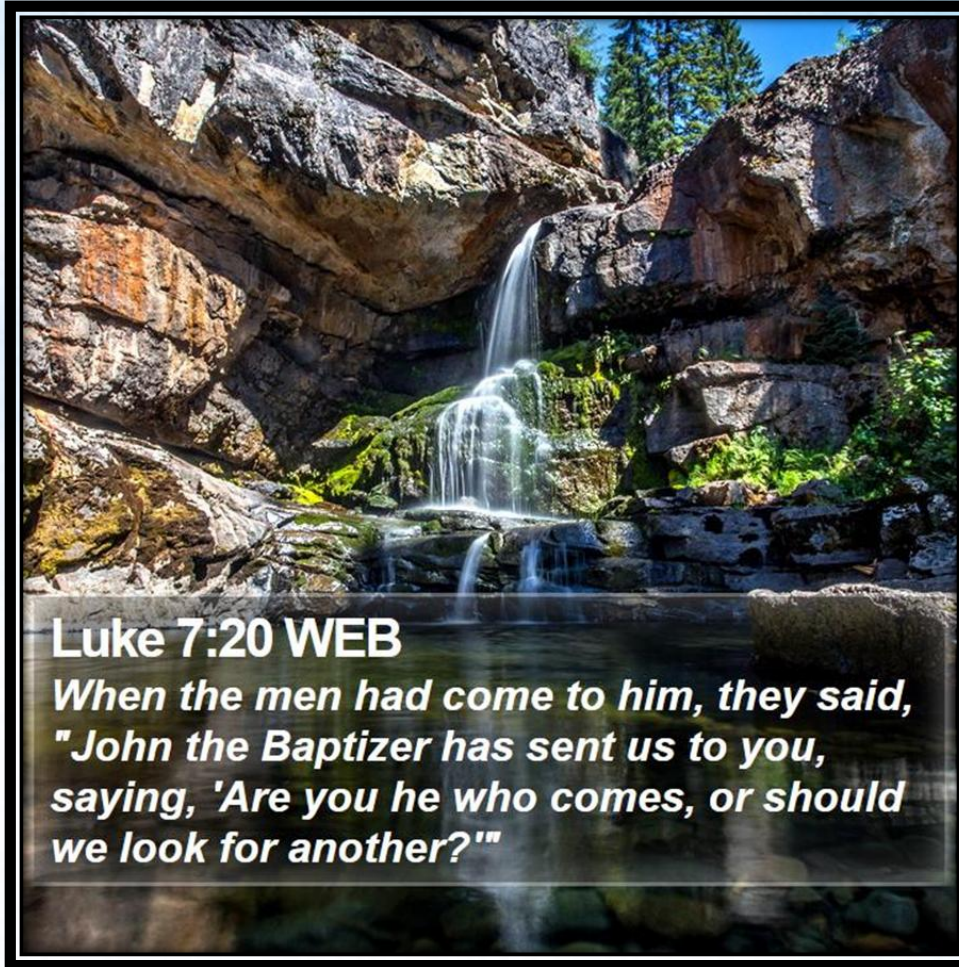


WELCOME!

Trinity Lutheran Church



Luke 7:20 WEB

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February 16, 2025

- * = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated

- **Prelude - *By Roxanne Groff***
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

**L: We confess our sins before God and
one another.**

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: God of light,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: You reveal yourself to us, but we do not see. You call to us, but we do not hear. You reach out to us, but we do not feel. Instead we live as though you are not our God. We act in ways that bring disunity, oppression, and pain to ourselves, our neighbors, and the world.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: Forgive us for our constant wandering. Draw us back into your loving arms and re-direct our steps onto your path of love, justice, and healing, for the sake of all that you have made.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

