



An Old Testament Guide to Challenging Times

Season After Pentecost 2020



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020
Calvary Lutheran Church

+ THE GATHERING +

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19)

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination, please kneel or be seated)

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through (+) Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the forty-fourth chapter.

6 "This is what the LORD says— Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. **7** Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come— yes, let them foretell what will come. **8** Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86

Lord, You Are Good and Forgiving – Michel Guimont

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel is from Saint Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

24 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. **25** But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. **27** "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

28 " 'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' **29** " 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. **30** Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.' " **36** Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." **37** He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. **38** The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, **39** and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. **40** "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. **41** The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that

causes sin and all who do evil. **42** They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **43** Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Pastor Middaugh

HYMN OF THE DAY

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al-might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.

Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, *Psalter*, 1562

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(congregation may kneel or stand during prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy

C: **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: God, the creator + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

All Good Gifts – Stephen Schwartz

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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