

<p><b>SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> <b>JULY 19, 2020</b></p>
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HYMN - 214 “Jerusalem the Golden”

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died, Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LESSON – Romans 7:15-25

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## PSALM 145

M: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

**C: his greatness no one can fathom.**

M: One generation will commend your works to another;

**C: they will tell of your mighty acts.**

M: The Lord upholds all those who fall.

**C: and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

M: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

**C: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

M: The LORD is near to all who call on him;

**C: to all who call on him in truth.**

M: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;

**C: he hears their cry and saves them.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL - Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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HYMN – 419:1-4 "If God Himself Be for Me"

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## LORD'S PRAYER

### PRAYER

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN - 417 "I'm But a Stranger Here"

OFFERING - *Offerings may be placed in the plate as you leave the sanctuary.*

HOLY COMMUNION – *We invite those who agree with the teachings of this church and of the WELS to partake of the true body and blood of Jesus Christ.*

*Those who desire to receive Holy Communion are asked to remain seated while the rest of the congregation is dismissed during hymn 317. Ushers will dismiss from back to front.*

*Communicants please pause in front of the elder to receive the bread in your hand. Then pause in front of pastor to take an individual cup from the tray. ☩ ☩ ☩*