

# Seventh Sunday after Trinity

15 July 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 47:3, 6-8; antiphon: Ps. 47:1-2*)



*Clap your hands, all | peoples!\**  
*Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!*  
 For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,\*  
 a great king over | all the earth.  
*He subdued peoples | under us,\**  
*and nations un- | der our feet.*  
 Sing praises to God, sing | praises!\*  
 Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!  
*For God is the King of | all the earth;\**  
*sing praises | with a psalm!*  
 God reigns over the | nations;\*  
 God sits on his | holy throne.  
*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**  
*and to the Holy | Spirit;*  
*as it was in the be- | ginning,\**  
*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*  
*Clap your hands, all | peoples!\**  
*Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!*  
 For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,\*  
 a great king over | all the earth.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## GRADUAL (*Ps. 34:11, 5*)

*Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;\**  
*I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.*  
*Those who look to him are | radiant,\**  
*and their faces shall never | be ashamed.*

### Old Testament: Genesis 2:7-17

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. <sup>10</sup>A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. <sup>11</sup>The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. <sup>12</sup>And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup>The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup>And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. <sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

### Epistle: Romans 6:19-23

<sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness

leading to sanctification. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Holy Gospel: Mark 8:1-9

<sup>1</sup>In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, [Jesus] called his disciples to him and said to them, <sup>2</sup>"I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup>And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." <sup>4</sup>And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" <sup>5</sup>And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." <sup>6</sup>And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. <sup>7</sup>And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. <sup>8</sup>And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. <sup>9</sup>And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

<sup>8</sup> **And they ate and were satisfied.**

- The crowds' bellies are satisfied, and they did nothing to merit or deserve it. The daily bread God provides is purely out of His divine goodness and mercy. So too, is the spiritual food He provides. We are not worthy of the Good News of Christ Jesus, "who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25); it is purely out of God's grace and mercy that He has revealed this wondrous message to us. Just as He continues to satisfy us with "everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes" (SC. III. 4), etc., so also does He continue to satisfy us with spiritual food through the preaching and hearing of His Word, through the regenerative nature of holy Baptism, through Absolution, and through His blessed Sacrament.

**And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.**

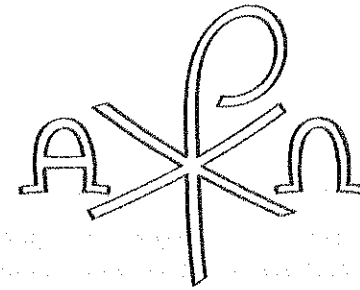
- The disciples gathered up the fragments and filled seven large baskets. For you see, men can never contain the bounty of the Lord. His mercy and generosity are far greater than our actual needs, as is His love far greater than our sins.

<sup>9</sup> **And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.**

- "This is the second time our dear Lord Jesus performed this miracle. For on [Laetare] Sunday we heard that he fed five thousand men, besides women and children, with five loaves and two fishes, and twelve baskets full remained over. But in this gospel we hear that he fed four thousand people with seven loaves and a few fishes, and seven baskets full remained over. He gives us this miracle twice for our instruction and comfort against the temptation of care for the body and temporal nourishment and support of the church on earth. We see here two kinds of comfort; namely that our dear Lord Christ will nourish both the soul with the word and the body with bread." (Martin Luther, *Explanatory Notes on the Gospels*, 93).



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# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Derrick C. Brown

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## Collect of the Day:

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## Introit:

Psalm 47:3, 6-8 (antiphon: Psalm 47:1-2) – *God is the King of all the earth*

## Psalm:

Psalm 33:1-11 (antiphon: v. 6) – *By the Word of the LORD the heavens were made*

## Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 2:7-17 – *The Creation of Man | Life in God's Garden*

## Gradual:

Psalm 34:11, 5 – *Learn to fear the LORD; look upon Him and never be ashamed*

## Epistle:

Romans 6:19-23 – *Slaves to righteousness*

## Verse:

Psalm 47:1 – *Alleluia. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! Alleluia.*

## Mark 8:1–9 ESV

### Author and Date:

The Evangelist John Mark around AD 50–60. This is the account of the miraculous feeding of the Four Thousand, which took place around AD 32. A parallel account of this miracle is found in Matthew 15 [28–38].

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- For three days, the crowd had been listening to the teachings of Jesus; three days since they had left what they had been doing and followed after Him. For three days, He has been feeding them the Bread of Life—the very words that proceed from the mouth of God—identifying the lies they had been following, calling them to repent of their sinful dissatisfaction, forgiving them of their sins, and thus delivering them from the lies to the truth that gives real satisfaction and everlasting life in the Kingdom of Heaven.
- The same Lord from whom Adam and Eve fled, for they had eaten of the forbidden tree, and thus brought a curse upon the earth that causes man, to this day, to labor for daily bread and suffer and die from the very things we eat and put in our bodies; this same Lord, once rejected in the Garden of Eden and who would once again be rejected in another garden—the Garden of Gethsemane—and be put to death on a tree, and become a curse for us (Galatians 3:13); this same Lord has compassion on those who have been inwardly digesting the spiritual food He had been providing—His preaching and teaching, by feeding them with earthly food as well.
- For when Jesus says He has compassion, He is, in effect, saying: “I share in your sufferings; I share in your burdens. I know them, and I desire to support you through them”, because that is what compassion is: to suffer with, to suffer alongside of. For inasmuch as the crowd had been listening for three days, so too, had Jesus been teaching and preaching for three days. He was in the same boat as them, so to speak. He felt compassion—He felt what they were feeling—and so He is moved to act.

