



# AMAZING JESUS

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church | Seward, NE

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*July 11, 2021*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and personal assisted listening devices are available on request. The service can be heard throughout the building so that you can participate even if you have to take your child out for a while. Restrooms are in the hall between the chapel and fellowship area. If you have any questions please feel free to ask an usher.

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## **SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY**

### ***Communion***

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. Scripture tells us that we need to examine ourselves before we receive the Lord's Supper so that we do not take it in a harmful manner. (1 Cor. 11:27-29) For help in preparation see page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

Visitors: Because we do not want you to receive the Lord's Supper in a harmful manner we ask that you do not come forward for the Lord's Supper today if you are not members of a WELS or ELS church. The pastor will be happy to share with you the Biblical basis for this practice.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Worship Leader**  
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## DIVINE SERVICE I

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### OPENING HYMN

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* | 340

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of your name.

3 The name of Jesus calms our fears And bids our sorrows cease.  
'Tis music in the sinners ears; 'Tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

5 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.  
His life was once an off'ring made That you might live again.

6 Glory to God and praise and love Be ever, ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

### INVOCATION

*please stand, if able*

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

**C** Amen.

### CONFESSION

**M** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

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

## ABSOLUTION

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**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.**

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*The Word*

## FIRST LESSON

*Ezekiel 2:1-7*

He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.” <sup>2</sup>The Spirit entered into me as he spoke to me and brought me up to my feet. Then I heard him speaking to me.

<sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to disloyal nations, who have been disloyal to me. They and their fathers have rebelled against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>These children of mine are brazen-faced and hard-hearted. I am sending you to them, and you are to tell them that this is what the LORD God says.

<sup>5</sup>Then, whether they listen or do not listen—for they are a rebellious house—then they will know that a prophet has been among them. <sup>6</sup>But you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words. Even though briars and thorns surround you and you are living with scorpions, do not be afraid of their words, and do not be intimidated by the look on their faces, for they are a rebellious house. <sup>7</sup>You are to speak my words to them whether they listen or they do not, for they are rebellious. (EHV)

**M** The Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God!

## SECOND LESSON

*2 Timothy 3:10-4:5*

<sup>10</sup>But you have faithfully followed my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfast endurance, <sup>11</sup>my persecutions, my sufferings—the kind that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, the kind of persecutions I endured—and the Lord rescued me from all of them. <sup>12</sup>Indeed, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup>while evil people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

<sup>14</sup>As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them <sup>15</sup>and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is God breathed<sup>b</sup> and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work.

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage,

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<sup>b</sup> Or *inspired by God*

with all patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires. <sup>4</sup>They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

<sup>5</sup>As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry. (EHV)

**M** The Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.

### GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

*please stand, if able*

**M** The Gospel according to Mark chapter 6.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

Jesus left there and went to his hometown. His disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did this man learn these things? What is this wisdom that has been given to this man? How is it that miracles such as these are performed by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

<sup>4</sup>Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own house." <sup>5</sup>He could not do any miracles there except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup>He was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching. (EHV)

**M** This Is the Gospel of the Lord



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Lamb of God, We Fall before You | 354

1 Lamb of God, we fall before you, Humbly trusting in your cross.  
Our great joy is to adore you; All things else are only dross.

2 Jesus is the perfect Savior, Only source of all that's good;  
Ev'ry grace and ev'ry favor Come to us through Jesus' blood.

3 Jesus gives us true repentance By his Spirit sent from heav'n,  
Whispers this assuring sentence, "All your sins are now forgiv'n."

4 Faith he grants us to believe it, Grateful hearts his love to prize;  
Want we wisdom? He must give it, Hearing ears and seeing eyes.

5 Jesus gives us pure affections, Wills to do what he requires,  
Makes us follow his directions, And what he commands, inspires.

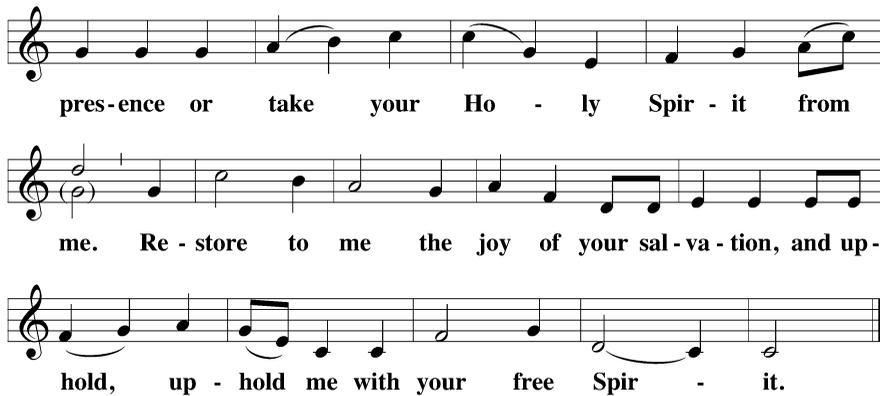
6 All our prayers and all our praises, Rightly offered in his name—  
He that asks for them is Jesus; He that answers is the same.

