



# **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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## Appearances Are Deceiving

### As We Gather

In today's Gospel, it looks like the end of the story when John the Baptist is executed. But he was but the forerunner for Jesus, the promised Messiah. Appearances were certainly deceiving! That was the case with Amos, a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs when the Lord called him. He did not look like a prophet, but he stood up to Amaziah and Jeroboam in a long line of faithful prophets. Sometimes Satan uses appearances to deceive us, but the Epistle reminds us that God had predestined us to be with Him forever—even before He began creation! Although others might not recognize it, the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

## + PREPARATION +

### 589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens



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  
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



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;  
me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



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  
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



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  
praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



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!  
praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 85:1–13*

- P** Today's psalm has two parts. The first is the plea of the psalmist to God, and the second is his announcement of God's promised salvation. We now use Psalm 85 as we confess our sins and hear God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

LORD, You were favorable to Your land;

- C** **You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

**P** You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

- C** **You covered all their sin.**

**P** You withdrew all Your wrath;

- C** **You turned from Your hot anger.**

**P** Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

- C** **and put away Your indignation toward us!**

**P** Will You be angry with us forever?

- C** **Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?**

**P** Will You not revive us again,

- C** **that Your people may rejoice in You?**

**P** Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

- C** **and grant us Your salvation.**

**We confess, Lord our God, that we have listened to the voices of Satan, the world, and our own desires. We have not loved You with all that we are and have, and we have not considered our neighbors' needs as important as our own. We can only throw ourselves on the mercy of Your gracious court and ask for forgiveness, that we may amend our sinful ways.**

**P** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;

- C** **but let them not turn back to folly.**

**P** Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

- C** **that glory may dwell in our land.**

**P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

- C** **righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

**P** Faithfulness springs up from the ground,

- C** **and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

**P** Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
**C** and our land will yield its increase.

**P** Righteousness will go before Him  
**C** and make His footsteps a way.

**P** The steadfast love and faithfulness of our God are endless. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for all our sins, God declares us to be His own children and has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Thanks be to God. Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### Kyrie

*Ephesians 1:4, 11; 13–14*

**P** In peace, “holy and blameless before Him,” let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For peace from God’s blessing us in Christ, choosing “us in Him before the foundation of the world,” let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, in which all things work “according to the counsel of His will,” let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and all places where people hear “the word of truth, the gospel of Your salvation,” let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord, until we acquire possession of our inheritance.  
**C** Amen.

### Salutation

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

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance.

**C** Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death;

**P** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 7:7–15*

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass by them;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

“Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.”

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse

Matthew 5:10

- P** Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
**C** for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14–29

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;  
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish  
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?  
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.  
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and  
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its  
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.  
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.  
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
 Thou canst not deceive me,  
 Thine appeal is vain.  
 Sin that once did blind me,  
 Get thee far behind me,  
 Come not forth again.  
 Past thy hour,  
 O pride and pow'r;  
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
 Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
 For the Lord of gladness,  
 Jesus, enters in.  
 Those who love the Father,  
 Though the storms may gather,  
 Still have peace within.  
 Yea, whate'er  
 I here must bear,  
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

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Sermon – “Beth-El”

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us go to God in prayer for the Church around the world, the nations of this earth, and all who call to Him in their various needs.

