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*Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?*

*He who brings out their host by  
number, calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.*

*Isaiah 40:26*



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## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, forgive us our sins, and grant us always true repentance. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to be good stewards of our time, talents, bodies, souls and treasure. May we seek only Your glory in all things. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus. Amen.*

### Today's Worship!

#### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 748:1-4 (WS2000):** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!**
- 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**
- 3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**
- 4. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.**

#### The Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen!

#### The Confession and Absolution of Sins

*We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

**C** Amen!

## Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

## Glory to God in the Highest

*Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.*

Glo-ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of  
Lord Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's on-ly Son, You  
A-lone, O Christ, You on-ly are the Lord, At  
heav'n-ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
God's right hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the  
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -  
God, Your glo-rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it wor-shipped and a - dored, With all the  
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## The Prayer for the Day

*The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.*

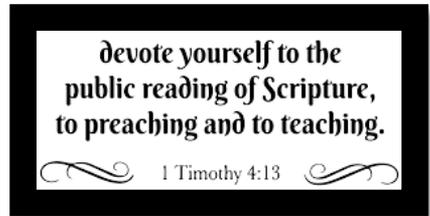
- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 11:1-3*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 148:1-13*

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
- C** Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
- P** Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
- C** Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.
- C** And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
- P** Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,
- C** Fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!
- P** Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- C** Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!
- P** Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- C** Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
- C** His majesty is above earth and heaven.



## The Gospel Reading: *John 1:1-5*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are  
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

## The Apostle's Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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 657 (TLH): *Beautiful Savior*

*1. Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.*

*2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.*

**3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels in the sky.**

**4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!**

### **The Sermon: Isaiah 40:26-31**

Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. <sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

### **Theme: LOOK UP AT THE STARS AND SEE**

I. See God's power    II. See our faithlessness    III. See God's love for us

### **The Offertory**

*Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -  
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## Hymn 744 (WS2000): *How Great Thou Art*

*1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout The universe displayed,*

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee,  
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee,  
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"*

*2. When through the woods and Forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel The gentle breeze;... Refrain*

*3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;... Refrain*

*4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Than I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!... Refrain*

## The Offering of Thankful Hearts

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's Scashtag is "Scslcmzjon". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse*

*(788:1): Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.  
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true  
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.*

## Prayer of the Church – The 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.

## The Benediction

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**G** Amen!

**Closing Hymn 748:5 (WS2000): *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

***5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in my adore Him!***

***All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!***

***Let the Amen, sound from His people again;***

***Gladly forever adore Him!***