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+ WEDNESDAY OF PENTECOST 7 +

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Wednesday, 27 July A+D 2022 • 7:00 P.M.

**Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting Four, pg. 203**

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**

*“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” LSB 528*

*Stand*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 203 (right column)*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 28:1–2, 7; antiphon: vv. 8–9*

- P** The LORD is the strength of his people;  
**C** **he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**  
**P** Save your people and bless your heritage!  
**C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**  
**P** To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,  
**C** **lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**  
**P** Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,  
**C** **when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.**  
**P** The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
**C** **my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**P** Save your people and bless your heritage!  
**C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

**KYRIE**

*LSB 204*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*LSB 204*

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*LSB 205*

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Sit*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup>just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup>and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

*LSB 205*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 5:20-26*

<sup>20</sup>[Jesus said:] "For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

**APOSTLES' CREED**

*LSB 207*

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“From God Can Nothing Move Me” LSB 713*

*Sit*

**SERMON**

*“The Mystery of Christ in You” Colossians 1*

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

*Stand*

**PREFACE**

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**SANCTUS**

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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**LORD'S PRAYER**

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**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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**PAX DOMINI**

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**AGNUS DEI**

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*Sit*

**DISTRIBUTION**

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**NUNC DIMITTIS**

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**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

*LSB 212*

**HYMN TO DEPART**

*“Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head” LSB 647*

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