

Seventh Sunday of Easter

**5/16/21**

Lutheran Book of Worship

Holy Communion Setting Two

**GOD GATHERS US IN EVERY PLACE AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 77) *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.*

We gather 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.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” (LBW #158)



AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.
**We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus’ name.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78) *2 Corinthians 13:14*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.**

KYRIE *(“Lord, have mercy...”* LBW pp. 78-79) *Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1*



HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 81-82)

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 8:1, 12:2*



SALUTATION (LBW p. 82) *Sung or* s*poken by pastor and congregation*



PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82) *Ruth 2:4*

Let us pray together: **O King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep your Father’s promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD**

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

12{The apostles} returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. 13And 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. 14All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. 15In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16“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. 17For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” 18(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19And 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.) 20“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.’ 21So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22beginning 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.” 23And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. 24And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen 25to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” 26And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1- *Sung responsively with the cantor.*

1Happy 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!

**2Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,\***

**and they meditate on his law | day and night.**

3They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;\*

everything they | do shall prosper.

**4It is not so | with the wicked;\***

**they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

5Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,\*

nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

**6For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,\***

**but the way of the wick- | ed is doomed**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-15

9If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 14And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 83) *John 6:68*



GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 83)The Holy Gospel according to St. John the seventeenth chapter



GOSPEL READING: John 17:11b-19

11b {Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said,} “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)



*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts” (LBW #356)



NICENE CREED (LBW p. 84) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in the trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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;**

 **by the power of the Holy Spirit**

 **he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
 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.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

 **He 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.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need... *Each petition ends with these words:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude with these words: ...*through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you**.

*Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.*

OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC as available

*We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us. Place your gifts in the offering plate as you exit the chapel or drop them in the mail.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Let the Vineyards” (LBW p. 86)



OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 88)

Let us pray... Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 88)



PREFACE (LBW p. 88) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (*“Holy”* LBW p. 89) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*



WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW Minister’s Desk Edition p. 201-261)

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

 that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

 that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
 and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (LBW p. 91) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMN *(“Lamb of God...”* LBW p. 92) *John 1:29*



*Please be seated.*

**WE RECEIVE THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward by family groups or individuals to commune. The usher will direct you and offer you hand sanitizer. Pull your mask down below your mouth before taking the bread and wine in your hand. Each group or individual will commune separately and return to their seats before the next group or individual comes forward.*

* *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
* *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
* *If you abstain from the Sacrament altogether, you have full forgiveness of sins by Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (LBW p. 92)
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW pp. 92-93)



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 94)
Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION (LBW p. 94)



**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

SENDING HYMN: “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” (LBW #363)

DISMISSAL
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you join us for worship today!

 Love God. Love neighbor.

 Serve with joy in Jesus’ name.

 worship + fellowship + discipleship

**Who We Are** -

As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we hold four core values, to be: **Christ Centered**, **Mission Driven**, **Traditionally Grounded, & Congregationally Focused.**



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