

Order of Service

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

July 19, 2020

"With one mind and one voice glorify God the Father."

Opening Hymn: ELH 55 vs. 1, 4

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns,

The Lamb upon His throne;

Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns

All music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing

Of Him who died for thee

And hail Him as thy matchless King

Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of Life

Who triumphed o'er the grave

And rose victorious in the strife

For those He came to save.

His glories now we sing

Who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring

And lives that death may die.

[P = Pastor C = Congregation]

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen

P: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

C: (spoken) His mercy endures forever.

P: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and no secrets are hidden. Cleanse our thoughts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may love you and honor your holy name.

Let us confess our sins:

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of the world:

We confess that we have sinned against your divine majesty by thought, word, and deed. We have provoked your anger against us. We repent and are truly sorry for our sins. It grieves us to think about them. Their burden is heavy. Have mercy on us, gracious Father. Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve you with a new life, to the honor of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Rejoice! The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office, I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: (Spoken) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

The Collect –Prayer for the Day:

P: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

The First Lesson: Genesis: 2:15-24

(God instituted marriage to be for one man and one woman. They were to make their marriage the primary relationship in their lives.)

15 The Lord God took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it. 16 The Lord God gave a command to the man. He said, "You may freely eat from every tree in the garden, 17 but you shall not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for on the day that you eat from it, you will certainly die."

18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him." 19 Out of the soil the Lord God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature that became its name. 20 The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. 21 The Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, the Lord God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it had been. 22 The Lord God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man.

23 The man said, "Now this one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken out of man. 24 For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will remain united with his wife, and they will become one flesh."

(The Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version, EHV)

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 128 (selected verses)

P: How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,

C: Everyone who is walking in his ways.

P: Yes, you will eat the food you worked for.

C: How blessed you are! It will go well for you!

P: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the inner rooms of your house.

C: Your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

P & C: This is how blessed the man is who fears the Lord!

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:22-32

(Husband and wife each have a role in marriage by God's design as they serve each other.)

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he himself is the Savior. 24 Moreover, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, by cleansing her with the washing of water in connection with the Word. 27 He did this so that he could present her to himself as a glorious church, having no stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but so that she would be holy and blameless. 28 In the same way, husbands have an obligation to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 To be sure, no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones.

31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 In any case, each one of you also is to love his wife as himself, and each wife is to respect her husband. (EHV)

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11: 25-30

(The mysteries of the kingdom of heaven have been hidden from those who, in their conceit, consider themselves wise and learned. However, the Father committed his plan of salvation to the Son. The Son, in turn, calls those who are weary and burdened by their sin. Jesus gives the rest their souls crave.)

25 At that time, Jesus continued, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children. 26 Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. 27 Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

28 "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (EHV)

Congregational Response: ELH 413 vs. 1

**"Come unto Me, you weary,
And I will give you rest."**

O blessed voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending,
Of love which cannot cease.

The Confession of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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.

Children's Sermonette

Hymn: ELH 187

"Our Father, by Whose Name"

Our Father, by whose name All fatherhood is known,
Who dost in love proclaim Each family Thine own.
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well,
With constant love as sentinel,
The homes in which Thy people dwell.

O Christ, Thyself a Child With an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled, Thou didst to manhood come.
Our children bless, in every place
That they may all behold Thy face
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.

O Spirit, who dost bind Our hearts in unity,
Who teachest us to find The love from self set free.
In all our hearts such love increase
That ev'ry home by this release,
May be the dwelling place of peace.

The Sermon: Matthew 19:4-6

“Marriage: What God Has Joined Together!”

4 He answered, “Haven’t you read that from the beginning their Maker ‘made them male and female,’ 5 and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will be one flesh’? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, man must not separate.”

Congregational Hymn: ELH 190 vs. 1-4

“O Blest the House, Whate’er Befall”

O blest the house, whate’er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
Yea, if He were not dwelling there,
How dark and poor and void it were!

O blest that house where faith ye find
And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve Him still.
And do in all His holy will.

O blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav'n be lost!

Blest such a house; it prospers well.
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lot is shown
How richly God can bless His own.

Offering Prayer

Then here will I and mine today
A solemn covenant make and say:
Though all the world forsake Thy Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord. Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

P: Almighty God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us.

C: We stand before you in confidence and bring these prayers in Jesus' name.

P: That your church may boldly confess their faith in Jesus and make Him known to the whole world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That you use our ministries of education and service to promote this hope and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Look with favor on our nation. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice.

C: Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

P: Keep our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce an abundant harvest. Guard us from storms of nature, from accidents and spare us from disease and the coronavirus.

C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

P: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit, lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That we may be one family through faith in Jesus, and that our hearts may be filled with joy. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us Lord, as we bring our private petitions to you.

Silent Prayer

P: We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord turn to you in His favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: ELH 175 *“God Loves Me Dearly”*

God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,

God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

I was in slavery, Sin, death, and darkness;

God's love was working To make me free.

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,

God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,

He sent forth Jesus and set me free.

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,

God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;

Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed.

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,

God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

Now will I praise You, O Love Eternal;

Now will I praise You, All my life long.

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,

God loves me dearly, Loves even me.