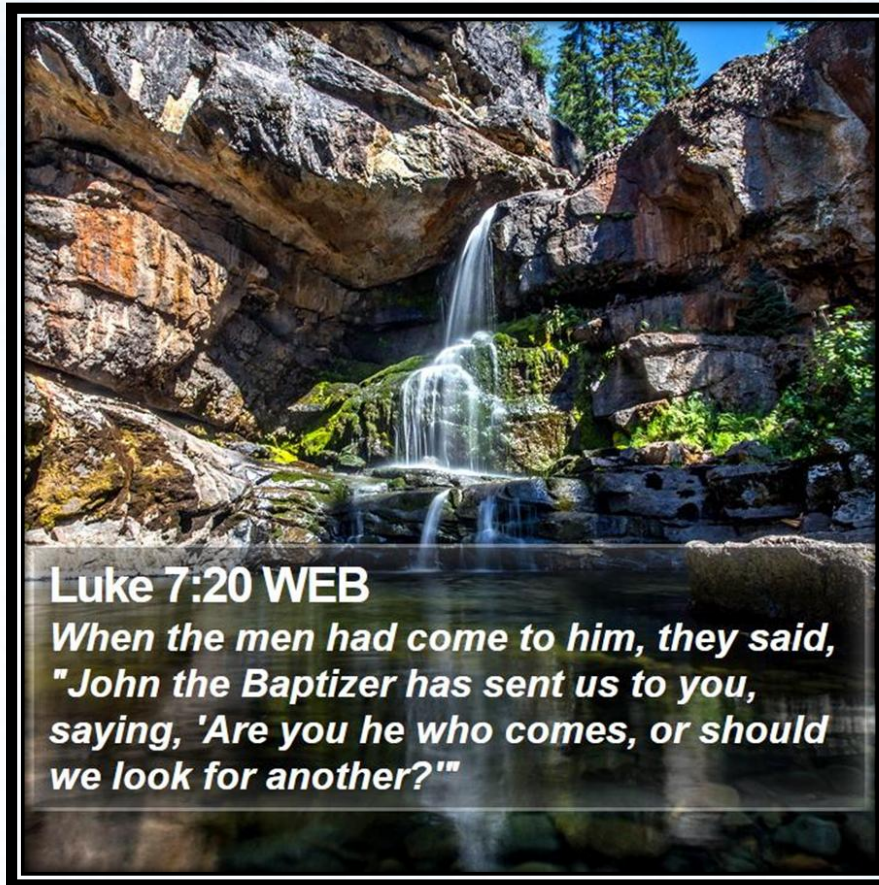
P: Children of light, God will always find us where we wander, and carry us safely home. ✝ Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ, whose sacrificial selflessness has redeemed you and all of creation.

C: Amen

*Gathering Song/Hymn of Praise

Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service

LBW 423



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"John the Baptizer has sent us to you,
saying, 'Are you he who comes, or should
we look for another?'"*

***“Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service”
LBW 423**

**1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.**

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**2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.**

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**3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.**

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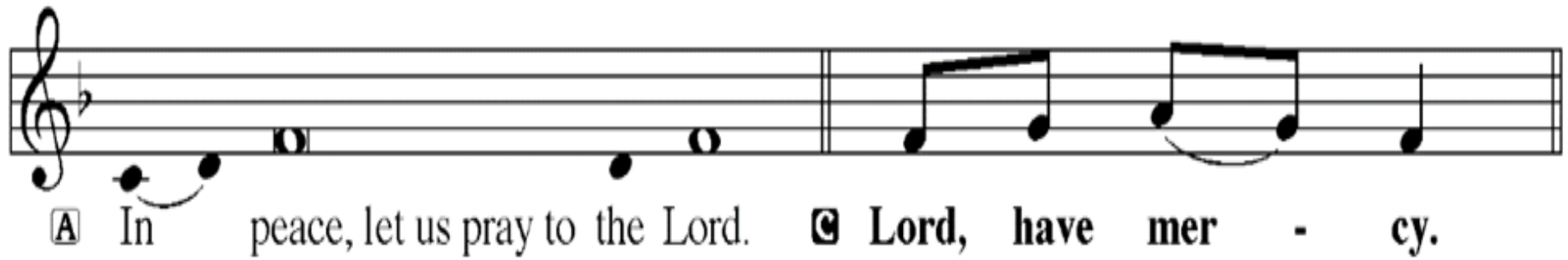
**4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and
comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

