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# **Seventh Sunday of Easter** **May 16th, 2021**



## HOLY COMMUNION

### IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 5:30PM SATURDAY AND 9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

### AS WE GATHER

Some of the most memorable portraits of Jesus shared with us by the Gospel writers depict times when He prayed. We remember Him teaching the disciples to pray when He was on the mountain, sharing the heart of His teaching. We have the powerful portrait of Him praying in the Garden of Gethsemane the night He was betrayed. And in John's Gospel is recorded what is known as the High Priestly Prayer of our Lord. Jesus prayed for His people during His earthly ministry; He continues that praying for us. In his first epistle, John writes that "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). There is holy conversation in heaven just as sure as there is holy conversation on earth when we pray!

### THE VAJDA HYMN SERVICE

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

#### OPENING HYMN

*"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"*

LSB 467 vs.1-4

#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

#### KYRIE

*(Sung to the melody "Amazing Grace")*

*Tune LSB 744*

Look down in mercy on us, Lord,  
Receive our prayers and praise,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,  
For your amazing grace.

#### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God and confess our sins to Him, praying for His gracious forgiveness.

People: **O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put You first. We have used Your holy name in ways that do not honor You and have not been constant in prayer and devotion. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty with others at all times. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have coveted that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**GLORIA** (Sung to the melody "Hark the Herald Angels Sing") *Tune LSB 380*

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| 1. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:<br>"Glory be to God on high!"<br>God who flung the stars in space,<br>God who formed the human race,<br>God the mind and God the cause,<br>God the source of natures laws,<br>God of wisdom, power, and love,<br>God of gods, all gods above.<br>Angels, sing, and earth, reply:<br>"Glory be to God on high!" | 2. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:<br>"Glory be to God on high!"<br>God who saw your creatures fall,<br>Loved them still, and loved them all,<br>Gave your only Son to prove<br>What is mercy, what is love;<br>And the Spirit, given free,<br>Recreates your family.<br>Angels, sing, and earth, reply:<br>"Glory be to God on high!" |
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**SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Risen and ascended Lord, You now pray for us at the throne of the Father. Keep all those whom You love in Your name, O Lord, that they may be one even as You and the Father are one; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

‡ **WORD** ‡

**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 acquired 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** ~ *Read Responsively*

*Psalm 1*

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**People: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.**

Pastor: He is like a tree planted by the streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,

**People: and its leaf does not wither.**

Pastor: In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so,

**People: but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Pastor: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**People: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

Pastor: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

**People: but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the ☩ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*1 John 5:9–15*

If 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. Whoever 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. And this is the testimony, that 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, that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL READING**

***John 17:11b–19***

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. While 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. But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I 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. I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **SERMON HYMN**

***“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”***

LSB 492

### **SERMON**

***“The Ministry of Life”***

*Acts 1:12-26*

### **CREED**

*(Sung to the melody “Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise”)*

*Tune LSB 802*

1. Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive  
Their being and blessing, in You we believe  
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,  
Provider and Father, our trust is in You.
2. And You, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,  
True Son of the Father, by angels adored;  
Redeemer incarnate, You paid for our sins,  
And, joined in Your rising, our new life begins.
3. Free Spirit of wisdom, of power and love,  
On us, as on Christ, You descend from above;  
You call us, You cleanse us, You open our eyes,  
You keep us in peace, You restore paradise.

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us lift the needs of God’s people before the throne of grace and intercede for all people in Jesus’ name. Gracious Father, Jesus ascended to Your right hand, where He lives and reigns as the good King for all people with You and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Thank You that He did not leave us helpless but promised the Holy Spirit to fill us with Your love and energize us as Your witnesses in this world.**

Pastor: Gracious Father, You call pastors to serve among Your people, proclaiming repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Jesus’ name.

**People: Grant to all pastors Your Holy Spirit through Your Word that they may be filled with all boldness in proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord and themselves as bondservants for Jesus’ sake.**

Pastor: Gracious Father, under the reign of the good King called Jesus, You appoint all who serve in positions of public service in this and every nation.

**People: Grant that all civil servants may discharge the duties of their offices with humility and instill in them a desire to protect and defend those among us who have no voice.**

Pastor: Gracious Father, You have created good this universe and all who inhabit it. Grant that all who suffer from the corrupting effects of human sin in Your good creation experience Your healing power both now and in the age to come, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (*Special petitions that end in "Lord in Your mercy"*).

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for families both here and everywhere. On this Mother's Day, we remember with thanks the godly mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and aunts who have served as examples of Christian faith and life.

**People: May their guidance direct us, their witness inspire us, and their love support us in all our days.**

Pastor: We remember in prayer those women who suffer with infertility, miscarriages and struggle with being childless.

**People: May they be encouraged through Your Word, and trust in Your plan for their life.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## SANCTUS

(*Sung to the melody "Holy, Holy, Holy"*)

*Tune LSB 507*

"Holy, Holy, Holy!" all the saints in glory

Fill Your temple with their song around Your golden throne;

"Holy, Holy, Holy!" with them we adore You;

God in three Persons, all in Christ as one.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### AGNUS DEI

*(Sung to the melody "My Faith Looks Up to Thee")*

Tune LSB 702

Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God,  
You bore the sinner's load  
To buy our peace:  
Now risen and enthroned,  
With life and glory crowned,  
To all the lost and found  
Please grant Your peace.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

### HYMN

#### **"Here I Am Lord"**

CCS 21

*Daniel Schutte CCLI 3849332*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.  
I, Who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.**

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone; Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN**
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN**

### HYMN

#### **"Brothers and Sisters in Christ"**

CCS 9

Words and Music by Terry K. Dittmer

1. Sing allelujah! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend.  
Lift up your voices and sing, To our Lord God, our Savior and King!  
Here brought together by grace, We are gathered as friends in this place.  
**Refrain: And assembled as one In the name of the Son,  
Lifting hearts; lifting hands, Celebrating as friends.  
And proclaiming the Lord. All our praises afford.  
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

2. Man walked alone and in need Without faith, hope or promise or creed;  
Wandering, aimlessly lost, Unaware of the staggering cost;  
That God in His mercy would save all His people from death and the grave.

**Refrain: And assembled as one In the name of the Son,  
Lifting hearts; lifting hands, Celebrating as friends.  
And proclaiming the Lord. All our praises afford.  
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

3. Lord, teach us how to proclaim All your goodness, your love and your name!  
Lord, teach us how to forgive And in love, teach us, Lord, how to live.  
Raising our voices in song, Help us tell all the world we belong.

**Refrain (twice).**

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**HYMN**

**“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

LSB 525

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious and eternal God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal may be for us the life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journeys as we serve You all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”**

LSB 493 vs. 1-4



**OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**5:30PM SATURDAY**

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**9:00AM SUNDAY**

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