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WELCOME TO BETHEL in the name of our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We're glad that you've joined us for worship! May this time together, gathered around God's Word, be a blessing to all. As you hear of and receive God's forgiveness in Christ, and return your thanksgiving and praise, it is our prayer that you will be strengthened in your faith and your life as a child of God.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE which we will be following this morning is printed in the Lutheran Service Book found in your pew rack, and the appointed Scripture readings for today may be found in this bulletin. Feel free to ask a member of Bethel who may be sitting near you for help if anything appears unclear.



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 8, 2018

OPENING HYMN # 717 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

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PSALM 123 (*spoken responsively, half verse by half verse*)

OFFICE HYMN # 839 “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

READINGS: (*printed on the back pages of the bulletin*)

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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CLOSING HYMN # 728 “How Firm a Foundation”

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.”

²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man 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. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.

²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands?" ³Is 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. ⁴And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.