



## July 8, 2018: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost at 10:30am

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	Martin & Held
<b>Entrance</b>	<i>God of Grace, and God of Glory</i>	Hymnal 594
<b>Offertory Anthem</b>	<i>Giver of Every Perfect Gift</i>	K. Lee Scott
	<i>Please join the choir in singing the final verse of the anthem printed on the white insert.</i>	
<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	LEVAS 181
	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	Hymnal 636
<b>Exit</b>	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	Hymnal 616
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	Paul Manz

### The Ministry of the Word

#### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### 1st Lesson *Please be seated*

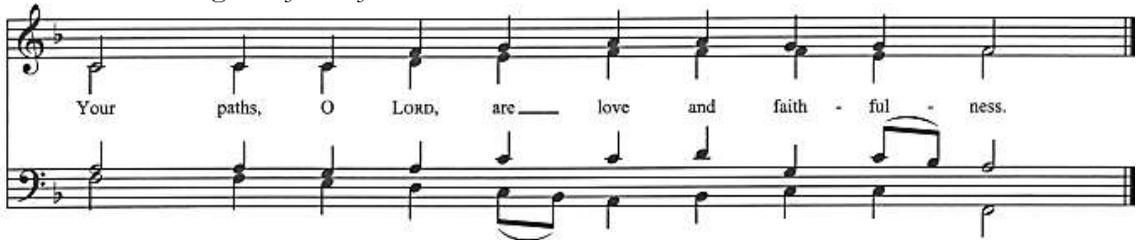
#### 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

All the Israelite tribes came to David at Hebron and said, "Listen: We are your very own flesh and bone. In the past, when Saul ruled over us, you were the one who led Israel out to war and back. What's more, the LORD told you, You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will be Israel's leader. So all the Israelite elders came to the king at Hebron. King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was 30 years old when he became king, and he ruled for forty years. He ruled over Judah for seven and a half years in Hebron. He ruled thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah in Jerusalem. David occupied the fortress, so it was renamed David's City. David built a city around it from the earthen terraces inward. David grew increasingly powerful, and the Lord of heavenly forces was with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 48** *All sing the refrain after the choir, and where indicated.*



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Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised;  
in the city of our God is his holy hill.  
Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion,  
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.  
God is in her citadels; he is known to be her sure refuge. **Refrain.**

Behold, the kings of the earth assembled  
and marched forward together.  
They looked and were astounded;  
they retreated and fled in terror.  
Trembling seized them there;  
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them. **Refrain.**

As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God;  
God has established her for ever.  
We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end;  
your right hand is full of justice. **Refrain.**

**2nd Lesson**

**2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

I know a man in Christ who was caught up into the third heaven fourteen years ago. I don't know whether it was in the body or out of the body. God knows. I know that this man was caught up into paradise and that he heard unspeakable words that were things no one is allowed to repeat. I don't know whether it was in the body or apart from the body. God knows. I'll brag about this man, but I won't brag about myself, except to brag about my weaknesses. If I did want to brag, I wouldn't make a fool of myself because I'd tell the truth. I'm holding back from bragging so that no one will give me any more credit than what

anyone sees or hears about me. I was given a thorn in my body because of the outstanding revelations I've received so that I wouldn't be conceited. It's a messenger from Satan sent to torment me so that I wouldn't be conceited. I pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me alone. He said to me, "My grace is enough for you, because power is made perfect in weakness." So I'll gladly spend my time bragging about my weaknesses so that Christ's power can rest on me. Therefore, I'm all right with weaknesses, insults, disasters, harassments, and stressful situations for the sake of Christ, because when I'm weak, then I'm strong.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel** *please stand*

**Mark 6:1-13**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown. His disciples followed him. On the Sabbath, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were surprised. "Where did this man get all this? What's this wisdom he's been given? What about the powerful acts accomplished through him? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't he Mary's son and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" They were repulsed by him and fell into sin. Jesus said to them, "Prophets are honored everywhere except in their own hometowns, among their relatives, and in their own households." He was unable to do any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. He was appalled by their disbelief. Jesus traveled through the surrounding villages teaching. He called for the Twelve and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a walking stick—no bread, no bags, and no money in their belts. He told them to wear sandals but not to put on two shirts. He said, "Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. If a place doesn't welcome you or listen to you, as you leave, shake the dust off your feet as a witness against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should change their hearts and lives. They cast out many demons, and they anointed many sick people with olive oil and healed them.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Marc Smith
Deacon	The Rev. Chester Hines
Crucifer	Meg Goldstein
Crucifer & Chalice	Mary Haggerty
Chalice	Bill Haggerty
Intercessor	Kristi Mochow
Lectors	Cecily Hawksworth, Katie Kramer
Acolytes	Amanda Willingham, Clara Olliff
Greeters/Ushers	Ron Bullock, Bryant Cooper
Children's Chapel Leader	Heidi Olliff
Altar Guild	Edna Allen, Esther Ezenwa
Guest Organist	Ruth Tweeten

*The altar flowers today are given by Marvin Alexander in thanksgiving for his sons Demetrius, Marcus, and Travis.*

## Announcements

**Laundry Love – Tuesday, July 17:** (6:30pm) Our volunteers take over Classic Coin Laundry (7200 Balson Ave., U City) If you'd like to volunteer, please come at 6:00pm for volunteer orientation. Read more and sign up at [www.holycommunion.net](http://www.holycommunion.net).

**Nursery Wall Construction:** Construction will be starting shortly on a new interior wall at the east end of the Lounge to create a brand new Nursery. We plan to be using the space fully in September. Once construction begins, it should take 1-2 weeks to complete.

**New Diversity Altar Frontal:** This summer, in collaboration with Jeff Wunrow, a local Episcopalian liturgical artist, you are invited to donate a piece of fabric, at least 8 inches by 8 inches in diameter that will be incorporated in a new "green" frontal. Bring in pieces of fabric and/or weaving that represent the diverse cultures and heritages of Holy Communion. We will turn all of the gathered fabric and weaving to Jeff on July 22, and we hope to bless the new frontal as part of our "homecoming" celebration in mid-September.

**Pickup Choir:** July 22nd, August 12th and 26th. Do you miss the choir during the summer months? Then come sing in our summer pickup choir on July 22nd and August 12th and 26th. We'll meet in the sanctuary at 9:30am, sing through the appointed hymns and psalm, then learn a simple anthem for that morning's service. It's a great way to meet a few of the choir members, and to enjoy singing in a choir for a couple days. Questions? Please email Mary Chapman at [mchapman@holycommunion.net](mailto:mchapman@holycommunion.net).

**The Holy Communion Book Group** is taking the summer off. We will resume meetings on September 9 to discuss Amy Tan's novel, *The Bonesetter's Daughter*.