

Calvary Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



July 8, 2018

9:00 am



*indicates the congregation stands as it is able

Bold indicates the congregation's response

Prelude

Invocation - Confession and Forgiveness.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our Creator, in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins. Amen.

*Gathering Song ELW #579 "*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*"

*Greeting ELW p. 147-148

*Kyrie and Glory be God

Prayer of the Day **God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm Reading Psalm 123

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

¹To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

*Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 151)

*Gospel Reading Mark 6:1-13

Glory to you, O Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day ELW #576 "We All are One in Mission"**

*Apostles' Creed (pew card)

*Peace

Offering/Offertory ELW #686 *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

Offering Prayer **Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

***Sending Song ELW #731 "Earth and All Stars"**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY: Liturgist/Preacher – Pastor Paul Meierding;
Piano/Organ – Deb Ireland; Greeters - ; Lector – Tim Howland; Ushers - ; Coffee Hour –
Jeanne & Tim Howland.



We continue to pray for Esther Kunz, Vicki Reedstrom, Rachael Nelson, Jessica Reedstrom, Darlene Redman, Arlen Ostermann, Sheila Scharping, Michelle Kraskey,

Mark Vollmer, Ann Koester, and Mary Ann Norman.

Esther Kunz is now a resident at the Mapleton Community Home. Her new address is c/o the home at 301 Troendle St. SW, Mapleton, MN, 56065

We remember in our prayers these next two weeks our youth and their parents who will be leaving tomorrow July 9th for their trip / retreat at Holden Village in Washington. We remember Ethan (Scott & Erica) Kittelson; Alison and Dylan (Chad & Heather) Pasbrig and Matt & Sam (Mitch & Margaret) Preis. We offer our prayers for safe travel and for spiritual renewal at Holden Village.

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send

them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.