

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 24, 2020



Today we find ourselves in a similar situation as the first disciples in Acts 1, left still to wonder at what awaits us between our Lord's ascension and His promised return. But we do not need to see Him with our eyes to know He is still with us, speaking to and strengthening us with His gift of salvation and eternal life. In Holy Baptism, Absolution, Communion, and the preaching of His Word, He gives us His mercy. In Jesus, our lives have been transformed. We are given power to avoid suffering from our own sinful passions to the blessed suffering that marks taking up our cross of faith and following Jesus. As the Day of Pentecost approaches, we will understand and believe by means of the Holy Spirit our unity with Christ and God the Father through faith in Him.

## HYMN OF INVOCATION

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" *LSB 493*

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
And with His faithful foll'wers see Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 To them the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"This is the Savior," thus they say; "This is His glorious triumph day!"  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 "You see Him now, ascending high Up to the portals of the sky."  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty."  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: This joyful Eastertide  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
Has sprung to life this morrow. (LSB 482)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Even as we glory in the gift of eternal life, in that hope we spend our days in joyful repentance and faith. Let us confess our sin, the sin that still so easily besets us, and receive the full forgiveness our Lord daily provides for us.

People: **Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;  
But now has Christ arisen!** (LSB 482 refrain)

**We are Your baptized people. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us into our Easter joy.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant

of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## Word

### INTROIT

*Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1*

### KYRIE

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy.

People: **O Christ, have mercy.**

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to God the Father” *LSB 506*

- 1 Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit:  
Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!
- 2 Glory be to Him who loved us,  
Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us,  
Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!
- 3 Glory to the King of angels,  
Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations;  
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!

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## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. You are the King of glory, O Christ; You are the everlasting Son of the Father, now seated at His right hand. As You send the Holy Spirit to us through Your Word and Sacraments, give us the strengthening of faith to endure all trials and live in the hope of eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 1:12-26*

*After the reading:*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 68:1-10*

Pastor: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

People: **As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!**

Pastor: But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

People: **Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!**

Pastor: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

People: **God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

Pastor: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

People: **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

Pastor: Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished;

People: **your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11*

*After the reading:*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 17:1-11*

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

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

*After the reading:*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" LSB 649**

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

4 When here our pathways part,  
We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,  
We hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

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## SERMON

“Saying Our Personal Prayers” John 17:1-11

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition:*

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

## OFFERTORY

“Father, We Thank Thee” *LSB 652*

1 Father, we thank Thee who hast planted  
Thy holy name within our hearts.  
Knowledge and faith and life immortal  
Jesus, Thy Son, to us imparts.  
Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure,  
Didst give us food for all our days,  
Giving in Christ the Bread eternal;  
Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.

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## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

## PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. We praise You for our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself as the sacrifice for our sins and intercedes for us, presenting us to You as Your redeemed children by faith in His blood. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time.  
We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.*

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Highest praises, honor and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.*

*We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.  
You are the love song we'll sing forever, Bowing before You, blessing Your name.*

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Highest praises, honor and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.*

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should have eternal life. Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might graciously fill all things. Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior, Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His body and blood.

People: **Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.**

## PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God" *LSB 550*

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

Refrain O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

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## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" *LSB 623*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven's high and holy feast.

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## THE DISMISSAL

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
Depart + in peace.

**People:** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” *LSB 617*

- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN TO DEPART

“Christ the Eternal Lord” *LSB 829*

- 1 Christ the eternal Lord, Whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured On all who name Your name;  
With thankfulness and praise We stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days And make Your glory known.
- 2 Christ the unchanging Word To ev'ry passing age,  
Whose timeless teachings still are heard Set forth on Scripture's page;  
Transform our thought and mind, Enlighten all who read,  
Within Your Word by faith to find The bread of life indeed.
- 3 Christ the redeeming Son, Who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won For ev'ry child of earth;  
Inspire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today And follow Him as Lord.
- 4 Christ the unfading Light Of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth You give To servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief journey ends.
- 5 Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;  
When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

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