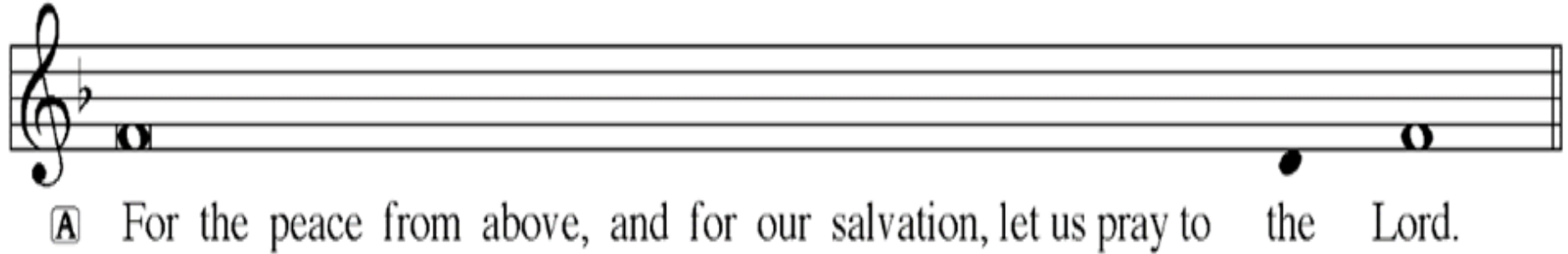
**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

* KYRIE



[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.



[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

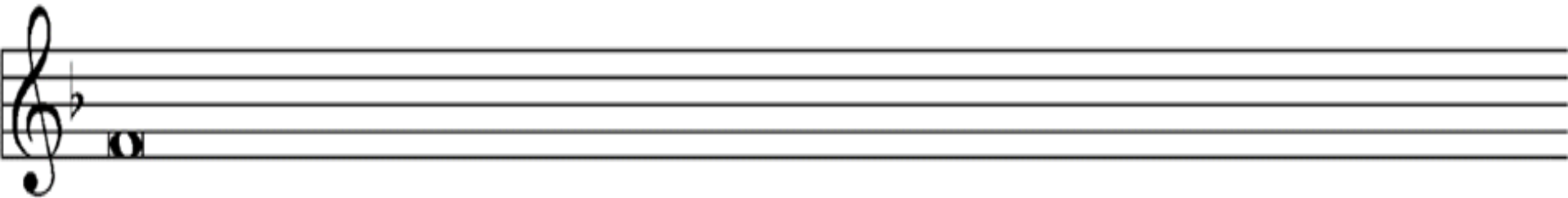


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive
us; in your promise firm we stand.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Gracious God, in all that we do, help us to point to you just as John the Baptist always pointed to Jesus as the one who was and is to come. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen



• **Scripture Reading**

**L: Our scripture reading is from
the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 7.**

C: Glory to you O' Lord!

- **Luke 7:18-35**

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples ¹⁹and sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ²⁰When the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we

- **Luke 7:18-35**

to wait for another?”” ²¹Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are

- **Luke 7:18-35**

raised, the poor have good news brought to them. ²³And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” ²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed

- **Luke 7:18-35**

in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ²⁸I tell you, among those

- **Luke 7:18-35**

born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”²⁹(And all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John’s baptism.³⁰But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers

- **Luke 7:18-35**

rejected God's purpose for themselves.)³¹ "To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like?"³² They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.'³³ For John the

