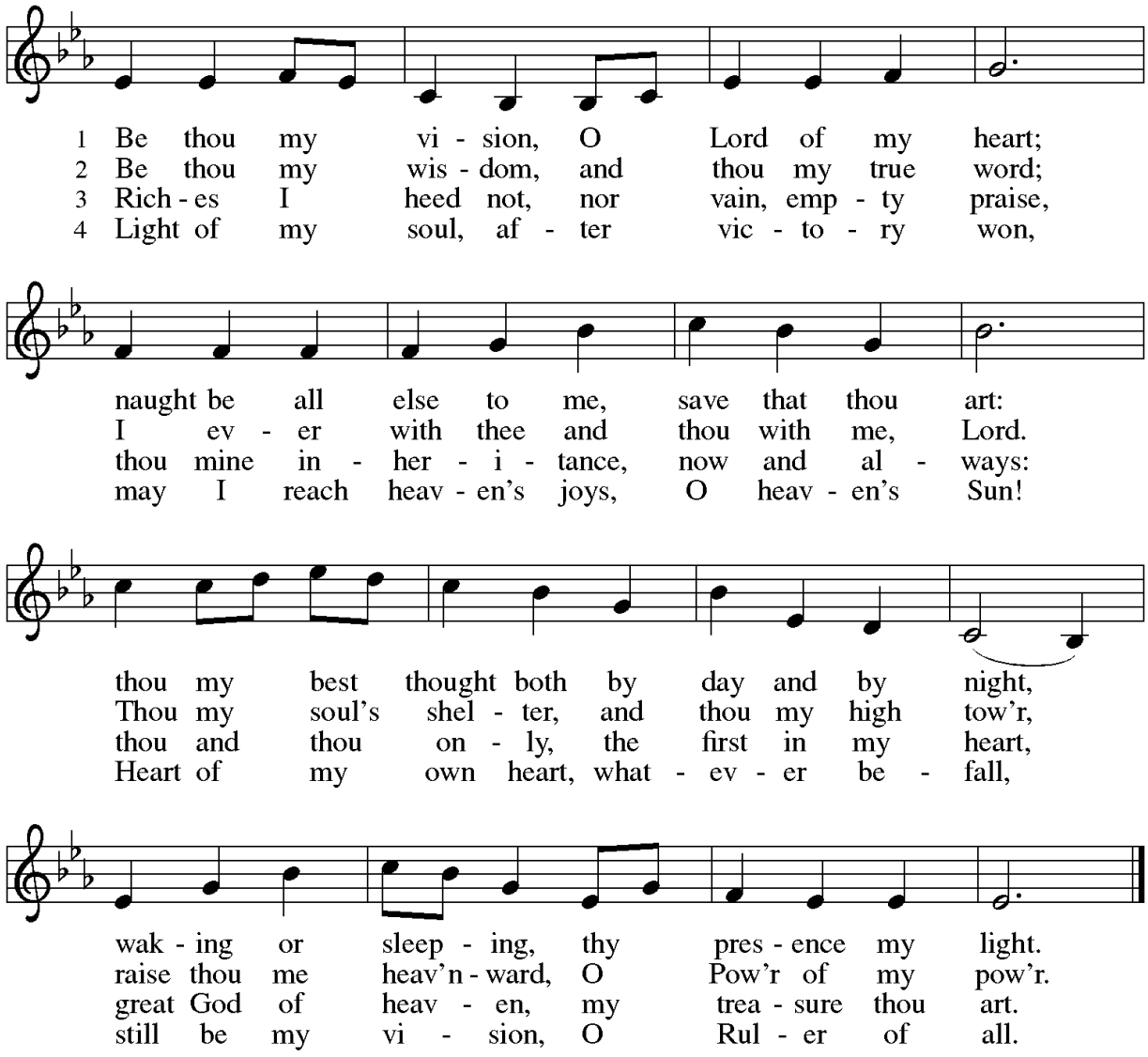
July 27, 2025—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "*Präludium V BWV850 in D dur*" by Johann Sebastian Bach

Opening Hymn ELW #793 "*Be Thou My Vision*"



Prayer of the Day
Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

First Reading **Genesis 18:20-32**

20 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."
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem **"*The Gift of Love*" (Trad. English Melody)**
Adapted from First Cor. 13 by Hal H Hopson; Arr. Lloyd Larson

Second Reading **Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]**
6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, 7 rooted and built
up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
8 Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to
human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ.
9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who
is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual
circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you
were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of

your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, [14] erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. [15] He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [

[16] Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. [17] These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. [18] Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, [19] and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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Gospel **Luke 11-1:13**

[1] [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!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day ELW #720 "*We Are Called*"



Closing Hymn **ELW #866 "*We Are Marching in the Light*"**



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Postlude **"*Fuga V BWV850 in D dur*" by Johann Sebastian Bach**

We thank today's celebrants:

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Deacon: Christina Formeller
Lector: Dan Formeller
Greeter: John Decorah
Soloists: Jade Dashà, Avery Sujkowski
Organist: Paul Dykstra

Announcements

Cleaning Supplies Collection

Help us restock the Resource Closet at Whipple! Our New Neighbor Team is hosting this collection of cleaning supplies to restock the supply for our Concordia Place families. Cleaning supplies are often one of the first items taken from the resource closet by these families. See the flyer in the back of church for a list of items needed and bring any (NEW) donations you wish to make to the church and place them in the gray bins in the back of the sanctuary.

School Supplies Collection

We are collecting NEW school supplies for our Concordia Place families as they prepare to return to school in August. See the flyer in the back of church for items needed and bring any donations to the church and place them in the gray bins labeled for school supplies. This is a great opportunity for kids to be involved with giving back as they shop for their own school supplies!

Summer Worship Time

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