<sup>4</sup> And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?”

- “Here [the disciples] exposed their unbelief to broad daylight, for if they had seen bakers’ and fishmongers’ booths before their eyes, they would have certainly have had assurance. But presently they saw nothing before their eyes, their assurance was gone, and as far as they knew, the people would have to perish forever.” (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 268).

<sup>5</sup> And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.”

- “[Jesus] did not ask as if He did not know it, but that this miracle might be made clear and obvious.” (Ibid.).
- “If God should not act otherwise than according to our thoughts and counsel, he would never be able to accomplish any divine work; yet he still shows himself so friendly that he asks for their advice, lets them speak on the subject, has patience with them, and permits them to go on, so that at last they see their folly themselves, and feel ashamed of their unbelief, when they experience and behold with their own eyes his wondrous works.” (Martin Luther, *Explanatory Notes on the Gospels*, 93).

<sup>6</sup> And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. <sup>7</sup> And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them.

- As with those in the wilderness in our Gospel lesson, so too are our needs very great. We are more like the people in this miracle than we may realize. We can be as isolated as they were. Theirs was a physical isolation, while ours is most often spiritual. We may be surrounded by others, yet still be isolated. Sin is the wilderness that separates us from God and even, at times, alienates us from each other. We can be surrounded by the goodness of God, both His material and spiritual blessings, and yet have no sense of that goodness. And that is an isolation of the worst kind.
- We can neither meet the needs of the soul nor of the body. It is God who meets them, and feeds both the soul and the body.
- Jesus walks into our wilderness and feeds us with bread—both spiritual and earthly. It is of the upmost importance to keep the order straight. Consider how our Lord has taught us to pray: Before we pray for daily bread, we pray that the kingdom of heaven might come to us, that “by His grace we believe His holy Word and [live a godly life] here in time and there in eternity.” (SC. III: 2). In so teaching us to pray thus, our Lord directs our attention to the order in which we ought to pray. Before we concern ourselves with temporal needs, we should pray for spiritual needs. How often we confuse this order, praying first for our temporal needs *and then, if at all*, praying for spiritual needs!

## News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is currently on Summer Break! We will resume classes for children and youth on Sundays & Wednesdays after Labor Day.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 7/19 Brint Christensen, Diane Gundlach, Aletha Jacobitz, Austin Mitchell 7/20 Donna Bond

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 7/15 Carolyn Fredricks 7/17 Summer Nunnenkamp 7/18 Delores Merkel

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 7/19 Dale & Anna Ellis, Whitney & Kayla Reutzel 7/20 Dr. Phil & Becky Hesterman

**HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER** available in the Narthex July 1-August 11, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

Higher Things Conference - Senior Youth, July 23 - 27th

**MEMBERS:** Now that we have a new Fellowship Hall, the Trustees are seeking comments so we can maintain the church and its appearance as efficiently as possible. Please put your written comments, along with your signature, in Gary Ockinga's mailbox by Friday, August 31st.

**HEARTLAND LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is again a part of the Third City Steak Feed which will be held on Saturday, August 4 at GICC. Tickets are \$19 and proceeds from the event will go to support HLHS programs. For more information or tickets call 308-385-3900.

**LIFEQUOTE** "We need to embrace the God Who is found in suffering. He is the man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. He's the Lord who was impaled on a cross. We'd rather Jesus be mild-mannered and mild-tempered, and we'd rather listen to Him preach about lilies in a field of flowers. We don't want to go down that hard path of Calvary. But once we do, I think then we can gain compassion. Because compassion means 'with suffering.' Christian compassion means suffering with the sufferings of Christ." *Joni Eareckson Tada - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

