

Seventh Sunday Of Pentecost

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Sunday School resumes September 12

Worship time in July and August – 10:00 a.m.

Bible Class 11:00 – 12 with Pastor or Vicar

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS to greet those around us

OPENING HYMN:

“I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY”

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know ‘tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

REFRAIN: *I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

2. I love to tell the story; ‘tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God’s own holy Word.

REFRAIN.

INVOCATION:

Vicar: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Vicar: Brothers and sisters in Christ, almighty God has given us life and health, grace and forgiveness, and yet we have often forgotten Him in prosperity and complained in adversity. But “the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end.”(Lam. 3:22)

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination)

Vicar: Heavenly Father,

People: **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have also expected blessings that we do not deserve and have failed to use those You have given to us. Often we have complained in illness and neglected to help others when You have provided us health. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant us forgiveness and renewal of life so that we may seek opportunities to serve and praise You each day of our lives!**

Vicar: Our Savior gave His life so that we may have eternal life. The Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts so that we might trust in God’s mercy and grace. As a fellow believer and servant of Christ I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

INTROIT: “Yet, O, Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay, You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand.” Isaiah 64:8

“HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD”

**Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY – read by all (insert)

T H E W O R D

OLD TESTAMENT – (insert) – Isaiah 66:10-14 – Joanne Kushka, Lector

GRADUAL: insert: spoken by all together

EPISTLE – (insert) – Galatians 6:1-10 & 14-16

GOSPEL – (insert) – Luke 10:1-12 & 16-20

HYMN: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1. **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou has been thou forever wilt be.**

REFRAIN: **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

2. **Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above**
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. REFRAIN.
3. **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;**
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! REFRAIN.

SERMON – Vicar Domenick Lettieri - Theme:

CREED – Apostle’s Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day He rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again 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**

OFFERING – Returning to God a portion of all He gives us to manage.

OFFERTORY - “WE GIVE YOU BUT YOUR OWN”

**We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate’er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

S E N D I N G

PRAYERS FOR TODAY’S NEEDS – led by Vicar Domenick Lettieri

PRAYER - “O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
 (Psalm 34:3)

Let us pray: **Dear Lord, we thank You for all the blessings You have given to this church and this nation. We ask now with humble hearts, for Your direction in the witness we give to You. Help us to be Your people. Renew Your hope in our hearts. Guide us all to do Your will each new day. We ask this in faith And trust in Your will. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.**

At the words of “Lord in Your mercy” -

Response of Congregation: **“Hear our prayer.”**

OUR LORD’S PRAYER (newer version)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN: “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

1. **My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
 No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**
**REFRAIN: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.**

3. **His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
 When all supports are washed away, He then is all my hope and stay.**
REFRAIN.

+++ **Mission: SALEM/Peace – As the Father sent Me I send you.** +++

Vision: Preach – Teach – Heal – doing what Jesus does.

ASSISTANTS IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

- Leader and Prayer Leader . . . Vicar Domenick Lettieri
 Lecturer Joanne Kushka Organist . . . Lois L. Jones
 Welcomers . . . Bill Wilke and Chuck Yung
 Ushers Richard Landseadel, Stephen Jarmusz Sr., Stephen Jarmusz Jr.,
 George Merkt, Rose Ann Merkt
 Altar Vi Kelm and Gretchen Putzman
