

Pentecost 2

June 22, 2025

Second Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 7 (Year C)

There is a profound movement in the Scriptures for today: Israel is judged “rebellious,” and the door for the Gentiles to receive God’s grace begins to open. Salvation is a gift from God to repentant sinners, who by faith are no longer captive to the law but are freed to live joyfully, trusting they are saved by grace. The result of that freedom is the declaration to all who will listen of what Christ has done for us.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9

Rebellious Israel

The prophet recalled God’s words about the rebellious Israelites. They were walking in ways that were not good and provoked the Lord with their idol worship and failure to keep the dietary laws. “I will not keep silent,” said the Lord. He vowed to repay the unfaithful for their iniquities. His true followers, however, will possess the Lord’s land.

Psalm 3

Save Me, O God

The psalmist cried out to the Lord in the midst of his distress at the hands of his enemies. Through it all, the Lord sustained him and brought salvation to His servant and His people.

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-4:7

Now That Faith Has Come

Paul explained to the Galatian Christians how they were captive under the law until the gift of faith was given by Christ. Through Jesus, all who believe are sons and daughters of God. All are heirs according to the promises of God; there is no distinction among races, genders, or social standings.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 8:26-39

Declare How Much God Has Done For You

Jesus healed a man who had suffered for a long time with many demons. This healing, which sent the evil spirits into a herd of swine, scared those who had seen or heard about it. The healed man wished to accompany Jesus, but instead Jesus sent him home and told him to proclaim the good news of what Jesus had done for him.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- * The liturgical color is green.
- * The Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise may be used during Ordinary Time.
- * Use the Apostles’ Creed.
- * Today is Father’s Day in the U.S. Giving thanks to God for fathers is important. Encouraging fathers to be the spiritual head of the household is also a very important part of what we do as the Church.

According to www.churchformen.com, the typical Christian congregation is 39% male and 61% female. Over 70% of the young boys who are in church will abandon it during their teens and 20s.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Just As I Am, Without One Plea	296	---	570	592	193	193
Rise, Shine, You People!	393	---	825	665	---	---
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds	345	---	524	620	195	195
Give to Our God Immortal Praise	520	---	---	848	12	12
God of Grace, God of Glory	415	---	850	705	---	---
In Christ There is No East or West	359	---	653	650	---	---
Blessed Assurance	---	699	---	638	190	190
My God, How Wonderful Thou Art	524	---	---	863	2	2
Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing	559	---	528	886	30	30
Go, My Children, With My Blessing	---	721	922	543	53	53

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

Awesome In This Place
(CCLI# 847554)
Abba, Father
(CCLI# 1204)
Bind Us Together
(CCLI# 1228)
Great I Am
(CCLI# 5881491)
Here For You
(CCLI# 5925649)

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