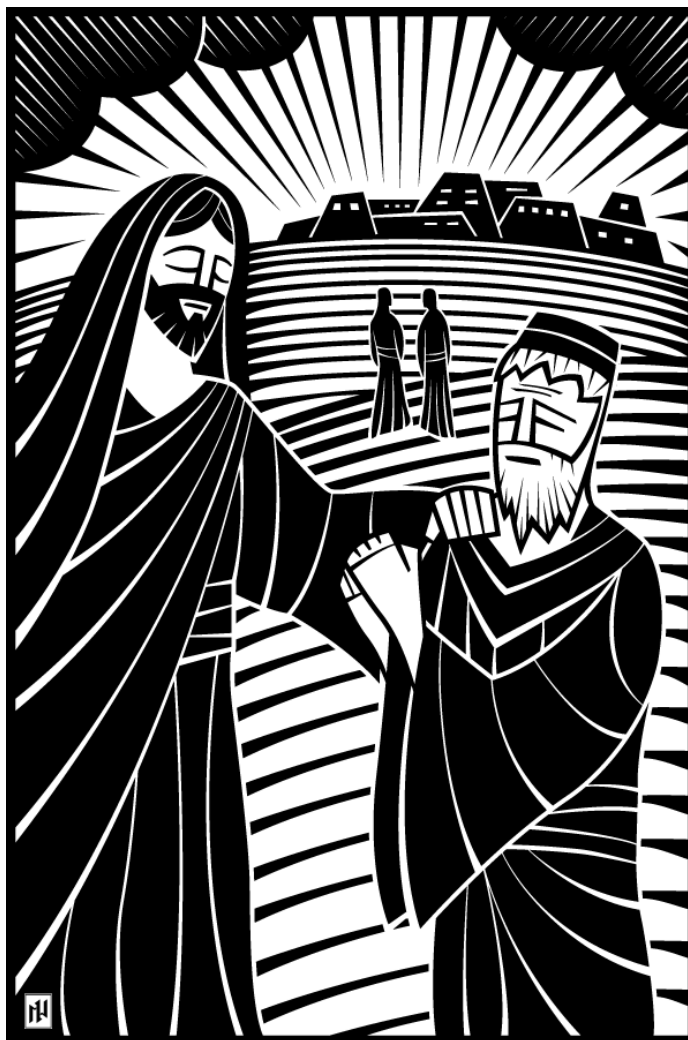


# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022



## Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

200 East Beidler Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

[www.PeaceWithGod.com](http://www.PeaceWithGod.com)

[Office@PeaceWithGod.com](mailto:Office@PeaceWithGod.com) Phone: 610-337-1997

## THE SERVICE – SETTING ONE

**THREAD:** *Focused prayer claims what God wants for us, not what we want from him.*

### Hymn: O Lord of Nations

CW 773



1 O Lord of na - tions, hear our prayer. We thank you for this  
2 For farms and fields of gold - en grain, for sci - ence and for  
3 Most grate - ful, gra - cious God, are we that in this coun - try  
4 For - give us, Lord, when we for - get your gifts to share, your



land most fair, cre - at - ed by your might,  
med - i - cine, for wealth be - yond com - pare,  
we are free to wor - ship you a - bove.  
Word to spread to those who ache and bleed.



for moun - tain sun - set, lake at dawn, for wood - land bloom and  
for lei - sure time and work to do— Lord, all these bless - ings  
We gath - er here to speak your name, then leave this place to  
Re - new our will to help the weak, to feed the hun - gry,



rob - in song, for stars that lace the night,  
come from you, signs of your lov - ing care.  
spread your fame that all may know your love.  
and to speak your Word to souls in need.

- 5 And for the leaders you ordained  
we pray, O Lord, that they remain  
courageous, honest, wise.  
O give them guidance, make them strong  
to stand for right, to battle wrong,  
that freedom's song may rise.
- 6 When storm and terror strike our land,  
remove our fear and help us stand  
against our enemies.  
Lord, may no wicked men prevail.  
May ev'ry plot of treach'ry fail.  
May we remain at peace.
- 7 And when at last all nations fall  
and you return as Lord of all  
to make the earth anew,  
then may we join that shining band  
of saints from ev'ry tribe and land  
and make our home with you.

