



# *Order of Worship*

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 27, 2025

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## **Call to worship** (from Psalm 9 and Psalm 33)

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

**I will tell of your wonderful deeds.**

I will be glad and exult in you;

**I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

**Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

## **Call to confession**

The psalmist King David wrote, "Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin."

Let us confess our sin before God and one another, assured of God's mercy in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

## **Prayer of confession**

**Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## **Assurance of pardon** (Galatians 5:13)

For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**





## Prayer for illumination

Almighty God, your Word is our comfort in distress. It holds your promises that give us life. Give us ears to hear your hope and call. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, we pray. Amen.

## Scripture readings

### Sermon

### Affirmation of faith (from The Confession of 1967)

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.  
We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us,  
the eternal Son of the Father, who became human  
and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.  
We believe that the risen Christ is present in the church  
by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission.  
This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
is the foundation of all we say about God, ourselves, and the world.**

### Call for the offering (2 Corinthians 8:5)

The apostle Paul commended the churches of Macedonia with these words for their generosity, "They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us." As a sign of our dedication to God, let us present our tithes and offerings with abundant joy for all God has done for us.

### Prayer of dedication

Gracious God, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. With glad and generous hearts, we give back what rightfully belongs to you. With open hearts and willing hands, may we joyfully use your gifts to share the good news of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift to this world. Amen.

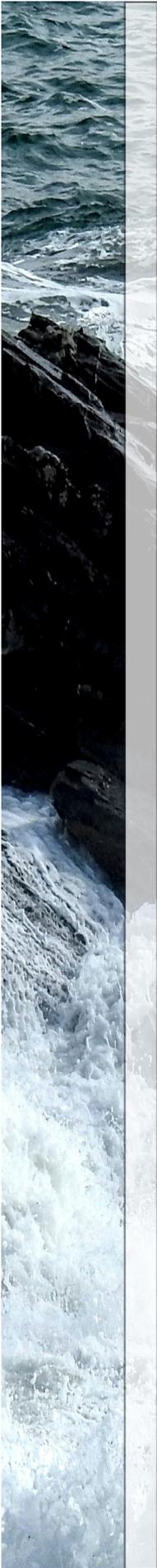
### Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, you are holy, and your name is holy because of your wonderful deeds of power and mercy and love. We worship, praise and adore you as our one true God. We pray our lives and actions as individual believers and as your church will honor your name so others may know your love and mercy and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Eternal God, you are King of kings and Lord of lords. May your kingdom come here on earth so there may be peace and justice for all peoples of this world. May we seek your will for our lives and our church. We ask, we search, we knock, trusting you to provide what we need. May we always strive first for your kingdom and righteousness and trust in your goodness and loving care. Lord, hear our prayer.

Saving God, as you provided enough manna in the wilderness for your children to be sustained day to day, help us be satisfied with what we have. May we live for this day, trusting in your promises and grateful for your provision. Above all, remind us that we do not live by bread alone,





but by every word that comes from your mouth. Lord, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, in you we put our trust and in you is our hope for salvation through Jesus Christ. Forgive us for being quick to judge and reluctant to forgive those who have wronged us. As you have forgiven us in Jesus Christ, may we strive to forgive others with the same grace and mercy. Lord, hear our prayer.

*[The prayer leader may add particular concerns of the congregation and the world.]*

Now, Lord, because we do not always know how to pray as we ought, we offer the cares and concerns of our hearts and lives, trusting that your Spirit intercedes on our behalf. Lord, hear our silent prayers . . .

With the boldness of your children, we pray together as we were taught,  
**“Our Father....”**

### **Charge and benediction** (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Rejoice always,  
pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God  
in Christ Jesus for you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with your spirit.  
Amen.

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