

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 7, 2024 – 10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

As we once again celebrate our nation's independence, we will hear much about freedom. As citizens, we give thanks for the blessings we have and for the many who fought for and paid the price for our liberties. While we certainly do not worship our nation, we appropriately honor and give thanks to God for this land in which we can freely worship the one true God. As this national celebration then passes, we are joyful that we don't need an annual holiday to recognize true freedom as Christians. Daily we hold fast to the wonderful news that the battle has been fought and the price has been paid by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that we may have freedom from sin, eternal death, and the devil.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: "My Lighthouse" © Rend Collective

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence, You won't let go In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

Bridge

Fire before us, You're the brightest You will lead us through the storms
(Repeat 3 times)

Chorus

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My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
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Safe to shore

WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God.

Pastor: Lord God, You have given us freedom and called us to follow Your only-begotten Son, to learn from Him, to live and grown in Him, and to tell others of Him.

People: But we have been distracted by the responsibilities, the busyness, and the temptations of daily life in this world as we sin against You and one another in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and left undone, not loving You with our whole heart, and not loving others as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. For freedom Christ has set us free! May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

PRAISE SONG: Your Love Defends Me Matt Maher

Verse 1

You are my joy, You are my song
You are the well, the One I'm drawing from
You are my refuge, my whole life long
Where else would I go?

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

Verse 2

Day after day, night after night
I will remember, You're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war already won
I know the war is already won

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

Bridge

We sing Hallelujah You're my portion
My salvation Hallelujah

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
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You're my portion My salvation

Hallelujah You're my portion My salvation

Children's Bible Reading: Page 302

First Reading: Ezekial 2:1-5

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says.' And whether they listen or fail to

listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Here ends the Reading.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong

Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few

sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX

OFFERING SONG: “Oh My Strength” © Jacob Daniel

Verse 1

Oh my strength, come quickly now Be not far from where I am
There is no one here to help me Lord Lonely footprints in the sand

Verse 2

Oh my strength, come quickly now For my voice has words to say
How can You even hear me Lord When I cannot speak Your name?

Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son
I am loved by an everlasting love

Verse 3

Oh my strength, come quickly now Bring my focus back to You
 Help to dim other desires Lord And my life be Your love's proof

Verse 4

Oh my strength, come quickly now It gets harder every day
 Please hands hold back my enemies So my weakened voice can say

Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son
 I am loved by an everlasting love

Bridge

Oh be present in my thoughts Oh be present in my words
 Oh be present in my heart Oh God
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 Oh be present in my heart Oh God

Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son
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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**THE 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.

BENEDICTION

**CLOSING SONG: House of The Lord Jonathan Smith | Phil Wickham
 CCLI Song # 7168995**

Verse 1

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is
 We worship the God who evermore will be
 He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
 My God He holds the victory

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
 There's joy in the house of the Lord today
 And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
 There's joy in the house of the Lord
 Our God is surely in this place
 And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Interlude

We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves
 We sing to the God who always makes a way
 'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave
 My God's still rolling stones away

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
 There's joy in the house of the Lord today
 And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
 There's joy in the house of the Lord
 Our God is surely in this place
 And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Bridge

We were the beggars Now we're royalty
 We were the prisoners Now we're running free
 We are forgiven, accepted Redeemed by His grace
 Let the house of the Lord sing praise!

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('Cause) We were the beggars Now we're royalty
 We were the prisoners Now we're running free
 We are forgiven, accepted Redeemed by His grace
 Let the house of the Lord sing praise!

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
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Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!