

**LORD'S PRAYER: Please recite what version is comfortable for you.**  
*(Please be seated)*

**A New Creed** (by Reverend Nicole Collins)  
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**ALL:** St. Paul gave us the 1st creed—Jesus is Lord.  
He continues in his letter to the Philippians to say—to the glory of God the Father.  
We must daily reflect what Grace means to each and everyone of us  
Christ Jesus, our crucified Lord came down to save us.  
He took the form of man as we profess in the universal creeds—  
That He is fully human and fully Divine  
He bore the cross and He rose from the grave defeating sin, death and the devil  
He has ascended into heaven, the land of Grace  
As children of God aspiring children of Grace and promise  
We pledge our lives to live intentionally obedient to the sovereign Lord Jesus  
It is through Him Alone—Grace Alone, Living Word Alone that through Faith Alone  
We can live into the Kingdom of God—the lifestyle of Grace. AMEN

**Prayer for Spiritual Formation** *Bonhoeffer's Prayer from his time in Prison*

**Leader:**

“In me there is darkness, but with you there is light;  
I am lonely, but you do not leave me;  
I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help;  
I am restless, but with you there is peace.  
In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience; I do not understand your  
ways, But you know the way for me.”

“Lord Jesus Christ, You were poor and in distress, a captive and forsaken as I am.

**ALL: AMEN**

**BENEDICTION**

**Scattering Proclamation** *(Inspired from Luther's prayer #126—For a More Charitable Feeling Toward Neighbors)*

Leader: O Dear God, change me by Your Grace... In the name of the  
Father, † Son & Holy Spirit

**ALL AMEN** *(Please make the sign of the Cross)*

† *Thank you for worshiping with us!* †

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**GATHERING WE REPENT**

*(inspired by Psalm 23; P&F Confession for Creation; & Setting 2 from the LCMS hymnal)*

*(Please stand if able)*

**Leader:** <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.—

**ALL: Hear us, Holy God, as we name the many things for which we would like forgiveness and transformation.**

Leader: Gracious Lord, in the fullness of time You helped to bring forth the heavens and the earth. You filled the earth with plants, animals, insects, birds, rivers, fjords, and so much more.

**All: As You looked upon Your Creation you called it “very good.” It is in this “very good” Creation that You have given each of us life – and have invited us to enjoy life abundantly. But sometimes we forget to enjoy the home and life You have given us. So, Gracious One, we pray for Your forgiveness.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: We ask for Your forgiveness for these things because You deserve to have the life and world You created to be enjoyed and cherished. Heavenly Father, transform us by, and open us to, Your abiding presence, so we may live openly to all life around us.

**All: Open us to Your abiding presence.**

Leader: Open us to each other.

**All: Open us to our own selves.**

Leader: Open us to Your Creation.

**All: Open us, so we may have more love, hope, joy, and laughter, to share with You, Your beloved people, and Your beautiful Creation.**

Leader: Thank you for your transforming grace and joy-inspiring love.

**All: Thank you, Gracious Lord.**

*The Grace Hub*

† Sunday Morning Worship †  
July 19<sup>th</sup> 2015

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Leader:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. † Our help is in the name of the Lord

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**ALL: Who made heaven and earth**

**Leader:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

**ALL: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin**

*(Please make the sign of the Cross) †*

**Scripture Lessons for the Morning** *(please be seated)*

**A Reading from The Prophet Jeremiah**

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

**Leader: The Word of the Lord** **ALL: Thanks Be to God**

**A Reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians**

<sup>11</sup>So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and

proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

**Leader: The Word of the Lord** **ALL: Thanks Be to God**

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark**

**ALL: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; <sup>36</sup>send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. <sup>41</sup>Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And all ate and were filled; <sup>43</sup>and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

**Leader: The Word of the Lord** **ALL: Praise to You, O Christ**

**Sermon by Pastor Nicole**

**PEACE † PRAYER CIRCLE † HYMN OF THE DAY —“ALL GOOD GIFTS”**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*Please take this opportunity to reflect in your heart how this Means of Grace— Christ actual presence feeds and restores your soul. As St. Paul would say: Listen with your heart wide open. Then, TASTE, SEE & DELIGHT that the Lord is Good!*