

# Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 2020

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hermiston, Oregon

Christ Alone Lutheran Church, Ione, Oregon

## **Prayer Before Worship**

*O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

## **Hymn #965 "God Bless Our Native Land"**

God bless our native land;  
Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night.  
When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave,  
Do Thou our country save  
By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise  
To God above the skies;  
On Him we wait.  
Thou who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye,  
To Thee aloud we cry:  
God save the state!

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## **Opening Versicles**

**L:** O Lord, open my lips,

**C:** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**L:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C:** make haste to help me, O Lord,

**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.**

## **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 125 (*antiphon: v. 2*)

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
**so the LORD surrounds His people,  
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,  
**which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,  
**lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.**

Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
**and to those who are upright in their hearts!**  
But those who turn aside to their crooked ways  
**the LORD will lead away with evildoers!**  
**Peace be upon Israel!**

## Scripture Reading

Genesis 29

Then Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the east. <sup>2</sup> As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep lying beside it, for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, <sup>3</sup> and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place over the mouth of the well.

<sup>4</sup> Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where do you come from?" They said, "We are from Haran." <sup>5</sup> He said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" They said, "We know him." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Is it well with him?" They said, "It is well; and see, Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep!" <sup>7</sup> He said, "Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered together. Water the sheep and go, pasture them." <sup>8</sup> But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep."

<sup>9</sup> While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. <sup>10</sup> Now as soon as Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob came near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. <sup>11</sup> Then Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud. <sup>12</sup> And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman, and that he was Rebekah's son, and she ran and told her father.

<sup>13</sup> As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, <sup>14</sup> and Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh!" And he stayed with him a month.

<sup>15</sup> Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" <sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah's eyes were weak,<sup>[a]</sup> but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. <sup>18</sup> Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." <sup>19</sup> Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." <sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." <sup>22</sup> So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. <sup>23</sup> But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. <sup>24</sup> (Laban gave<sup>[b]</sup> his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.) <sup>25</sup> And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" <sup>26</sup> Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup> Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." <sup>28</sup> Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. <sup>29</sup> (Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her servant.) <sup>30</sup> So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years.

**L: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

recited by all

Romans 11:33, 36

**Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!**  
**How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**  
**For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.**  
**To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

## Hymn #860 "Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing"

Lord, if You are not the builder,  
Then the house is built in vain,  
For a home without Your presence  
Shall without true love remain.  
Yet when You within a marriage  
Come and dwell with grace divine,  
There You fill the empty vessels,  
Changing water into wine.

△ Father, You created Adam,  
Crafted Eve, and made them one;  
Jesus, from their sin You saved us,  
As God's true incarnate Son;  
Holy Spirit, You forgive us;  
From our sins we are released.  
Bring us, Lord, at last to heaven,  
To the endless wedding feast.

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## Sermon

### 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.**

**Hymn #659** "Lord of My Life"

Lord of our life and God of our salvation,  
Star of our night and hope of ev'ry nation:  
Hear and receive Your Church's supplication,  
Lord God Almighty.

See round Your ark the hungry billows curling;  
See how Your foes their banners are unfurling  
And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling,  
O Lord, preserve us.

Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us;  
Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us;  
And in the day when hell itself assails us,  
Grant us Your peace, Lord:

Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are raging,  
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls assuaging,  
Peace when the world its endless war is waging,  
Peace in your heaven.

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**Kyrie**

L: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

L: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

L: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

**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.**

**Versicles**

L: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: let my cry come to You.

L: In the day of my trouble I call upon You;

C: for You answer me.

L: Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C: and blot out all my iniquities.**

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C: and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

L: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

L: Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C: my lips will praise You.**

L: For You have been my help,  
**C: and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**

L: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C: unite my heart to fear Your name.**

L: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C: and I will glorify Your name forever.**

L: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C: May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**

L: Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

L: . . . *Congregational prayers are offered here . . .* Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C: listen to my plea for grace.**

## Collects

L Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## Benedicamus and Blessing

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn #810** "O God of God, O Light of Light"

O God of God, O Light of Light,  
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:  
To you in heaven's glory bright  
The song of praise forever rings.  
To Him who sits upon the throne,  
The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory He has won,  
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

For deep in prophets' sacred page,  
And grand in poets' wingèd word,  
Slowly in type, from age to age  
The nations saw their coming Lord;  
Till through the deep Judean night  
Rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!"  
Sung once by firstborn sons of light,  
It echoes now, "Goodwill!" Amen.

That life of truth, those deeds of love,  
That death so steeped in hate and scorn—  
These all are past, and now above  
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!  
So sang that host beyond our ken.  
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.  
We lift them up. Amen, amen.

Then raise to Christ a mighty song,  
And shout His name, His mercies tell!  
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,  
And all on earth, your anthem swell!  
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!  
Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,  
All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

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**Scripture for July**

Romans 15:13 ESV

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

## What's Happening This Week

**Worship:** At Bethlehem (Hermiston) 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
At Christ Alone (Ione) 9 a.m.

**Bible Study:** Wednesday at 7 a.m. at the Ione Market  
**NO Bible Study this week at Bethlehem**

**Men's Breakfast:** 6:00 a.m. at Denny's

**Doxology #805** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

△ Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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