## SERMON

Mark 6:1-6

## CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a  
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your



pres-ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*be seated*

**OFFERING-** *We present our gifts to the Lord.*

*Offerings may be placed in the plate in the entry. The offerings in the plate will be presented to the Lord at this time. You may place offerings in the plate at any time, or you may give online.*

*1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV) On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income prayer of the church*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**☐ 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.**

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## *The Sacrament*

*Those who have prepared themselves and who have declared their fellowship with us through membership in this or another WELS or ELS congregation are invited to receive the Lord's Supper.*

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

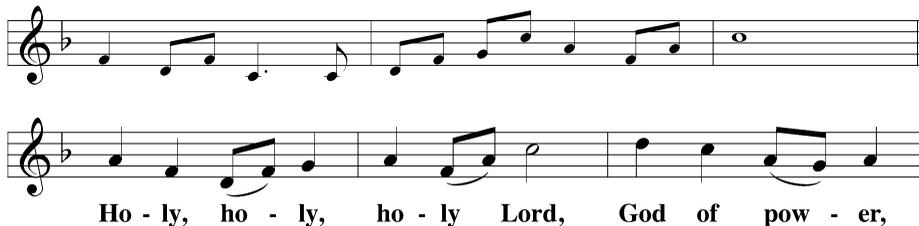
**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise our holy name and join their glorious song:



### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. (8)

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**[M]** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

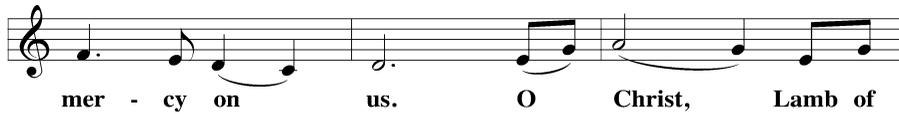
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**[C]** Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of  
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* | 358

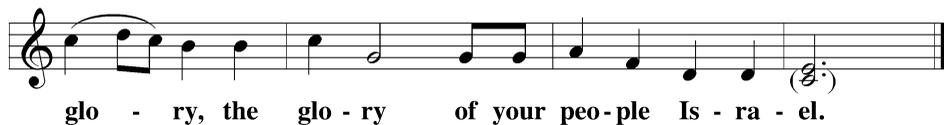
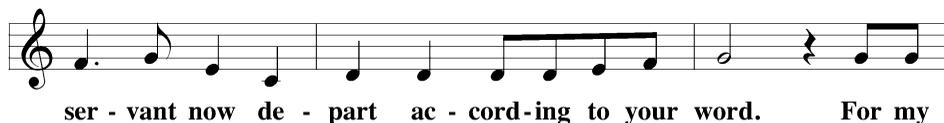
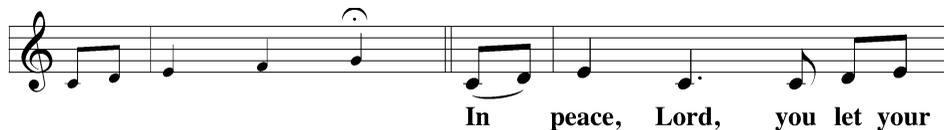
- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away all fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul And to the weary, rest.
- 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place,  
My never-failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.
- 4 By you my prayers acceptance gain Although with sin defiled;  
Satan accuses me in vain For God calls me his child.
- 5 O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Accept the praise I bring.

6 I praise in weakness from afar—How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see you as you are, I'll praise you as I ought.

7 Till then I would your love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of your name Refresh my soul in death.

## SONG OF SIMEON

*please stand, if able*



**[M]** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**[C]** **And his mercy endures forever.**

**[M]** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one

another. We ask this in the name of 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.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Speak, O Savior* | **283**

1 Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning, As a servant to his lord.  
Let me show respect and honor To your holy, precious Word,  
That each day, my whole life through, I may serve and follow you.  
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure And my heart's most precious treasure.

2 Oh, what blessing to be near you And to listen to your voice!  
Let me ever love and fear you; Let your Word still be my choice.  
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at your Word,  
But to all who feel sin's burden You give peace and words of pardon.

3 Lord, your words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty needs.  
Lord, your words are bread life-giving; On your words my spirit feeds.  
Lord, your words will be my light Through death's cold and dreary night;  
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unailing.

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let your words in me take root.  
May your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.