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The Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 21st, 2020

Sunday: Divine Worship @ 10 a.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY: Laura Zacharias, Carol Knudson, Ruth Machel, Shawn & Connie Seaman, Wally Funk, Geraldine Rosentreter, Rick Fenske, Julian Woligroski, Del Jones, Kimberly Nachtigall, Jennifer Nault, Bill Shymanski, Cathy Thompson, Aryssa Rowe, Rylyn Rawniak, Dalton Dolding, and all those we name in our hearts.

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting One

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Opening Hymn: Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

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- 1 Hear us, Father, when we pray,
Through Your Son and in Your Spirit.
By Your Spirit's Word convey
All that we through Christ inherit,
That as baptized heirs we may
Truly pray.
- 2 When we know not what to say
And our wounded souls are pleading,
May Your Spirit, night and day,
Groan within us interceding;
By His sighs, too deep for words,
We are heard.
- 3 Jesus, advocate on high,
Sacrificed on Calv'ry's altar,
Through Your priestly blood we cry:
Hear our prayers, though they may falter;
Place them on Your Father's throne
As Your own.
- 4 By Your Spirit now attend
To our prayers and supplications,
As like incense they ascend
To Your heav'nly habitations.
May their fragrance waft above,
God of love.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P 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.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

to You, O LORD, I will make music.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, He is God!

It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; bless His Name!

For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

and His faithfulness to all generations.

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.

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

to You, O LORD, I will make music.

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C **Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Sit

The First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [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 bought 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.’** ²¹**So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,** ²²**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.”** 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** ²⁵**to 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 68:1–10; antiphon: v. 32

¹God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!

²**As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!**

³But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

⁴**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!**

⁵Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His Holy Habitation.

⁶**God settles the solitary in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

⁷O God, when You went out before Your people, when You marched through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

⁹Rain in abundance, O God, You shed abroad; You restored your inheritance as it languished;

¹⁰**Your flock found a dwelling in it; in Your goodness, O God, You provided for the needy.**

The Epistle Lesson

1st Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the Name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that Name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the Gospel of God? ¹⁸And **“If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”** ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer

according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you,⁷ casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, Who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Alleluia.

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

The Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, "**Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, ²since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know You the Only True God, and Jesus Christ Whom You have sent. ⁴I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave Me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. ⁶I have manifested Your Name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your Word. ⁷Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. ⁸For I have given them the Words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And 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."**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Christ Is the World's Redeemer

- 1 Christ is the world's Redeemer,
 The lover of the pure,
 The font of heav'nly wisdom,
 Our trust and hope secure,
 The armor of His soldiers,
 The Lord of earth and sky,
 Our health while we are living,
 Our life when we shall die.
- 2 Christ has our host surrounded
 With clouds of martyrs bright,
 Who wave their palms in triumph
 And fire us for the fight.
 Then Christ the cross ascended
 To save a world undone
 And, suff'ring for the sinful,
 Our full redemption won.
- 3 Down through the realm of darkness
 He strode in victory,
 And at the hour appointed
 He rose triumphantly.
 And now, to heav'n ascended,
 He sits upon the throne
 Whence He had ne'er departed,
 His Father's and His own.
- △ 4 Glory to God the Father,
 The unbegotten One,
 All honor be to Jesus,
 His sole-begotten Son,
 And to the Holy Spirit—
 The perfect Trinity.
 Let all the worlds give answer:
 Amen! So let it be.

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Sermon: I am praying for them!**John 17:1–11***Stand*

The Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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.**

Prayer of the Church*Sit***Offering:** We Praise You, O God**LSB 785**

- 1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
 In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
 We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
 We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
 Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
 When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
 And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
 And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
 With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
 To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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Offertory

☉ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the Name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

The 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.**

Sit

Closing Collect**Benediction**

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."

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