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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 11, 2021

“Truth shall spring up from the earth” - Psalm 85:11

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are visiting with us this morning, we'd love to meet you! We invite you to fill out a visitor card at <http://www.glcportland.org/visitor>.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Let us be in the spirit of worship together.

CONFESSON & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Creator, the **✚** Redeemer, and the Sustainer of our lives. **Amen**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

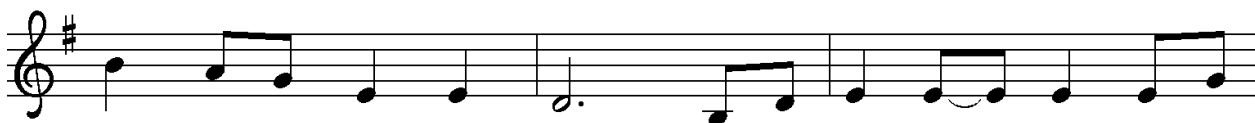
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

GATHERING HYMN *Canticle of the Turning* (ELW 723)



Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -





weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

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Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: C Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, if you measure us, who could stand? Yet we trust in your mercy and grace. Train us up in the ways of your righteousness, O God, that we might live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Join us for Vacation Bible School here at church, July 12-16 from 9am to 12pm!

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.’ ”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G clef. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by a eighth note, then a dotted half note. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?" are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by a eighth note, then a dotted half note. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life." are written below the notes. The third staff begins with a quarter note followed by a eighth note, then a dotted half note. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

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. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 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. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 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." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 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.” The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY, *Just As I Am*, ELW #592

1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed about with man-y-a con-flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re-ceive, wilt wel-come, par-don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un-known has bro-ken ev-ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man-y-a doubt, fight-ings and fears with-in, with-out,
 cleanse, re-lieve; be-cause thy prom-ise I be-lieve,
 bar-rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a-lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871
 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

CREED

**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**

THE PRAYERS

Let us come before the Living God in prayer.

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Touch all those who are ill with your healing power, including those we name now in heart and with voice... Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodians and all who care for the grounds, for our office manager, and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith. We remember those in this community who have recently passed on to glory. United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Those joining us via livestream have the option of joining a breakout room. Breakout rooms are NOT recorded or broadcast on Facebook.

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous gifts to sustain the mission and ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. You may give online at www.glcport-land.org/give.

OFFERTORY, ELW #182, Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to celebrate communion as part of our worship this

morning! If you are joining us via livestream, you may commune from home. Any bread and wine, water or juice may be used. Please hold up the bread and the cup as Pastor Elizabeth says these words:

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

LORD's PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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

LAMB OF GOD

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text aligned with its corresponding musical staff.

C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer- cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep
you in his grace.

Amen

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks-
 giving. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Creator, **✚** Redeemer, and Sustainer, bless you now and forever.

Amen

Sending Hymn *Let Justice Flow like Streams* (WOV 763)

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please leave the sanctuary quietly so those who wish to remain for the postlude may listen without interruption. The coffee bar is open...welcome home!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We continue to worship in person next week. You may join us online via Facebook Livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/gethsemaneport-land>. **Note that our Zoom information has changed! Link is now:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81476436505>. To join by phone, call (253) 215 8782 and enter Meeting ID: 814 7643 6505
- Pr. Elizabeth is fully vaccinated. Pastor's office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 1pm, and Saturday by appointment. Her direct phone is 503-465-4113.
- We plan to return to two services (8am and 10:30am) in the fall.
- For the latest updates from our COVID team, visit glcport-land.org/covidinformation.

IN PERSON GUIDELINES:

- **Please sign in when you arrive.** This is helpful both for church attendance records and contact tracing. There are sign in sheets at the Narthex entrances.
- Following the governor's announcement on Oregon's reopening, **face masks are not required.** However, we recognize that not all people who enter the church building are vaccinated. Underlying health conditions pose an additional risk. **We support each person's decision to wear a mask.**
- **Please ask before you hug or shake hands.** This might feel awkward at first, but not everyone feels comfortable...so please just ask.
- We are using no-contact communion cups. Please dispose of your cup on the way out.
- Don't forget to drop off your offering! There is a plate and offering envelopes at the back of the sanctuary.
- The coffee bar is open. Welcome home!

