

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 24, 2022
Zoar Church, Tofte, MN

Gathering Hymn: “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness” With One Voice # 730

V1 My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord
I sing my Savior’s praise!
You looked upon my lowliness,
and I am full of grace.
Now ev’ry land and ev’ry age
this blessing shall proclaim
great wonders you have done for me,
and holy is your name.

V3 To Israel, your servant blest,
your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made
their children will secure.
Sing glory to the Holy One,
give honor to the Word,
and praise the Pow’r of the Most High,
one God, by all adored.

Opening Hymn: “God is Here” With One Voice # 719

V1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

V3 Lord of all, of Church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the Gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

V2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Welcome & Opening Prayer (July Mission: **Starfish Fund**)

Pastor: The Lord be with you

Congregation: And also with you

Confession and Forgiveness (From Psalm 25)

Pastor: To you, O Lord, I offer my prayer;

Congregation: In you, my God, I trust.

P: Teach me your ways, O Lord;

C: Make them known to me.

P: Teach me to live according to your truth,

C: For you are my God, who saves me.

P: Remember, O Lord, your kindness and constant love

C: Which you have shown from long ago.

P: In your constant love and goodness,

C: Remember me, Lord!

P: Forgive my sins as you have promised, O Lord,

C: For they are many.

(Silence for prayer and reflection)

P: Because the Lord is righteous and good,

C: He teaches sinners the path they should follow.

P: He leads the humble in the right way

C: And teaches them his will. Amen

Hymn: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" With One Voice # 783

V1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

V3 We do not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Alleu, alleluia.

V2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Sam 31:1-5, 2 Samuel 1:17-19,23, Chronicles 14:2 [GNT]

The Philistines fought a battle against the Israelites on Mount Gilboa. Many Israelites were killed there, and the rest of them, including King Saul and his sons, fled. But the Philistines caught up with them and killed three of Saul's sons, Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua. The fighting was heavy around Saul, and he himself was hit by enemy arrows and badly wounded. He said to the young man carrying his weapons, "Draw your sword and kill me, so that these godless Philistines won't gloat over me and kill me." But the young man was too terrified to do it. So Saul took his own sword and threw himself on it. The young man saw that Saul was dead, so he too threw himself on his own sword and died with Saul.

David sang this lament for Saul and his son Jonathan...

"On the hills of Israel our leaders are dead!
The bravest of our soldiers have fallen!
Saul and Jonathan, so wonderful and dear;
together in life, together in death;
swifter than eagles, stronger than lions."

And so David realized that the Lord had established him as king of Israel to make his kingdom prosperous for the sake of his people.

New Testament Reading: Colossians 1:15-20 [GNT]

Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God. He is the first-born Son, superior to all created things. For through him God created everything in heaven and on earth, the seen and the unseen things, including spiritual powers, lords, rulers, and authorities. God created the whole universe through him and for him. Christ existed before all things, and in union with him all things have their proper place. He is the head of his body, the church; he is the source of the body's life. He is the first-born Son, who was raised from death, in order that he alone might have the first place in all things. For it was by God's own decision that the Son has in himself the full nature of God. Through the Son, then, God decided to bring the whole universe back to himself. God made peace through his Son's blood on the cross and so brought back to himself all things, both on earth and in heaven.

P: The Word of God for the people of God

C: Thanks be to God

Message: "David realized that the Lord had established him as King" - Pastor Daren Blanck

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)

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

Apostle's 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 Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Closing Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Reclaim # 36

V1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of Glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee,
Praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of the day.

V3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine!

V2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heav’n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Announcements & Benediction:

Sending Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Reclaim # 221

V1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy pow’rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

V2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliv’rer, Strong deliv’rer.
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

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Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. We Will! Alleluia! Amen.

Have a Blessed Week!

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