

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Jesus, I Come*

*Lani Smith*

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

*ELW 843 (vv. 1, 3)*

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| 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness<br>with a liberating light;<br>praise the One who frees the pris'ners,<br>turning blindness into sight.<br>Praise the One who preached the gospel,<br>healing ev'ry dread disease,<br>calming storms and feeding thousands<br>with the very bread of peace. | 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:<br>Christ, who suffered in our place;<br>Jesus died and rose for many<br>that we may know God by grace.<br>Let us sing for joy and gladness,<br>seeing what our God has done.<br>Praise the one redeeming glory;<br>praise the One who makes us one. |
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(Text: Rusty Edwards; Music: J. Wyeth, *Respository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813*; Text © 1987 Hope Publishing Company)

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## FIRST READING

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” 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 must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us 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 added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)*

**Psalm 1**

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

**SECOND READING****1 John 5:9-13**

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.***(Please stand as you are able.)***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Alleluia*

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL****John 17:6-19**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus prayed: "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.***(The assembly is seated.)***SERMON***(Please stand as you are able.)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Build Us Up, Lord*

*ELW 670*

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
set in us a strong foundation.  
Lead us to do your holy will;  
form and shape your new creation.  
Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
as we guide and teach each other,  
help us to share your love with the world:  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.

### *Refrain*

Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the  
kingdom;  
we follow in faith what's begun!  
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word  
to spread the news of your Son!

2 Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
let our lives reflect your glory.  
Cast away all our doubts and fears;  
help us tell the world your story.  
Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
help us bear good fruit for you,  
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.  
Grant us faith that's steadfast and true.

### *Refrain*

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## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition*

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

**PEACE**      The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
                  **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

#### **SENDING HYMN**

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

*ELW 655 (vv. 1, 4)*

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done

*(Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932: Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Rontgen, 1855-1932)*

## Announcements

### Upcoming Worship Schedule

**Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 10 am - Service with Confirmation and Holy Communion (In-person indoor and online) **11:30 am** – Drive-thru communion in the parking lot

**Holy Trinity Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** – 10 am – Service with Holy Communion (In-person indoor and online)  
No outdoor communion

**Please call the church office to sign up.  
All outdoor events are weather permitting.**



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Joan Swank's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday and our 77 years of friendship, by Hazel Numsen.

We are taking altar flower dedications. The dates available are: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>.



Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation!

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### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Christ, Above All Glory Seated*

*James Mansfield*

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## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Pat Denk, Philip Kramer, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Betty Hedgespeth, Robert Scott, Suzanne Lindsay, Patty Schwab, Ardi Scarborough and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Jacob Gude, Nancy Snyder, Roberta Wiessner, Connie Clarke, Sharon Hunt, Helen & Dawn Bender, Charles Gott, Jay Snyder, John Snyder, John Miller, Norma Weber, Karen Alban, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Karen Ehrenberg and Linda Fliegel

**For those grieving family & friends of:** Stuart Sheubrook, Thomas Whitehead, JoAnn Struble, Bill Johnson, Lee Krieger, Randy Tracey and John Kraft

**For the military and their families:** Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal