

Worship Plan for Spruce Run Lutheran Church  
The Pentecost 7B, July 11, 2021

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**PRELUDE**

**GREETING**

**CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS**

There is one body and one Spirit, one Hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

**Amen.**

It is in your Son Jesus, O LORD, that we hear the word of truth, the saving good news, and are sealed in the Holy Spirit.

**He is our peace.**

Please help us to confess the ways in which we need your reconciliation, redemption, forgiveness, and love.

**Here among us there are steep walls of division. Look! Bitterness, wrath, anger, wrangling, slander, and malice. We are puffed-up and hurried, hostile and inhospitable. We see our siblings as strangers and our neighbors as other.**

**But, you are our peace. In your flesh you are making all one. You break down every wall of hostility. In you there is humility, gentleness, patience, and ongoing mutual love. May it be so among us.**

Beloved in Christ,

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, live in love, as Christ loves us.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.

For, I assure you God in Christ Jesus has forgiven you.

**Amen.**

**HYMN            LBW#409 “Praise and Thanksgiving”**  
*Verses 1 & 4*



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on

earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6th Chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: Mark 6:14-29**

King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded

him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY      LBW#500 "Faith of Our Fathers"

*Verses 1 & 3*

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar-tys, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee.      Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **THE PRAYERS**

A Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the

custodian(s) and maintenance workers, for our office staff (other positions may be named), and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith (especially Benedict of Nursia). We remember those in this community who have recently died (especially). United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

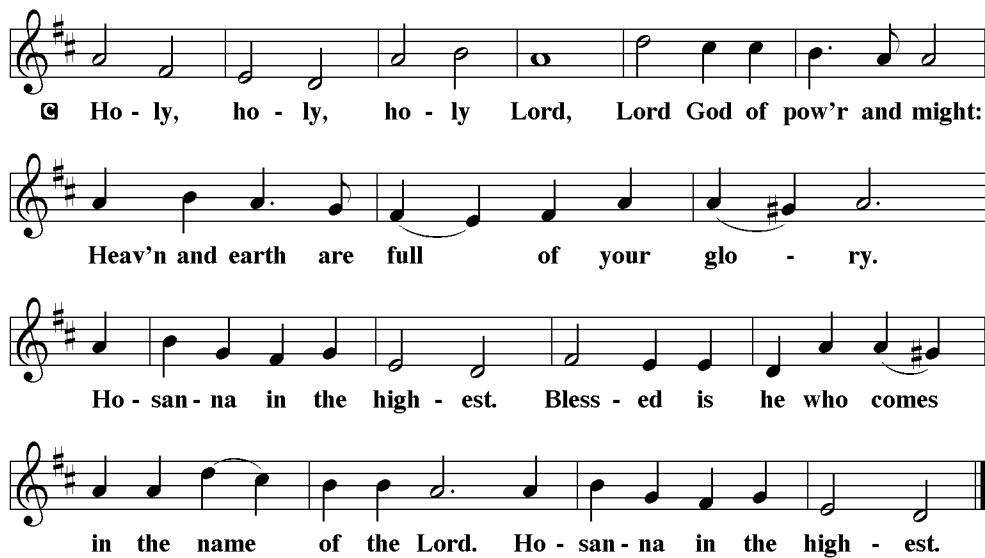
P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

Blessed are you, O God,  
**for you have sent us the Bread of Life,**  
so that we shall never hunger nor thirst.  
**You give life to the world.**

And we join with it in your unending hymn:



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music as follows:

- Staff 1: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
- Staff 2: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
- Staff 3: Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
- Staff 4: in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Praise to you for creating all that is, seen and unseen, for sustaining the universe, for providing for your world.

Praise to you for breaking bread with Sarah and Abraham, for freeing your people from Egypt and providing them manna from heaven on their journey home, and for offering wine without cost and bread that surely satisfies.

Praise to you for Jesus, your dear son:

Who fed the multitudes, and supped with sinners and sellouts,  
who is the Bread of Life,  
who offers his blood and body as bread and wine for the life of the world.  
Jesus, whose words are Spirit and Life.

On the night in which he was handed over,  
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in the remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

P Send now we pray, your Holy Spirit upon these common elements, bread and wine, that they might be for us the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation.

Jesus said:

**It is I; do not be afraid.**

The Body of Christ, given for you.  
The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have given to us true food and true drink. In your mercy, abide in us as Jesus abides in you, that life in you shall overflow to your whole beloved world, in Jesus name.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

I pray that God strengthens your spirit.

That Christ dwells in your heart through faith, planting you in his love.

That the Holy Spirit fills you with the fullness of God.

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

## HYMN

### LBW#380 "O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True" Verses 1 & 5



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on  
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'lers  
3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -  
4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on  
5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -  
lost in er - ror's maze. En - light - en those whose se - cret  
way the child - ish fears of those who trem - ble to ex -  
oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed  
ev - er to re - joice with wond - ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.  
minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
press the faith their se - cret hearts con - fess.  
sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.  
praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in love.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE