

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 am

July 19, 2020



Knowing the Lord means ...

AS WE GATHER

We are among the many who have struggled to believe in a world where it seems our enemies triumph and our own wills fail us. But the promises of God are not only for the present. They point us to that which is to come. To know the Lord is to know His promises without having seen them fulfilled. Gathering around His Word and Table, we meet those promises. His voice speaks of what will be, and in the flesh and blood of Christ, we taste the future that will come by His power and promise. To know the Lord in this way is to enjoy comfort in trial and to have hope that will endure the tests that come.

WELCOME — Pastor Jim Frusti

RINGING OF THE BELL

809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Give ear, O Lord, to the prayers of Your people, and listen to their cry for mercy.

People: You, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Silence for self-examination

Pastor: Lord of mercy,

People: we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and an abundance of mercy. We are poor sinners whose thoughts, words, and deeds betray our weakness and death. You, O Lord, are gracious and merciful and, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, You have saved us by His blood. Give to us true repentance that we know Your forgiveness and the comfort of a clear conscience. Give us also hearts made new by Your grace, that we love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves and, by Your Holy Spirit, do what is pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made the children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O steadfast Lord, You are the great I AM whose promises never fail us and in whom alone salvation is to be found. Grant to us hearts to trust in Your mercy and courage in the face of doubt and fear that we not surrender hope to darkness and faith to unbelief; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 44:6–8* (Is there a God besides the Lord?)

Besides Me There Is No God

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?
 And you are my witnesses!
 Is there a God besides me?
 There is no Rock; I know not any."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 8:18–27* (The sufferings of this present age are not worth comparing to the glory waiting to be revealed.)

Future Glory

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

(Then the righteous shall
shine like the sun.)

The Parable of the Weeds

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.



750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in
3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer - ful



Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what-e'er be -
hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's



tide thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
plea - sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our



God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.

5 Nor think amid the fiery trial
That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial
Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring
And sets a bound to ev'rything.

Sermon – Pastor Jim Frusti

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You have been the refuge and strength of Your people from generation to generation. Give to us the comfort of Your presence in time of trouble, Your grace to forgive our sins, and Your peace to govern our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, Your power holds all things together, in heaven and on earth. Give wisdom to those who lead our nation and guidance to those who make, administer, and judge our laws, so that life be protected and justice administered. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, Your Word speaks hope and life. Open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him as Savior and Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, Your mercy extends to all our needs and Your grace gives healing according to Your will. Hear us on behalf of [*names*, and] all who stand in need. Grant to them grace sufficient for all their needs and sustain them in the hour of trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You give us new lives in baptismal water, and Your Spirit opens our hearts to faith. Help us to live out fully our vocation as Your children in the places where we live and work and do the good works You desire. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You have given us the encouragement of the mighty saints of old and those who taught us the faith. Help us to leave a legacy of faithfulness to those who follow us, and sustain us in hope until we join the saints in Christ's eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering plates you will find at the front of the church or in the main hallway. Thank you.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

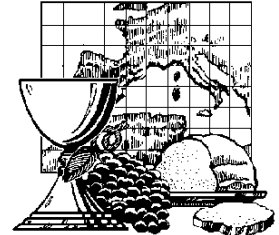
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 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.



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine, which is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

++ We offer *Gluten-free* wafers upon request. ++

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The congregation will sing one song and then music will be played as we receive the Lord's Supper

Please wait for an usher to excuse you and your family for Communion.

Walk to the yellow "X" and wait there until the family before you finishes and begins to return to their pew.

We appreciate your help in this way.

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839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - jice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, You have delivered Your people from all their enemies and redeemed us from all our enemies. Grant us grace that we not fear but live in peace, resting our past, present, and future on the strength of Your love and the hope of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
 O what a foretaste, of glory divine
 Heir of salvation, purchase of god
 Born of his spirit, washed in his blood

Chorus

**This is my story, this is my song
 Praising my savior, all the day long
 This is my story, this is my song
 Praising my savior, all the day long**

Perfect submission, all is at rest
 I in my savior, am happy and blessed
 Watching and waiting, looking above
 Filled with his goodness
 And lost in his love

Chorus

My king is coming soon,
 He will roll the clouds away
 Light of heaven bursting through
 Oh, what a glorious day
 My king is coming soon,
 He will roll the clouds away
 Light of heaven bursting through
 Until that glorious day

Chorus

Organ Postlude

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Today's flowers are:

One vase to the glory of God.

One vase in memory of my son Ron from Bernice Baggett.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11am Sunday Service.

Our School is Reaching Out for Help - Thank you for all the support you have given to the school over the years. As we make plans to open this fall, face-to-face five days a week, we are wondering if anyone knows of an inexpensive source to purchase plastic face shields?

Please send information to principal@stpaulnorthville.org



The Great Grocery Bag Event
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Northville

When: **Month of July**
Why: **To assist those in need through food donations for Northville Civic Concern**
How: **Check the list below. Shop and purchase any amount of food. (Even one item is greatly appreciated!) Return the groceries to the Parish Hall or Church Office.**

Non- Perishable Food Item(s)

Paper Products

- Canned Fruit**
- Fruit Juices
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soups (not broth)*
- Tuna and Canned Meats*
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta/Rice
- Kraft Macaroni and Cheese*
- Canned Macaroni (Chef Boy-Ar-Dee, etc.)
- Cereal, hot or cold
- Peanut Butter*
- Jelly/Jam*

- Paper Towels*
- Facial Tissues
- Toilet Paper*

Cleaning Products:

- Laundry Soap (100oz. or less)*
- Dish Detergent (hand washing)*

Hygiene Products:

- Bar Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste

- Misc.:
- Crackers*
- Cookies*

***items always needed **always in shortest supply**
PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL DATES ON FOODS ARE CURRENT
Thank you for your generous support