh and cry. So dare to be as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.
 touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.
 Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

Refrain



Gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,
 In the Lord let us re - joice, in the Lord let us re - joice,



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 in the Lord let us re - joice!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GAUDEAMUS DOMINO, David Hurd, b. 1950

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***Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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**

... God of Grace,

C: hear our prayer.

***Peace**

***Meal**

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain



***Offering Prayer**

***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.

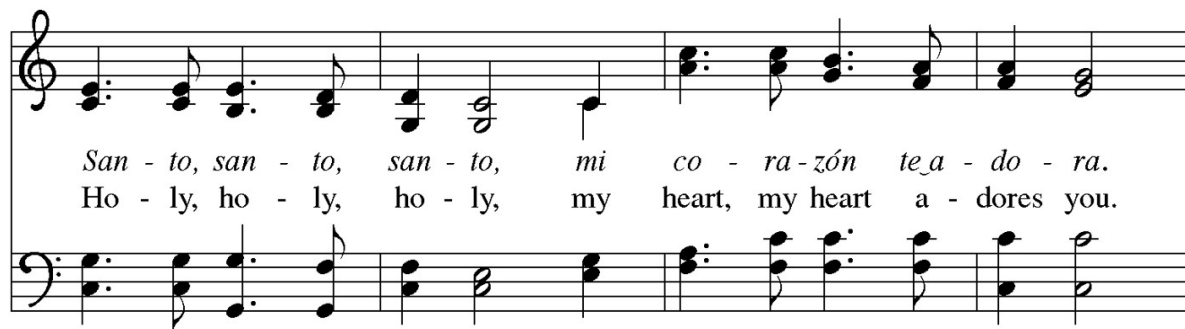
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right... join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus**

ELW 473

Holy, Holy, Holy
Santo, santo, santo



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

*Eucharistic Prayer

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For
the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now
and forever.

Amen.

* Lamb of God

ELW 486

God Extends an Invitation

Nuestro Padre nos invita



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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***Post-communion prayer**

***Sending**

***Blessing**

***Sending hymn:** Sent Forth by God's Blessing **ELW 547**

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

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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*** Dismissal**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

For the Fruit of All Creation

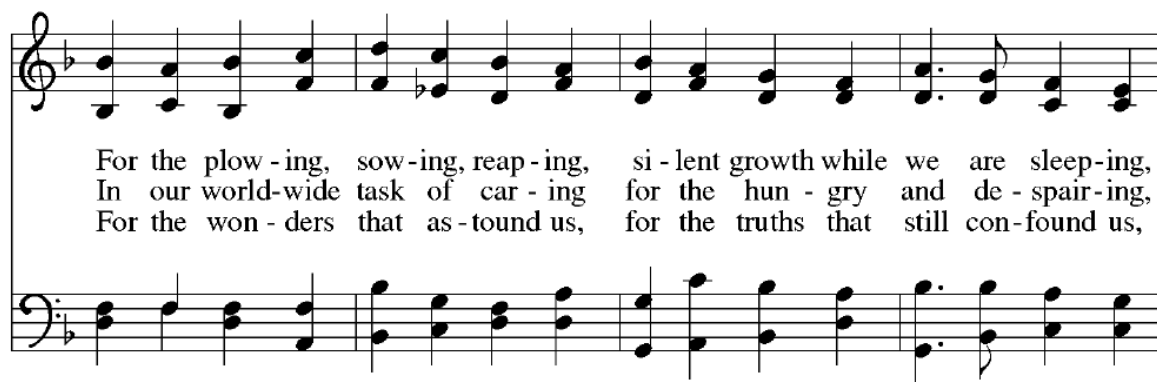
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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



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.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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