



Summer Service *July 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.*

We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work and worship on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins to God, whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call. By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to faithful living, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Sisters and brothers, God's grace and mercy are never ending. Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore be at peace.

Gathering Hymn #796 How Firm A Foundation

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
 is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
 What more can he say than to you he has said
 who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
 my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
 The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
 your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**

- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
 my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

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O God of grace and mercy, you call us to proclaim your healing and faithfully fulfill your reach to all. Let us not count the cost of our wins and losses, but keep our eyes fixed on you as we seek your realm of peace. **Amen.**

Children's Corner

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God. 'Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. ' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

The Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #519 Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

**1 Open your ears, O faithful people,
 open your ears and hear God's word.
 Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
 God has come to you.**

Refrain

***God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!***

2 They who have ears to hear the message,

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**they who have ears, now let them hear;
they who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word. *Refrain***

Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version

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Prayers of Intercession

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

(A brief silence)

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. We pray for our **Bishop Kathy Martin**; for *Christ Lutheran* in Kelowna & **Pastor Barbara Groote**; and for *Shared Ministries in the BC Synod*. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint... *Ana B; Carolyn B; Robert & Carol D; Gary G; Donna & Larry K; Gary L; Charlotte M; Colleen M; Mary M. D; Carole O; Paula O; John & Marily; Lorraine & Al; Kristi; Miriam; Tania...* and all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

Offering

The Meal

God is here.

The Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts and minds.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise... *(the pastor continues...)*

Hymn #473 Holy, Holy, Holy *(sung 3 times)*

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.

Text: Argentine traditional

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread *(raise the bread)* and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: *Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

And again, after supper, he took the cup *(raise the cup)*, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*
Amen.

Lord's Prayer Song *(inside back cover of hymnal)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Hallowed be your name, Hallelujah.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth
as in heaven, Hallelujah.**

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

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Give us today our daily bread, give us today our bread,
Give us our bread today, Hallelujah.
Forgive our sins as we forgive
Forgive our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us, Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Save us from the time of trial, save us from the trial.
Deliver us from evil, Hallelujah.
For the kingdom and the power are yours,
The kingdom and the power are yours,
the glory now and ever, Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Amen.

Communion (*those on Zoom will be communed first, and then those in the sanctuary*)
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Happy are those who trust in the Lord.

Bread: "Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, given for you."

Cup: "Take and drink, this is the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Communion Hymns:

#396 Spirit Of Gentleness

Refrain

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;

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and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

- 4** You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940

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#759 My Faith Looks Up To Thee

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Blessing

May the love of God,
the power of +Christ,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
dwell richly in you forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song #797 Blessed Be The Name

**1 Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
blessed be the name, Jesus' name.**

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**Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
blessed be the name, Jesus' name. *Believe!*
Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed be the name, Jesus' name. *Believe!*
Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed be the name, Jesus' name.**

**2 Let us go to Jesus, let us go to Jesus,
let us go to Jesus in heav'n.
Let us go to Jesus, let us go to Jesus,
let us go to Jesus in heav'n. *Believe!*
Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go to Jesus in heav'n. *Believe!*
Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go to Jesus in heav'n.**

*Text: East African traditional, as taught by Deogratias Mahamba
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*Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.*

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Worship Assistants Today

Hymnologist: *John Collett* (musician selecting hymns):

Reader: *Audrey Strauss*

Prayer: *Steven Musgreave*

Communion Assistants: *Flo Bender, Marilyn Gross, Carolyn Iles*

Zoom Hosts: *Glenn Harvey & John Musgreave*

Zoom Greeters: *Dorothy Pagan, Linda Harvey*

Usher: *Peter Clark*

Musician: *John Collett*

Presiding: *Pastor Bill Fehr*

Readings for Sunday, July 14 — Pentecost 8
Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Announcements