

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27 | 9:30 am

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from Genesis.

Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your
steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

**⁶ The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

**⁸ You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say:
Father, may your name be revered as holy.
May your kingdom come.
³ Give us each day our daily bread.
⁴ And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev Martha McCreight
Musicians Nathan K. Lively-Greyling,
Nanette & Tom Jordan, Alex McGuiness
Worship Assistant
Reader
Communion Assistants
Acolyte
Usher
Altar Committee Sheila Koch
Counters Joe & Cheryl Milukas, Shirley Schulz,
Michele Taylor
Little Free Pantry Shirley Schulz
Coffee Hour

Little Free Pantry

To volunteer and maintain the Little Free Pantry – clean, organize, and restock – for the period of one week, go to the Social Ministry tab on St. John’s website or contact Janet Segerdell - janet.segerdell@gmail.com. The LFP can always use cash contributions which are used to purchase food at the Food Bank for pennies on the dollar.

Summer Pick-Up Choir

If you enjoy singing, feel free to join the summer choir at 9:00 am each Sunday. We meet in the church around the piano. There’s no weekly commitment and it’s fun and easy—a great family opportunity.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 30

Vespers - 6:00 pm Chapel

Sunday, August 3

9:30 am Worship - Sanctuary | 10:30 am Fellowship Hour Welcome Room

Looking Ahead . . .

- August 7 Choir trip to Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, VA
- August 31 Mass on the Grass & Blessing of Backpacks
- September 7 9:30 am Worship Rally Sunday
 10:30 am God’s Work Our Hands Service Project
 11:30 am Church Picnic



We are collecting items for making school kits on God's Work...Our Hands Sunday, September 7. Start looking for school supply items and drop them off in the collection box in the back of the church. **All items are due no later than September 1. If unable to shop, you can donate online or send a check - marked “God’s work...Our hands”.**

Here is a list of what's needed for each kit:

Quantity	Description
4	70-sheet spiral notebook ruled paper - wide or college-ruled
1	30 centimeter ruler (12 inch) or centimeters on one side & inches on the other
1	Pencil sharpener
1	Pair of blunt scissors -(safety scissors w/embedded steel blades work well)
5	Unsharpened #2 Pencils with erasers (secure with rubber band)
5	Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens (no gel ink) (secure with rubber band)
1	Box of 16 or 24 crayons
1	2 ½” eraser

Everyone's help is needed...our goal is to complete at least 100 kits. Thank you in advance for your generosity.