

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 15, 2007

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Introit

The Call To Worship

(from Colossians 1)

We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus
and of the love that you have for all the saints.

**We have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth,
the gospel that has come to us.**

We have not ceased praying for you and asking
that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will,
**so that we may lead lives worthy of the Lord
as we bear fruit in every good work.**

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 466

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Jesus has told us that our lives are enriched by loving You and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is hard for us. Sometimes we are too selfish or too pessimistic, too hollow or too hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to love's demands. Too often we make excuses, take shortcuts, and seek our own pleasure, and yet we find ourselves far away from abundant life. Forgive our sins and direct our hearts that we may find the strength to meet love's demands and the grace to receive love's gifts. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Assurance of Pardon

(from Colossians 1:13)

God "has rescued us from the power of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. . .
. . . in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin."
Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Amos 7:7-17* p. 1048 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 82* p. 666 in the pew Bible

The Anthem "Children of the Heavenly Father" Paul Sjoland, arr.

The Epistle Lesson: *Colossians 1:1-14* p. 243 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 405 "What Does the Lord Require"

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 10:25-37* p. 87 in the pew Bible

The Sermon "Laser Levels, Plumb Lines and other Antiques"
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles Creed* p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering
The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Doxology p. 592 in the Hymnal

God of grace and truth, You fill us with the knowledge of Your will, that we may gain spiritual wisdom and understanding. We seek to lead a life worthy of Your calling in Christ. We bring You the fruit, born of Your graciousness, with the prayer that it may be fitting of Your blessing and glory. In Jesus' name we serve and pray. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude