

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the **CONNECT** card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the **WORSHIP** card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

PRAYER cards and **CONNECT** cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

AS WE GATHER

On this last Sunday of the Easter Season, we hear Jesus praying His High Priestly Prayer, and He's praying for you; He's praying for your church family. He wants you to be people of His Word and Name unified as one Body with Him as the Head. His Body should function as ONE with Him as the Head and every member of the Body having a unique but unified function together as one for the purpose of His Kingdom. Read John 17 once again today at home, and then pray for His will to be first done in your individual life and collectively as a unified church family. Pray that your life would be an answer to Jesus' prayer that His will may be done to carry out His purpose in the world that needs the Good News of salvation.

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One



We will be following the Divine Service as provided beginning on page 151 of the *Lutheran Service Book*, which can be found in the pew racks in front of you. Hymn numbers are provided in our “ORDER of WORSHIP” below. Readings have been inserted in the “ORDER of WORSHIP” for your convenience. Everything else can be found in the *Lutheran Service Book*.

ORDER of WORSHIP

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

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ENTRANCE HYMN: “Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels”

LSB 491

SERVICE *of the* WORD

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KYRIE

HYMN OF PRAISE: “Glory to God in the Highest!”

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12–26

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” (Now this man bought a field with the reward of

his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“‘May his camp become desolate,

and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“‘Let another take his office.’”

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry

and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for

them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68:1-10 *Found in front of LSB. Read responsively following leader.*

EPISTLE READING

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE: “Common”

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine,

and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your

name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

APOSTLES' CREED

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

During Hymn of the Day the Ushers will come to collect the PRAYER and CONNECT cards. Now is a great opportunity to make sure you are ready for that.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus"

LSB 529

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(followed by passing of the peace)

SERVICE *of the* **SACRAMENT**

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We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship card, located in each pew rack.

DISTRIBUTION

SONGS: "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB 623

"Be Strong in the Lord"

LSB 665

"Entrust Your Days and Burdens"

LSB 754

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank The Lord"

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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BENEDICTION

St. Paul Choir

CLOSING HYMN: "God Bless Our Native Land" *LSB 965 (led by St. Paul Choir)*