Our Father in heaven, uphold and strengthen all families on the earth. Guide parents to teach their children all that You have done and promised. Grant Your blessing wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** When the world seems to be winning and Your holy name is used without thought, put a strong confession on the lips of church leaders everywhere. Grant that they are used so that the reality of Your power and grace shine forth to dispel fear and to bring many to faith in our Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Extend Your kingdom, O Lord, through mission efforts around the world. Open voices to speak Your word of judgment and grace, and open ears to hear Your invitation to turn and be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Raise up, we pray, leaders at all levels of government who will order society according to Your will. Strengthen those who protect at home and those who defend abroad so that our nation and all others find peaceful solutions to chaos and conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Hear the prayers of the poor, so that their daily needs of food, clothing, and shelter be available to them. Bless all who grow and distribute crops, all who seek to alleviate pain and suffering, and all who fund and build decent housing. Listen especially to those whose needs we know, *including Hedy, Kathleen, Alicia, Sheila, Sallyann, Kathie, Lou, Jean, Dana, Kaylee, Leah, Terri, Rory, Jean, Ray, Rod, Sharlene, Fran, Wally, Janna. Maria, Andrew, John, and Rev. Dave Barber and his family.* Give them the healing, comfort, and hope that fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** You have graciously forgiven us for Jesus' sake; open doors of opportunity for this congregation to be a welcoming place for people burdened with their past. Grant us to tell them what You have to say to them—words of forgiveness, peace, and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your grace for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### Benediction

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## 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."

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## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## **Weekly Announcements**

### **Wednesday Evening Pastor-Led Bible Studies**

Pastor-led Bible Study has resumed on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm online.

**ACTS: A study of Growth in the Church.** This means growth in Christian attitudes, insights, and skills for Christian living. The focus of this course will be the church and the world of our day. The guiding question will be this: *What does the Lord teach us for life today through the book of Acts?* Join us online on Wednesday evenings, 12 pm at <https://Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com/Acts> (or visit there for the recorded sessions).

### **Breeze Update**

For those of you who have a Breeze account, we have activated another feature to give you access to member directory information. Simply log in to your account, click on the people tab and you get info. You can obtain birthday info via the Filter drop down on the left. Select more options. If you have questions about Breeze or need help setting up an account, please contact Jim Burmeister at **(847) 343-3798** or **(847) 934-5963**.

### **Prayer Request Information:**

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### **Worship Updates**

Please check the July Monthly News for updated information regarding Worship.

### **Call Committee Updates**

Please check the July Monthly News for updated information regarding the Call Committee progress.

### **Offering Envelopes**

Just a reminder, if you are running low on Offering envelopes, you can see Laurie before or after Worship today.

### **Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List**

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Beans (Cannellini, Northern, White, etc. green not needed) Flour, Ketchup, Mayonnaise and Pancake Mix. Items need to be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730.

### **Are you a Thrivent Member?**

Have you directed your Choice Dollars? Please remember to check your Thrivent account at least on an annual basis and indicate where you would like to have them directed. Both Our Redeemer and Sonshine are included in the recognized recipients and would appreciate being designated. Thrivent provides this free of charge to members, so remember to take advantage of their generosity!

### **Update from your Parish RN Helpers**

The "Two Sues" can now visit you at home if you wish, or continue visiting by phone. We can give you a ride to church if you'd like to worship in person, or receive communion by appt from Pastor Jim on a Tuesday. Concerns, comments, ideas? Please call us: Sue Perek 224-558-6544 or Sue Schroeder 847-609-9860.

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### **SUMMER SUPPER UPDATES/NEEDS**

We are happy to report that we have been able to supply meals to many more disadvantages individuals in our community this year. As a result, we are now in need of more extra snack items, such as: Individual snack packs (i.e. chips, cookies, pretzels, etc.), small water bottles, small Gatorade bottles, nutrigain/granola bars, and small hand sanitizers. Any questions, please see Traudy or Stacey Hall.

### **Coffee-And...**

We will continue holding Coffee-And... on a weekly basis.  
Feel free to bring treats. Coffee will be provided for you.

# July 2021



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## July Happenings

- July 4 9:00 am – The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost With Communion
- July 7 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study (new time) on Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com
- July 8 6:00 pm – ORLC Summer Suppers
- July 11 9:00 pm - The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost No Communion
- July 14 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study (new time) on Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com
- July 18 9:00 am – The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost With Communion
- July 21 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study (new time) on Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com
- July 25 9:00 am – The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost No Communion
- July 28 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study (new time) on Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com