- **Luke 7:18-35**

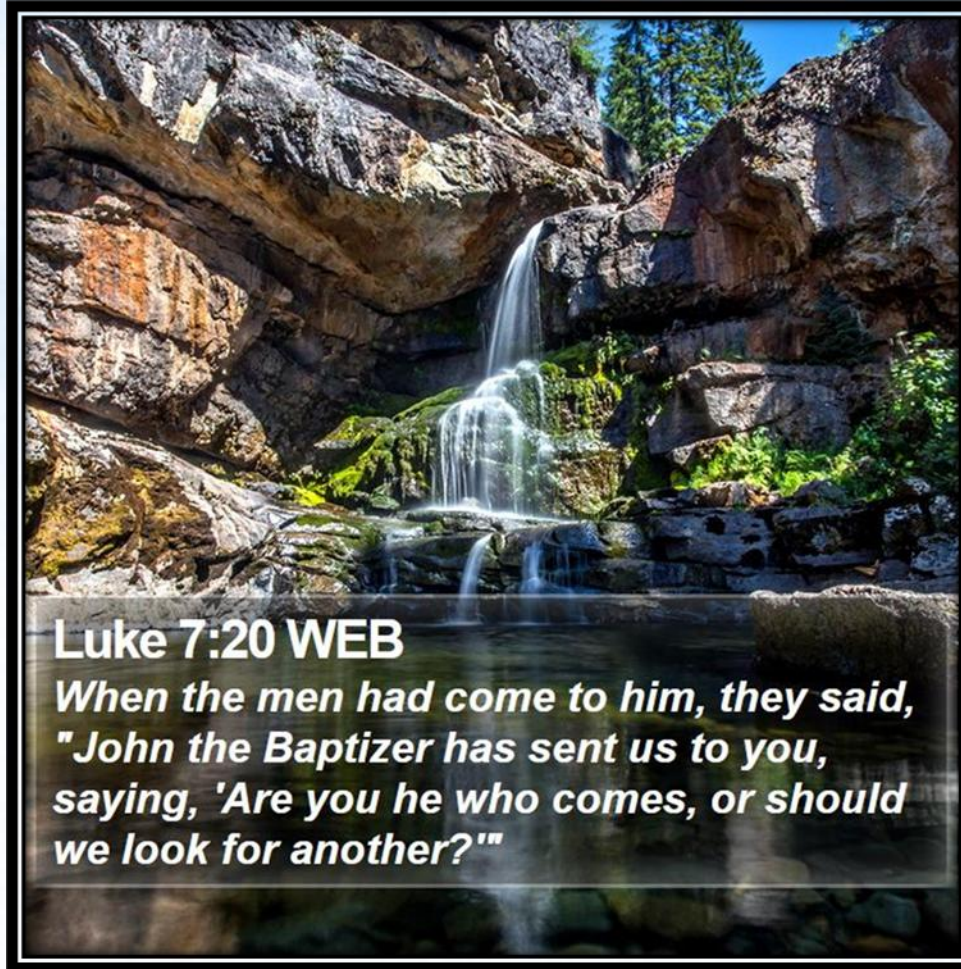
Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon’; ³⁴the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ ³⁵Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”

- **Luke 7:18-35**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon



Luke 7:20 WEB

When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptizer has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you he who comes, or should we look for another?'"

Sermon

A BEATITUDE PEOPLE

A silhouette of a group of people walking and running on a hill against a sunset sky. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and purple. The people are in various stages of movement, from walking to running.

...blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.

Sermon



Sermon



Sermon

*"But who do
You
say that I am?"*

Sermon

A silhouette of two people climbing a mountain peak at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, golden glow. The person on the right is higher up the mountain, reaching out to assist the person on the left. The text "Servant or Friend" is overlaid in a white, serif font across the middle of the image.

Servant or Friend

Sermon



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The Ax is Laid to the Root



**John's vision
of the
Messiah**

**The amazing
grace of God
in Christ
Jesus**



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* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

* APOSTLE'S CREED

C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYERS

Each petition will end with the words,

A: God, draw near,

C: Hear our prayer.

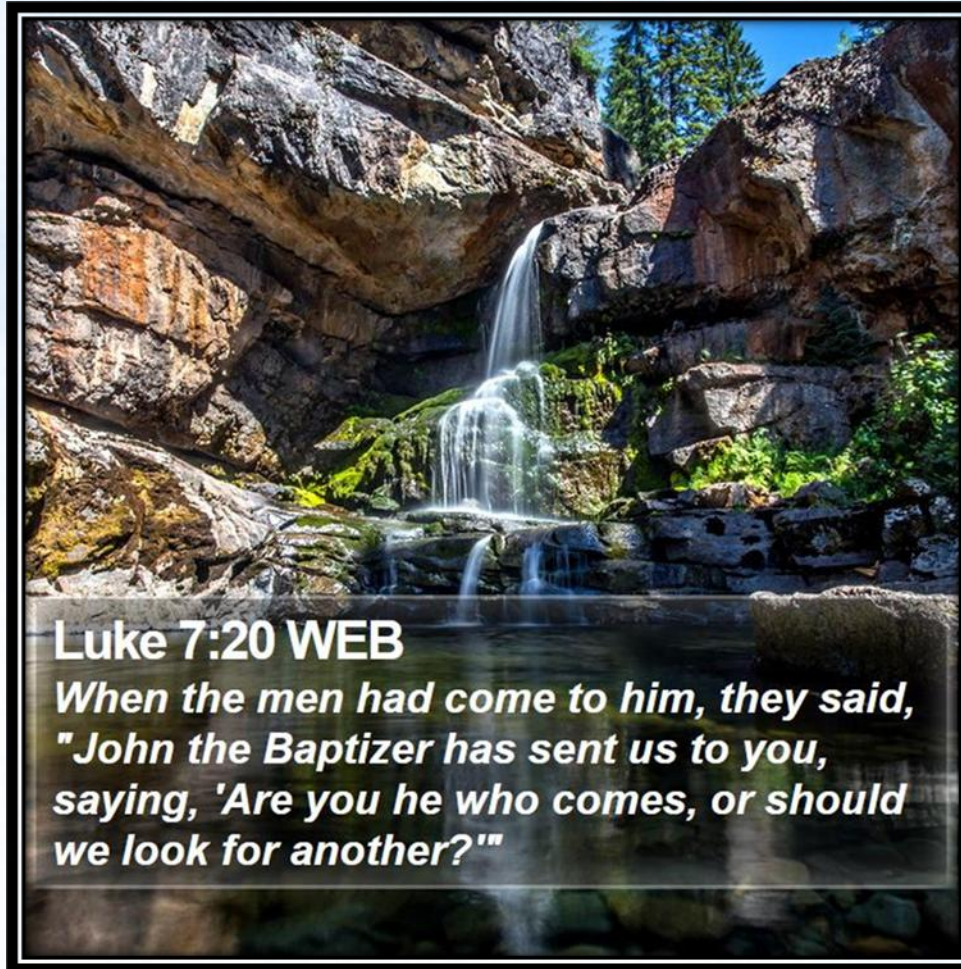
* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: Trusting in your mercy and grace, we lift up all of our prayers to you.

