

# *House of Prayer Lutheran Church*



*"... my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples." Is.56:7*

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**We are a “Church Together”**

God calls us to be a church together as we find ourselves physically separated, but spiritually united as one community of God. Whether you are a visitor or longtime member, you are welcome to join us in worshipping Jesus Christ. You might do this by:

- Using this bulletin as a devotional.
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# **Sunday, July 19, 2020**

## **7th Sunday after Pentecost**

**PRELUDE “Prelude, Op. 28, No. 15”**

**Frederick Chopin**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**  
Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,  
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.  
We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.  
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.  
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.  
We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.  
We sin in thought, word, and deed.  
By your grace, forgive us;  
through your love, renew us;  
and in your Spirit, lead us;  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.  
Our sins are forgiven.  
Let us live now in hope.  
For hope does not disappoint,  
because God’s love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Peace of the Lord be with you; **And also with you.**

**“God of Wonders”**

**Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high**

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth**

**Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night**

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth**

**Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
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**God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
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# This Is the Feast

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.....

**Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son,**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8**

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.  
<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. <sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

The word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 86:11-17**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and glorify your name forevermore.**

For great is your love toward me;  
You have delivered me from the pit of death

**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent people seeks my life;  
they have not set you before their eyes.**

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kindness in truth.

**Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
give your strength to your servant,  
and save the child of your handmaid.**

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me  
may see it and be put to shame;  
because you, Lord have helped me and comforted me.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25**

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (PAGE 142a)

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew;  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup>He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” <sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The gospel of the Lord; **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: Rev. Dr. Daren Erisman**

**“Greater”**

**Bring your tired and bring your shame  
Bring your guilt and bring your pain  
Don't you know that's not your name  
You will always be much more to me**

**Every day I wrestle with the voices  
That keep telling me I'm not right  
But that's alright**

**'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed  
When others say I'll never be enough  
And greater is the One living inside of me  
Than he who is living in the world  
In the world in the world  
And greater is the One living inside of me  
Than he who is living in the world**

**Bring your doubts and bring your fears  
Bring your hurt and bring your tears  
There'll be no condemnation here  
You are holy, righteous and redeemed**

**Every time I fall  
There'll be those who will call me a mistake  
But that's okay**

**'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed  
When others say I'll never be enough  
And greater is the One living inside of me  
Than he who is living in the world  
In the world in the world  
And greater is the One living inside of me  
Than he who is living in the world**

**There'll be days I lose the battle  
Grace says that it doesn't matter  
'Cause the cross already won the war  
(He's greater He's greater)  
I am learning to run freely  
Understanding just how He sees me  
And it makes me love Him more and more  
(He's greater He's greater)**

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**APOSTLES' CREED** (PAGE 105)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (HYMN 752)

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

....Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
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**OFFERING "Because He Lives"**

**Maher**

**OFFERTORY HYMN (HYMN 181)**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence, and give us  
a foretaste of the feast to come.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER (PAGE 145)**

**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.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**Response: Amen**

## **“The River”**

**I know a place where we can go  
To lay the troubles down eating your soul  
I know a place where mercy flows  
Take the stains make you whiter than snow**

**Like a tide, it is rising up deep inside  
a current that moves and makes you come alive  
Living water that brings the dead to life, oh-oh-oh-oh**

**We're going down to the river  
Down to the river, down to the river to pray  
Let's get washed by the water  
Washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace  
Let's go down, down, down to the river (You will leave changed)  
Let's go down, down, down to the river (Never the same)**

**I've seen it move in my own life  
Took me from dusty roads into paradise  
All of my dirt, all of my shame  
Drowned in the streams that have made me born again**

**Like a tide, it is rising up deep inside  
a current that moves and makes you come alive  
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God of Wonders

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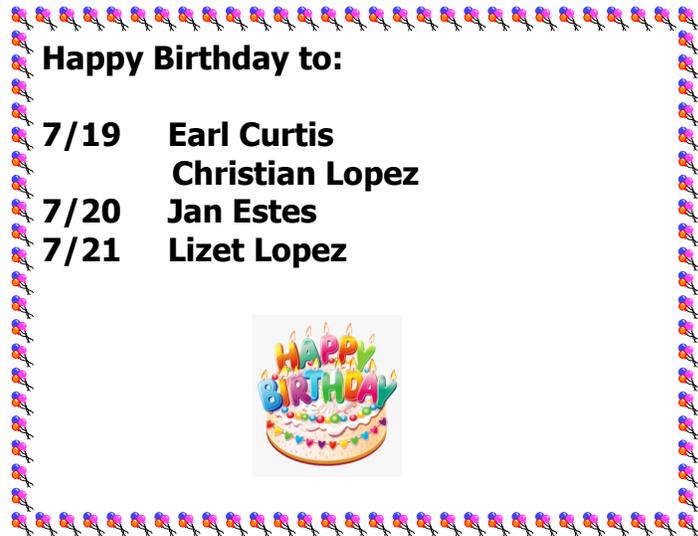
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**POSTLUDE**



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**House of Prayer Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**is called to proclaim the creative and redemptive work of God,**  
**in lives of loving service to its fellowship,**  
**to North San Diego County and, in cooperation with others**  
**to the ends of the earth.**