

Morning Worship
Seventh Sunday after Trinity
July 19, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! (Psalm 84:1-4).

Adoration

Opening Hymn

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (TH30)

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:*

*Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

*The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood, and lost in following years.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.*

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Confession

Call to Confession

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me (Psalm 86:5-7).

Corporate Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all who truly repent and turn to you: we humbly confess our sins and implore your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy upon us, according to your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of your mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence; take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; and uphold us with your lifegiving Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance

Assurance of Pardon

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:5-6).

Thanksgiving

Offertory

Gloria Patri

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, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Petition and Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer for the Salvation of Others

Instruction

Hymn of Preparation

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! (TH498)

*Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.*

*Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

*Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. Refrain*

*Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. Refrain*

*Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry. Refrain*

*Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. Refrain*

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 56

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Psalms 56

Communion

Hymn of Preparation

Afflicted Saint, To Christ Draw Near

*Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near, your Savior's gracious promise hear.
His faithful Word you can believe, that as your days your strength shall be.*

*Your faith is weak, your foes are strong; and, if the conflict should be long,
The Lord will make the tempter flee, that as your days your strength shall be.*

Chorus: So, sing with joy, afflicted one; the battle's fierce, but the victory's won!

God shall supply all that you need: Yes, as your days your strength shall be!

*Should persecution rage and flame, still trust in your Redeemer's name;
In fiery trials, you shall see that as your days your strength shall be. Chorus*

*When called to bear your weighty cross, or sore affliction, pain, or loss,
Or deep distress or poverty, still as your days your strength shall be. Chorus X2*

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Affirmation 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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sursum Corda

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with your spirit.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is good and right to do so.

We welcome to Communion (also called The Lord's Table or The Eucharist) all baptized Christians who have received and are resting on Jesus alone for salvation, and are communing members of any church that faithfully proclaims the gospel. If that does not currently describe you, we invite you to participate by observing but not partaking of the elements – in part because of the warnings Scripture gives those who partake of the Supper without discerning its spiritual significance; but also because we don't want you to express something with your body that isn't true of your heart and mind, namely, that you're trusting in and depending on Jesus as your Lord and Savior. We invite you to take this time to consider what you've seen and heard in the worship service, including Jesus' love for sinners as it is portrayed in this meal. There's also a prayer below for those considering Christianity that you might wish to pray. If this raises questions or concerns, we welcome them and invite you to address them to our pastor or elders.

Prayer for those searching for truth: Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If you are real, please open my heart and mind to the truth of who you are and what you

have done in your life, death, and resurrection. Give me faith to trust you for salvation and satisfaction, and to follow you as my Lord. Help me to see this as the only way to the life you promise and for which I long. Amen.

Prayer for Christians: Lord, you have prepared for me a feast; and though I am unworthy to sit down as a guest, I rest on the merits of Jesus, and come clothed in his righteousness. While I see the bread and the cup, may I ponder why Jesus died and hear him say, "I gave my life to purchase yours, presented myself as an offering to satisfy divine justice, shed my blood to blot out your guilt, opened my side to make you clean, endured your curses to set you free." May I obey, extend the hand, take the bread, receive the cup, eat and drink, testify before all that I gladly receive Jesus to be my life, strength, nourishment, joy, delight. In the Supper give me assurance of pardon, adoption, life, and glory. As the outward elements nourish my body, may your Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast. Amen.

- excerpted and adapted from *Valley of Vision*, "The Lord's Supper"

Charge and Blessing

Closing Hymn

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

*Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.*

*Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.*

*Man may trouble and distress me, twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.*

*Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain;
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, with Thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.*

*Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care,
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heaven, canst thou repine?*

*Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.*

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Benediction

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