C: Amen.

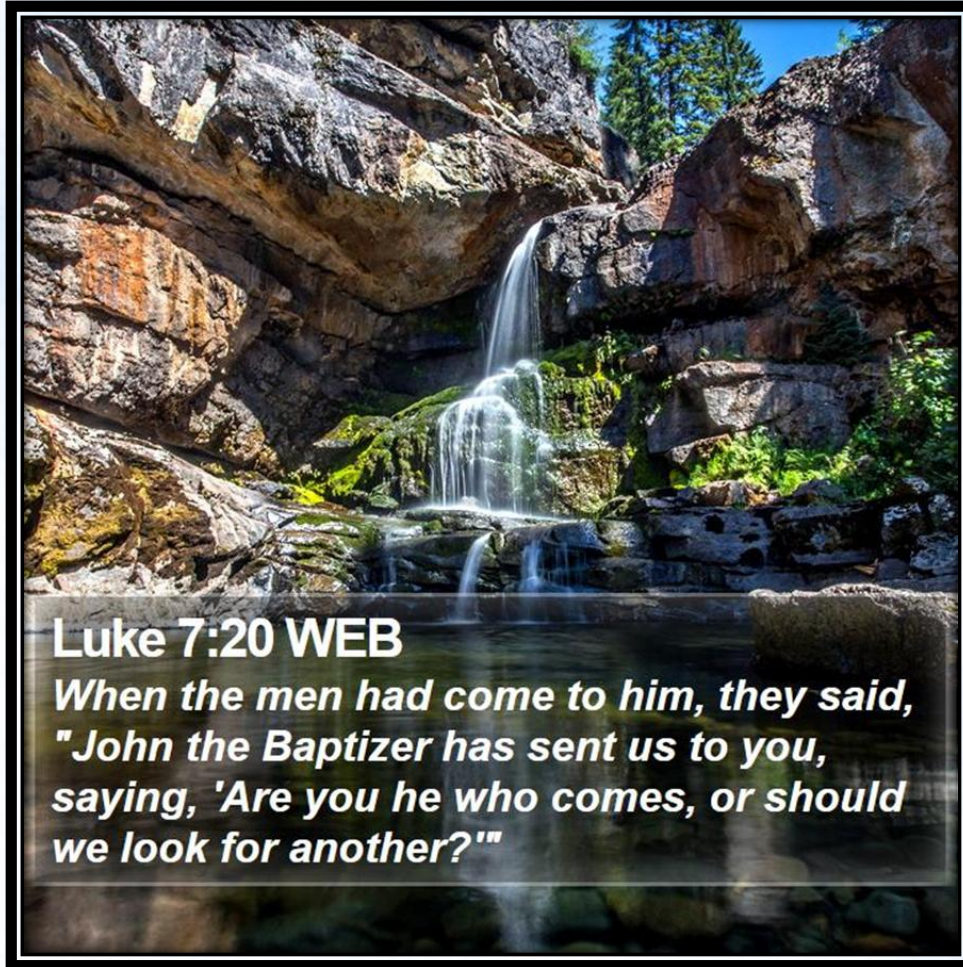
- **OFFERING**



Luke 7:20 WEB

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* OFFERING PRAYER




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* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All the Baptized are welcome
to celebrate this Holy Meal.*

