

**And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'
Mark 7:6-7 ESV**

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024
9:00am
Morning Prayer**

PRAYER CARD

If you have a Prayer Request, use the **YELLOW** card that is available in the narthex, from an usher, or in the pew racks. Ushers will collect the cards before the Sermon so that prayers can be offered during the Intercessions.

If you are visiting with us, please use the Information Update on the reverse side of the card. Include your name and address and other important information. If our congregation can assist you in any way, please put that information on the card or speak to the Pastor.

ASSISTANCE

The ushers can supply parents of small children with soft toys, books, and a weekly children's worship bulletin. The parlor (the room behind the sanctuary) has a loud speaker and window so that, if necessary, parents can use it as a cry room and still see and hear the service. Large-print editions of our worship service are also available from the ushers.

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on the teachings of Scripture and in response to the Lord's admonition that, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)," we ask that those who attend the Lord's Supper ask of themselves the following questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's grace? (1 John 1:8-9)
2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (1 Cor. 11:26-29)
3. Do you believe in Jesus as your Savior? (Romans 5:6)
4. Do you intend with the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life? (2 Cor. 5:15)
5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true body and blood in the Lord's Supper?
(Mark 14:22-24)
6. Do you trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in Holy Scriptures? (John 8:31-32)
7. Have you been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
(Matthew 28:19-20)

If your answer to these questions is yes, then we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions, burdens, or doubts concerning the sacrament, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Adults and children not receiving the Body and Blood of Christ may instead come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free rice wafers are available. Please indicate this by clearly raising your index finger. Please inform an usher if you are unable to come to the altar; the elements will be brought to you.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(P/L: pastor/leader A: assistant; C: congregation)

All who are able, stand

THE ENTRANCE AND PSALMODY

□ O God, o - pen my lips.

☐ And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the

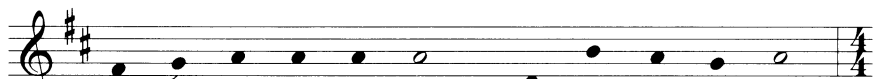
Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; As it

was in the be - gin - ning, is now,

and will be for - ev - er, A - men.

□ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; ☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The PSALMODY begins with this song of praise.



□ Give glo - ry to God, our light and our life.



□ Come, oh come, let us wor - ship.



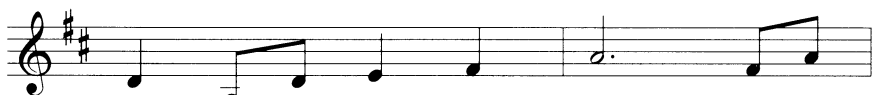
- 1. Come, let us sing for joy to the Rock of our sal-
- 2. Lis - ten, and hear God's voice. Let your hearts be true and
- 3. Now shall we sing your praise as we come to kneel be-



va - tion! Let us en - ter in with a grate - ful. Do not turn a - way as up - fore you! For the count - less ways you have



thank - ful hymn to the God of all cre - a - tion. on that day when your fore - bears were un - faith - ful. blessed our days we shall wor - ship and a - dore you.



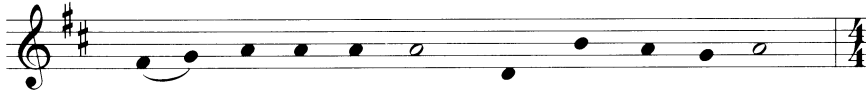
Rul - er of earth and sea, God of You are the Shep - herd true, we the God of the heights and depths, God of



ev - 'ry hill and val - ley; Let cre - a - tion ring with the peo - ple of your pas - ture; Lead us by your hand to the gal - a - xy and at - om, Sea and sky and land fashioned



praise we bring to the One who has called us here.
 prom - ised land, we will en - ter and sing for joy.
 by your hand— You are Sov-'reign of all that lives.



□ Give glo - ry to God, our light and our life.



◻ Come, oh come, let us wor - ship.

All sit

Psalm 14; antiphon: v. 7a



The Fool Says, There Is No God

¹The fool says in his heart, “There | is no God.”*

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,
 there is none | who does good.

²**The LORD looks down from heaven on the chil- | dren of man,*
 to see if there are any who understand,
 who seek | after God.**

³They have all turned aside; together they have be- | come corrupt; *
 there is none who does good,
 not | even one.

⁴**Have they no knowledge, all the evil- | doers*
 who eat up my people as they eat bread
 and do not call up- | on the LORD?**

⁵There they are in great | terror, *
 for God is with the generation of the | righteous. (*psalm continued next page*)

**⁶You would shame the plans | of the poor,*
but the LORD is his | refuge.**

⁷Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of | Zion!*
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel | be glad.

PSALM PRAYER

L: God of wisdom and truth, without you neither truth nor holiness can survive. Show your mighty presence among us, and make us glad in proclaiming your deliverance in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

All who are able, stand

THE LESSONS AND GOSPEL CANTICLE

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.

Text: Anna Sophia von Hessen-Darmstadt, 1638-83; (sts. 1-3): tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860-1942, alt.; (st. 4): tr. Christian Worship, 1993

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FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 29:11-19

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed."

¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

¹³And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,
¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"

¹⁶You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
"He did not make me";
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
"He has no understanding"?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:22-33

Wives and Husbands

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

At this time, the children are invited to come to the front for a message. After the message, the PRAYER CARDS can be handed towards the center aisle and given to an usher.

All who are able, stand

Mark 7:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Traditions and Commandments

¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The fifth verse is sung in canon (commonly known as a “round”).

The window side, group 1 begins singing.

The wall side, group 2, waits to begin singing until group 1 completes the first phrase.

1.*
2.

All 1. Blest be the God — of Is - ra - el — Who
All 2. The proph - ets sang — that God would come — And
Women 3. God's might - y arm — shall set us free — To
Men 4. O Child, you shall — pre - pare the way, — God's
All 5. As dawn brings hope — to those in gloom — When

saves and sets us free; From Da - vid's house a
 shat - ter ha - tred's might; The prom - ise made to
 wor - ship with - out fear, So good and right - eous
 proph - et you shall be, And speak sal - va - tion's
 fear and sad - ness cease, God's mer - cy lights our

Sav - ior comes To end all tyr - an - ny.
 A - bra - ham Ful - filled with - in our sight.
 we might be And faith - ful year to year.
 heal - ing word: God's won - drous ju - bi - lee.
 fail - ing hearts And guides our feet to peace.

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: God our strength,

C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

C: Amen

THE PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

The PRAYERS begin with a litany, sung by the leader and congregation to the following pattern:

□ Let us pray... we bring our prayer to you.

■ Good and gra-cious God, hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom;

C: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Other prayers and intercessions are said by the leader with the congregation responding "Amen" to each. In concluding the prayers the leader says:

L: God of endless blessings, we thank you for bringing us safely into this new day. Give us compassion and courage that all we do this day might be a faithful and joyous offering to you, that we might serve you and all your children in loving stewardship of your wondrous creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who taught us to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

All sit

OFFERING AND SERMON

OFFERING

Offerings can be given in the offering plate outside the back door of the sanctuary before or after worship

582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for-



ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our



chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it



is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its



teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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SERMON

All who are able, stand

THE DISMISSAL

PRAYER

L: Gracious and loving God, for our redemption you sent Jesus Christ, your Son, into the midst of your creation, as Word and witness, sacrifice and Savior.

C: Help us all to take up our own cross each day, and follow his example as faithful and compassionate servants. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and evermore.

C: Amen.

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1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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