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8:15am – Traditional  
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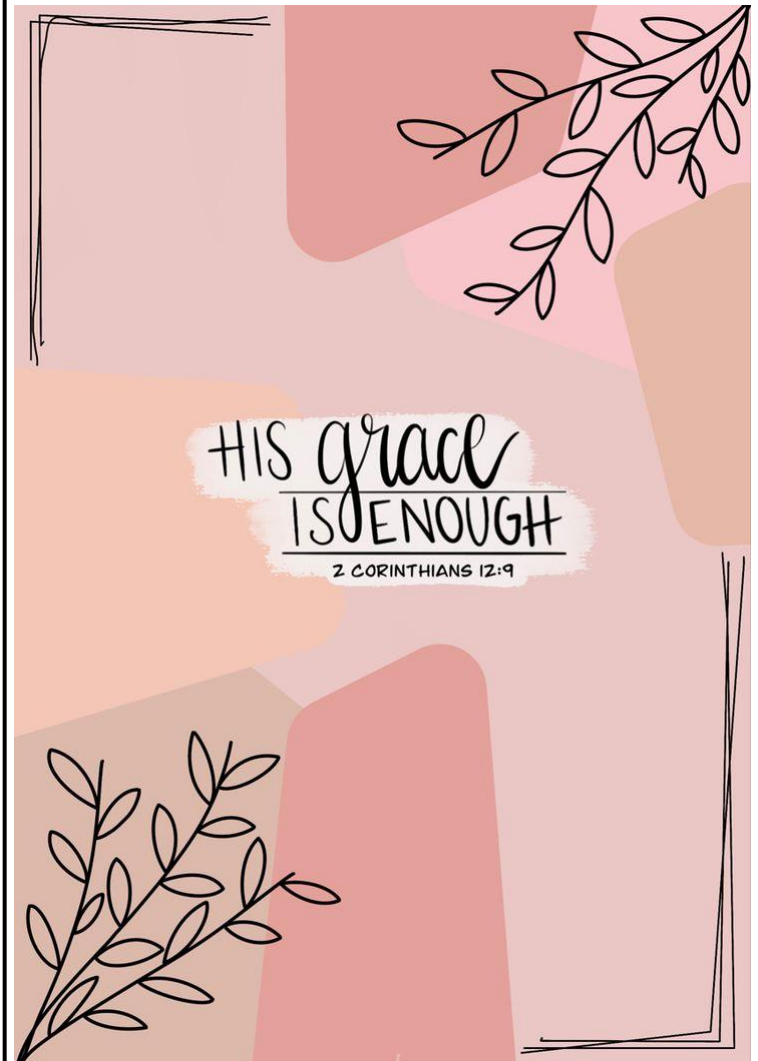
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*“Raising Up  
Families and Followers  
of Jesus Christ”*

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

8:15 am



## SENT AND SUSTAINED IN GRACE

### AS WE GATHER

Life is not always easy. Life in and of faith is often less easy. In our readings today we encounter a few people who faced difficulty and challenges amid their godly callings. Ezekiel would be sent to speak the Word of God to a rebellious people who wouldn't happily receive the message. The apostle Paul would face his own personal struggles with his "thorn . . . in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7) as he brought the Gospel to many on his mission journeys. Jesus Himself would not be welcomed as Savior when He returned to His hometown of Nazareth. Though things were far from easy, God would bless the work that He called His people and His own Son to do. Even in our times of difficulty and challenges living as His people, we are reminded of the same truth from the Lord: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

### + PREPARATION +

#### 589 SPEAK, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT LISTENS *sts. 1-3*



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to  
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten  
3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,  
to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,  
spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward  
Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with  
Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who  
light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!  
feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.  
sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!

Text: Anna Sophia von Hessen-Darmstadt, 1638–83; (sts. 1–3): tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.  
Tune: Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667 Text and tune: Public domain

## INVOCATION

**Leader** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation** **Amen.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 123*

**Leader** To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

**Congregation** **Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy upon us.**

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

**Congregation** **Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

**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.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 123; 124:8; 32:5; 123:4; Ezekiel 2:5;  
2 Corinthians 12:9; Mark 6:12*

**Leader** Echoing the words of the psalmist, we lift our eyes to You, O Lord, enthroned in the heavens. As we do, we seek Your mercy. Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**Congregation** **who made heaven and earth.**

**Leader** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

**Congregation** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**Leader** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Though we lift up our eyes to You, our souls have had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