* DIALOGUE




P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

The first line of dialogue consists of two musical phrases. The first phrase, marked with a 'P' (Piano), is a simple melody of four notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The second phrase, marked with a 'C' (Crescendo), is a more active melody of eight notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F4.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

The second line of dialogue consists of two musical phrases. The first phrase, marked with a 'P' (Piano), is a simple melody of five notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, and a half note D5. The second phrase, marked with a 'C' (Crescendo), is a more active melody of eight notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F4.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The third line of dialogue consists of a single musical phrase marked with a 'P' (Piano). It is a simple melody of eight notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F4.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The fourth line of dialogue consists of a single musical phrase marked with a 'C' (Crescendo). It is a simple melody of eight notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F4.

*** THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

**... we praise your name and join their
unending hymn.**

* THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you, O holy God...

...both now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Jesus, the Messiah, friend of tax collectors and sinners, welcomes one and all to the feast of eternal life. This is the bread and wine in which Christ, fully present, meets and nourishes us. All is prepared.

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All will commune “By Station”.

The bread may be broken for distribution.

*As the ministers give the bread and wine,
they say these words :*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

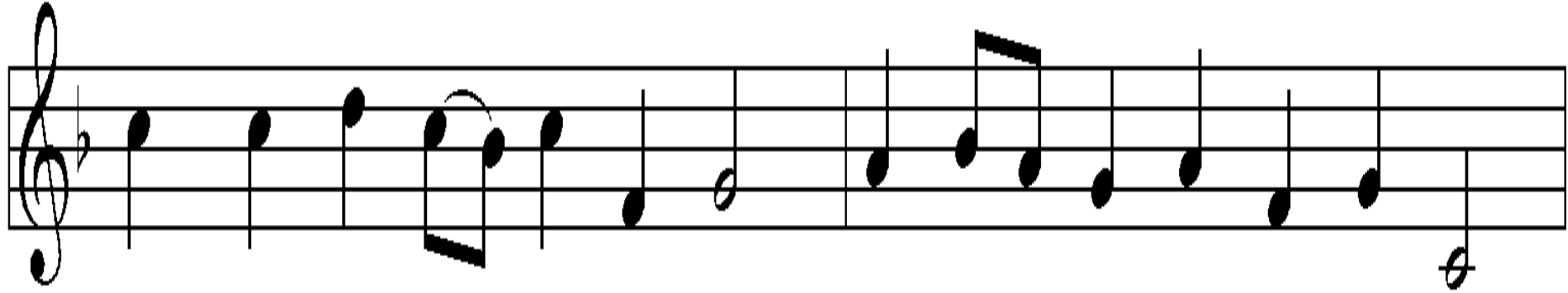
The communicant may say: **Amen.**

* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The blessing is said to all after the distribution by station. It is said after each table is fed at the railing.

P: May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, ✝ strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever, amen.

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE

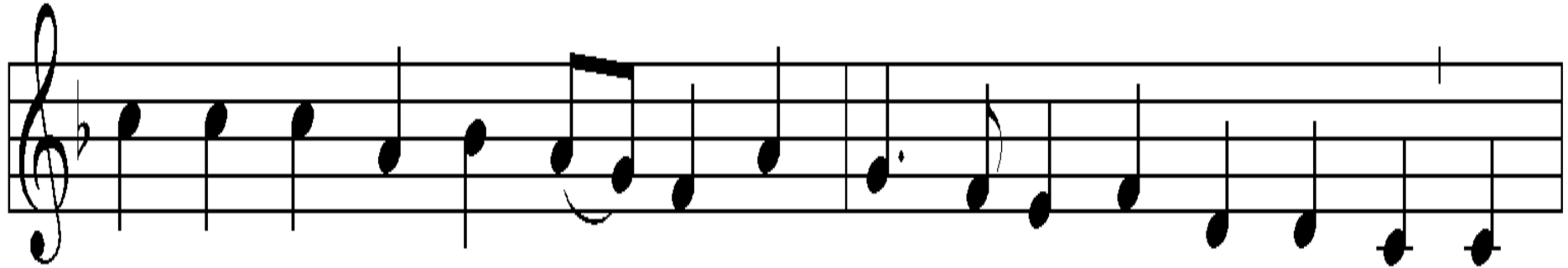


☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

* **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray.