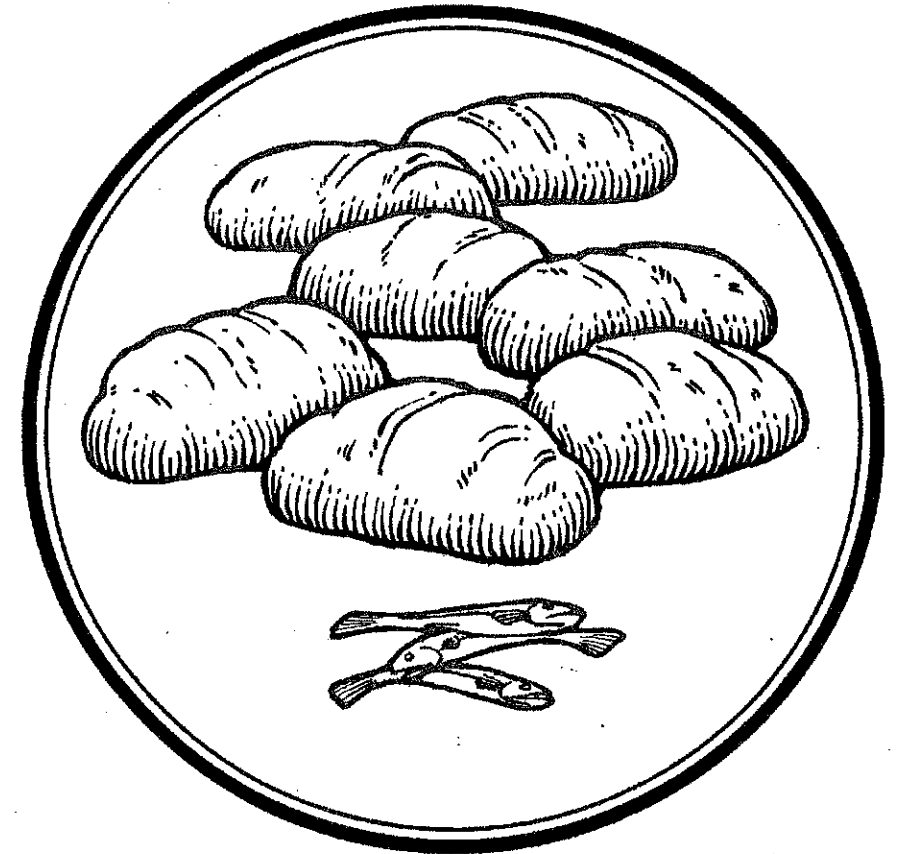
**A MOBILE LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY...**Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's subjects include: The Movie "Ant Man and The Wasp," An Introduction to Ecclesiastes, Ruth, Elijah, Ezekiel, Mary Magdalene and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP (Trinity 7)**

Romans 6:22 - "But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life." The fruit of faith in Christ are the good works of a faithful Christian life. We have received grace upon grace in the free forgiveness of our sins, and so we are now free to go forth and bear fruit in serving our neighbor in the home, the church, and society.

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

July 15th  
8:00am & 10:30am



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## Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

**The Lord's Supper is a Gift.** . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

**All Guests** must visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

**The Divine Service** utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

## Prayers of the Church

**Mourning** + Family of Mark Zimmerman + Family of Alice LeBeau + Family of Mildred "Elaine" Ackerman **Holy Matrimony** + Joel & Mary Davis **Hospice, Recovering, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Brenda Christensen + Ramona Holtzen + Mary Fredricks + LeRoy Thom + Viola Melvin + Harlan Wherley + Allen Glathar + Deb Johnson + Janice Callan + Kay Krueger + Carol Krause + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Carol Smith + Randy Russell + Jesse Bran **Cancer** + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

## In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay  
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk  
 Acolytes: 7/15 8:00am Micah Mackay 10:30am Rylie McAleese  
 7/22 8:00am James Ellis 10:30am Allie Janssen  
 Altar Guild: July: Jena M., Brenda C. Aug: Diane G., Diane S.  
 Ushers: 8:00am Wes C., Zach C. 10:30am Kevin H., Mike Nissen  
 Elders: 7/15 Dale G. 308-641-6658 7/22 Don N. 402-460-6430  
 Bus Drivers: 7/15 Gary O. 402-469-9797 7/22 Harold H. 402-984-9666

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Sunday's Attendance</u>	102	<u>Sunday Year to Date Attendance</u>	122
<u>Last Sunday's Offering</u>	\$ 2,201.00	<u>Jan-June Income</u>	\$ 77,105.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,378.85	<u>Jan-June Expense</u>	\$ 101,420.00

<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Jan-May Income</u>	\$ 34,408.00
<u>May '18 Remaining Balance</u>	\$ 195,555.00

*A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting.  
 Questions? Contact our Treasurer, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com*

## The Lord's Week

Sunday, July 15th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Class
	10:30am	Divine Service
Monday, July 16th	6:30pm	L.W.M.L. Salad Supper, Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, July 22nd	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	10:30am	Divine Service

*Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.  
 The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush,  
 Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com*

## Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7-17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, *"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground . . ."* (Gen. 3:19). In other words, *"The wages of sin is death"* (Rom. 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1-9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For *"the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom. 6:23).



**DIVINE SERVICE**  
*Setting Four*

Prelude & Ringing of Bells  
 Hymn #790

8am **Confession & Absolution** p.203

10:30am **Holy Baptism** p.268  
**Hymn** #605

**Service of the Word**  
 Introit *insert*

Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis  
 Salutation & Collect  
 Old Testament Reading *insert*

Gradual  
 Epistle Reading  
 Alleluia and Verse

Gospel Reading  
 8am Apostles' Creed p.207

Sermon Hymn #819

Sermon Gen. 2:9; Mk. 2:8  
*"Good Food Satisfies"*

Prayer of the Church  
 Offering

**Service of the Sacrament** p.208  
 Preface & Sanctus

Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
 The Words of Our Lord  
 Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

Distribution #634 #566 #711  
 Nunc Dimittis

Post-Communion Collect  
 Benedicamus & Benediction  
 Hymn #918

**Announcements**  
 Postlude