

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 1 & 2, 2019

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



## AS WE GATHER

Today is the seventh and last Sunday of Easter. We celebrate Jesus' resurrection for seven Sundays—a week of weeks. Yet in the midst of the joy of Easter, today's First Reading from Acts confronts us in gory detail with Judas' betrayal of Jesus. We might think that those first disciples, having seen and heard the risen Jesus, would simply proceed from glory to glory and victory to victory. But instead they do things that churches have been doing ever since: gather together, pray, have meetings at which leaders are elected, and remember the sad stories of those who have walked away. Jesus' death and resurrection does not remove us from the real world, but instead fills us with faith and hope and love as we face both the joys and sorrows of life.

## PRELUDE

*Organ*

**RINGING OF THE BELLS** - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



## WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" *LSB 793*

**Praise my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.**

**Fatherlike He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, All who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

*(Please Stand)*

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

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

Pastor: Christ is risen!  
**Men: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Christ is risen!  
**Women: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

People: **Amen.**

[OR]

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

People: **Amen.**

### ☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "This Is the Feast"

*LSB 155*

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, And honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You prayed that we who follow You may all be one.

People: **By the power of Your Holy Spirit, make us one, so that the world may believe that You are Lord and come to You;**

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



### FIRST READING *Acts 1:12–26*

(The disciples gather in Jerusalem, devoting themselves to prayer.)

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



### EPISTLE *Revelation 22:1–6, 12–20*

(Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, is coming soon.)

<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.” . . . <sup>12</sup> “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the

last, the beginning and the end.”<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.<sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.<sup>16</sup> “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.<sup>18</sup> I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book,<sup>19</sup> and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

**GOSPEL VERSE** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

*LSB 477, v. 1*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim For the world’s salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**



**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 17:20–26* (That all believers may be one)

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

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

<sup>20</sup>“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.<sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.<sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.<sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.<sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



**APOSTLES’ CREED**

*LSB 159*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

LSB 477, v. 2

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat;  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Glorious Things of You are Spoken"

LSB 648

**Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken Formed you for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, You may smile at all your foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river Ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them on their way.**

**Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.  
Fading are the world's vain pleasures, All their boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures None but Zion's children know.**



**SERMON**

*(Please Stand)*



**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** As the Body of the risen Christ and devoting ourselves to prayer, let us bring before the Lord the prayers of our minds and hearts. For our Synod—our president, district president, pastors, teachers, and all servants of the church, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we focus on demonstrating our oneness in Christ as a witness to the world of Your love for us in Christ, O Lord,

**People:** **make us one.**

**Pastor:** For the president and the congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, O Lord,

**People:** **make us one.**

**Pastor:** For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness (*especially . . .*) that with one voice we speak God's ever-present love for them with our visits and prayers, O Lord,

**People:** **make us one.**

Pastor: For the families of our congregation—husbands and wives, children, grandparents, single adults, aunts and uncles—that their love for one another be a sign to the world of God’s never-ending love for us in Christ, O Lord,  
**People: make us one.**

*(Special Petitions)*

Pastor: As You blessed the disciples gathered in Jerusalem awaiting the promised Spirit, so bless us by hearing our prayers as we await the coming of the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.  
**People: Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



## **GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

*(Please Stand)*

**OFFERTORY** “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” *LSB 806, v. 1*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**Give thanks, give thanks.**



## **✠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 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** *Holy, Holy, Holy Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LSB 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

LSB 162

**LORD'S PRAYER**

LSB 162

Pastor: 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. Matthew 6:9-13**

**PAX DOMINI** *The Peace of the Lord John 20:19*

LSB 163

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

**AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God John 1:29*

LSB 163

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

LSB 845

**Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.**

**Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.**

**Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek; Be ours His holy peace.**

**Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.**

**For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.**

“Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus”

LSB 529

Since our great High Priest, Christ Jesus, Bears the name above all names,  
Reigning Son of God, surpassing Other titles, pow'rs and claims--  
Since to heav'n our Lord has passed, Let us hold our witness fast!

Since we have a priest who suffered, Knowing weakness, tears, and pain,  
Who like us was tried and tempted, Unlike us, without a stain--  
Since He shared our lowly place, Let us boldly seek His grace.

Sacrifice and suff'ring over, No He sits at God's right hand,  
Crowned with praise, no more an outcast, His pre-eminence long planned;  
Such a great High Priest we have, Strong to help, supreme to save.

Love's example, hope's attraction, Faith's beginning and its end,  
Pioneer of our salvation, Mighty advocate and friend;  
Jesus, high in glory raised, Our ascended Lord be praised!

“Thine the Amen Thine the Praise”

LSB 680

Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

*(Please Stand)*



**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

LSB 166

**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.

**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 wrongs, and help our need.**

**As You, Lord have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**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.**

**POSTLUDE**

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