C: Amen.

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* **SENDING BLESSING**

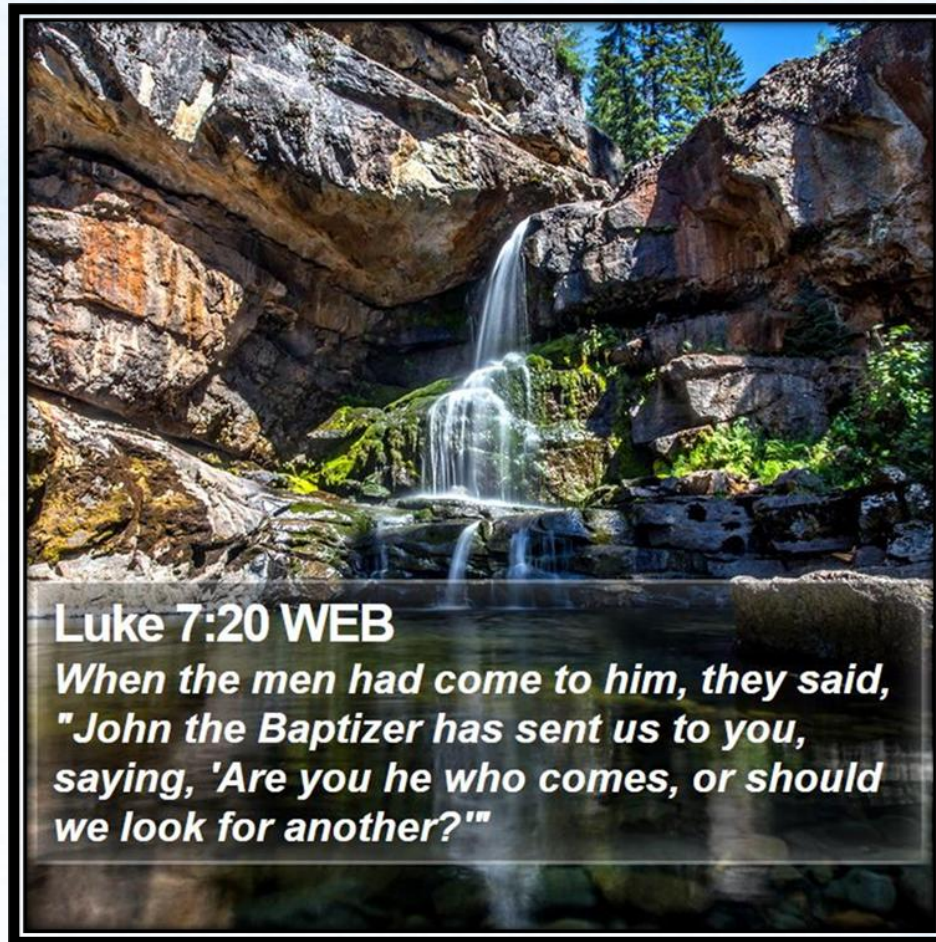
P: The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and ✝ send you in love.

C: Amen.

* Sending Song

“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”

LBW 36



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***“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”**

LBW 36

**1 On Jordan’s banks
the Baptist’s cry
announces that
the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken,
for he brings
glad tidings of
the King of kings!**

***“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”
LBW 36**

**2 Then cleansed be ev’ry
life from sin;
make straight the way
for God within,
and let us all
our hearts prepare
for Christ to come
and enter there.**

***“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”**

LBW 36

**3 We hail you as
our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and
our great reward;
without your grace
we waste away
like flow’rs that
wither and decay.**

***“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”
LBW 36**

**4 Stretch forth your hand,
our health restore,
and make us rise
to fall no more;
oh, let your face
upon us shine
and fill the world
with love divine.**

***“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”
LBW 36**

**5 All praise to you,
eternal Son,
whose advent has
our freedom won,
whom with the Father
we adore,
and Holy Spirit,
evermore.**

* **DISMISSAL**

P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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