

First English Lutheran Church

1311 East 18th Street

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8:00 & 10:45 am Communion Service

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Pentecost 7

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PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Prelude, Ringing of the Bells

Opening Hymn - LSB # 584 "Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing"

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone.

C: Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson - Isaiah 44:6-8 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. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle - Romans 8:18-27 ¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in

hope²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please rise)

Holy Gospel - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they

will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn - LSB # 493 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

Sermon

Nicene Creed (Inside back cover of hymnal)

Offertory Hymn - LSB #851 vs 1-2 "Lord of Glory"

Prayers

Hymn Of Praise - LSB #790 vs. 1 and 4 "Praise to the Lord"

ORDER OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Exhortation

P: Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves as St. Paul tells us to do, for this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

C: But as we thus examine ourselves, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we cannot set ourselves free.

P: That is why our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and has taken on Himself our nature;

C: that He might fulfill for us the whole law of God and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved.

P: That we might all the more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith, Christ has instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feeds us with His body and gives us to drink of His blood.

C: Therefore, whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in him, and has eternal life.

P: We should do this also in remembrance of Him, showing His death,

C: That He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification,

P: And, giving Him our most hearty thanks, take up our cross and follow Him and according to His commandment to love one another as He has loved us.

C: For we are all one body, even as we all eat of His Body and drink of His Blood.

P: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But, I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith and confidence in Him.

C: Amen.

P: I stand before you as God's ambassador and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ announce that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Communion Collect

P: Lord of heaven and earth, we praise and thank you for having had mercy on those whom you created, sending your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and to be our Savior.

C: With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

P: Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, we beg you, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

C: Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament.

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us. . .

ALL: "Our Father, who art. . ."

Consecration of Bread and Wine Communion Distribution

Hymns

LSB # 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB # 507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB # 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

LSB # 628 "Your Table I Approach"

Collect After Holy Communion

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and praise you that you have again revived us with the gift of this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation in Your holy Body and Blood that we may now depart with peace and joy, knowing that we are reconciled to God; for You live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn - LSB # 922 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Announcements and Postlude

† † † **HOLY COMMUNION** † † †

We ask our visitors to note that our Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion is different than that of most other churches. We have always believed that Christ's body and blood are present, in a very real way, in, with, and under the bread and wine ("*This is my body . . . This is my blood.*" Matt. 26:26,28). We also believe that this eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood forgives our sins and strengthens our faith.

By communing together we become united, not only in saving faith, but also in belief regarding the scriptural teachings of the Lord's Supper. Expressions of unity we feel should be honest. We love and respect other Christians who believe differently, and welcome all to worship with us. ***Because of our understanding of communion fellowship, we invite only members of First English Lutheran Church and those who are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri synod (LCMS) to commune here.***

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion, which are printed out on the white cards found in the rack on the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. Small children are invited to accompany their parents if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

† † **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** † †

Sometime during the service we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

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