Text: © 2001 Laurie F. Gauger, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 712488; Tune: Public domain

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

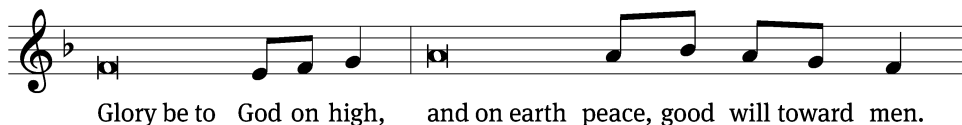
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## Glory Be to God

CW 157





we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,  
 God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;  
 have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.  
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.  
 For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the  
 Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## THE WORD

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

Genesis 18:20–32

*God offers believers the gift of prayer. While we may have limited information, the Lord has all the facts all the time. Abraham boldly prays on the basis of what he knows about his relationship with God, confident that God keeps his promises. As in this case, the Lord often gives us more than what we ask for.*

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous <sup>21</sup>that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup>The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>What if there are fifty righteous

people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?  
<sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

<sup>26</sup>The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

<sup>27</sup>Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, <sup>28</sup>what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?"

"If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."

<sup>29</sup>Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

<sup>30</sup>Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?"

He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

<sup>31</sup>Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?"

He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."

<sup>32</sup>Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"

He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm: And They Shall Sing

Psalm 138B

### Refrain

And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for  
great is the glo - ry, the glo - ry of the LORD.

### Tone

I will / praise you, LORD,  
with / all my heart;

I will bow down toward your holy temple and will / praise your name  
for your unfailing love and your / faithfulness.

When I called, you / answered me;  
you greatly em- / boldened me. *Refrain*

Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the / lowly;  
though lofty, he sees them / from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- / serve my life;  
with your right hand you / save me.

The LORD will vindi- / cate me;  
your love, LORD, endures for- / ever.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

Text: The Holy Bible, English Standard Version ©  
2001 Crossway. Used by permission: OneLicense  
no. 712488  
Tune: © 2006 Stephen R. Johnson. Used by  
permission: OneLicense no. 712488

## Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1–7

*In this letter Paul provides instruction to Timothy on how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household. In this reading Paul teaches about prayer. Notice how Paul's teachings match Jesus' teachings in the Lord's Prayer. In particular in verse 4 where it says "who desires all people to be save and come to the knowledge of the truth and "Your will be done" in the Lord's prayer.*

<sup>1</sup>I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup>for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 11:9

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;**

knock and the door will be opened to you.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

*God hears our prayer based on what He has done for us, not on the quality of our prayer or our own merit. He allows us to approach Him as a child approaches his father, expecting good things. Being a child of God, we pray expecting the best, expecting the Holy Spirit!*

<sup>1</sup>One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

<sup>2</sup>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>Forgive us our sins,  
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

<sup>5</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ <sup>7</sup>And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup>“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

<sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup>“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup>Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Hymn of the Day: Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

CW 725



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, through your Son and  
2 When we know not what to say and our wound - ed  
3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, sac - ri - ficed on  
4 By your Spir - it now at - tend to our prayers and



in your Spir - it. By your Spir - it's Word con - vey  
souls are plead - ing, may your Spir - it, night and day,  
Cal - v'ry's al - tar, through your priest - ly blood we cry:  
sup - pli - ca - tions, as like in - cense they as - cend



all that we through Christ in - her - it,  
groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;  
hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;  
to your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



that as bap - tized heirs we may tru - ly pray.  
by his sighs, too deep for words, we are heard.  
place them on your Fa - ther's throne as your own.  
May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

Text: © 2001 Chad L. Bird. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 712488; Tune: Public domain

## Sermon

Text: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

### Pray for the Nations

- God wants all to be saved by faith in his truth
- God grants us earthly peace to spread his truth

*Sermon by Rev. Greg Bitter, used by permission  
Ministering Elder: Mark Harris*

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there 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**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

... Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

**Offering** – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:*

*Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, 200 E. Beidler Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406*

Let us pray:

God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and †give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



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 your friends de-spise, for-sake you? 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 you; you will find a sol-ace there.

### Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™

Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

Software distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House.

Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder © 2022 Concordia Publishing House.

Where no copyright information for hymns is mentioned, text and tune are public domain.

Bulletin graphics purchased from Paramentics.com.