**Congregation** **As You claim us as Your own in Baptism through water and the Word, we struggle to live as Your children. As You call us in faith to trust in You, we face the contempt of others in the world around us. As You collect Your people together as Your church, we often fail to prioritize**

**the work of Your kingdom and the mission You have set before us for the sake of others. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Leader The Lord calls His people and sends them to proclaim His Word, even amid the scorn and contempt of the world. He sent Ezekiel, along with a promise:

**Congregation “Whether they hear or refuse to hear, . . . they will know that a prophet has been among them.”**

Leader He sent the apostle Paul, along with a promise:

**Congregation “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.”**

Leader He sent His own Son into the world, into our flesh, on our behalf. Though stricken, smitten, afflicted, and even rejected in His own hometown, the message of the Word made flesh continued to be proclaimed by the disciples:

**Congregation “So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.”**

Leader Gathered together as His church, be affirmed and assured that almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. All of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

**Congregation Amen.**

## **+ WORD +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 132:13–16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8*

Leader Let the peoples praise You, O God;

**Congregation let all the peoples praise You!**

Leader May God be gracious to us and bless us

**Congregation and make His face to shine upon us,**

Leader that Your way may be known on earth,

**Congregation Your saving power among all nations.**

Leader Let the peoples praise You, O God;

**Congregation let all the peoples praise You!**

Leader Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**Congregation for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Leader Let the peoples praise You, O God;

**Congregation let all the peoples praise You!**

Leader The earth has yielded its increase;

**Congregation God, our God, shall bless us.**

Leader God shall bless us;

**Congregation let all the ends of the earth fear 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.**

Leader Let the peoples praise You, O God;

**Congregation let all the peoples praise You!**

### 589 SPEAK, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT LISTENS *st. 4*

4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in  
me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me  
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your  
praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est  
praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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### SALUTATION

Leader The Lord be with you.

**Congregation And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader Let us pray.  
O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy.  
Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance  
and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

**Congregation Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 2:1–5*

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” <sup>2</sup>And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ <sup>5</sup>And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL *Romans 11:33, 36*

Leader Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**Congregation How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

Leader For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

**Congregation To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

## EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man 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. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—<sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.





bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.  
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. William Williams, 1717–91  
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## SERMON

### NICENE CREED

**Congregation I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**



**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Leader** Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs. God of continued mercy, Your power is made perfect in weakness and Your grace is sufficient for us. As You called people of the past to proclaim the way of salvation, so also use us as Your instruments to proclaim the Gospel and to live as lights even among scorn and despising from a sinful world. Sustain Your church to remain strong in faith until the day You make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation** **hear our prayer.**

**Leader** Sending Father, when Your Son was in this world, He was rejected in His hometown. Though despised, He continued on in the mission for our salvation and forgiveness of sins all the way to the cross. As disciples continued to proclaim a message of repentance, build us up as Your disciples within Your church to proclaim and receive the forgiveness of sins won for us through His death and resurrection. Raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, and others in a churchly vocation to be sent by You to proclaim Your message of Law and Gospel. Strengthen laity to live as Your church each day among our neighbors, pointing to Your light and Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation** **hear our prayer.**

**Leader** Compassionate Father, we face daily the trials of this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh. Often a “thorn in the flesh” is a barrier to our faith and trust in You. Remind us Your grace is sufficient and Your power is made perfect in weakness. For those who are weak in body, mind, and spirit, grant Your continued presence. Heal according to Your will, and use us as Your church to encourage, support, and reflect Your grace to all who are in need, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation** **hear our prayer.**

**Leader** Sustaining Father, You gather us together as Your people to hear Your Word and to receive Your means of grace. As Your church, strengthen our fellowship as we receive the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior,

Jesus Christ. Fed, nourished, and strengthened in faith, enable us to faithfully uphold Your calling to us as we are sent by You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation** hear our prayer.

*Additional petitions may be added.*

Leader Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Congregation** Amen.

## + SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

Leader The Lord be with you.

**Congregation** And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation** We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation** Amen.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Leader Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and

said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Leader As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Congregation Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Congregation 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**

## PAX DOMINI

Leader The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation Amen.**

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

### 728 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION



- 1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
- 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
- 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
- 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
- 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt. Tune: Genuine Church Music, 1832, Winchester  
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## 770 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86 Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918 Text and tune: Public domain

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Leader

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Leader

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Congregation **Amen.**

## 644 THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION *sts. 1–5*



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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