Our Savior Lutheran Church Mankato, Minnesota

The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023

At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.

Monthly Memory Verse:

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6:14

Weekly Discussion Question:

How is being under grace different?

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

LSB 653

- In Christ there is no east or west,
 In Him no south or north,
 But one great fellowship of love
 Throughout the whole wide earth.
- With God there is no tribe or race;
 In Him we all are one.
 He loves us as His children through
 Our faith in His dear Son.
- 3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name Who died to set us free From sin, division, hate, and shame, From spite and enmity!

- Join hands, disciples of the faith,
 Whate'er your race may be;
 Who serves my Father as His child
 Is surely kin to me.
- In Christ now meet both east and west;
 In Him meet south and north.
 All Christian souls are one in Him
 Throughout the whole wide earth.

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

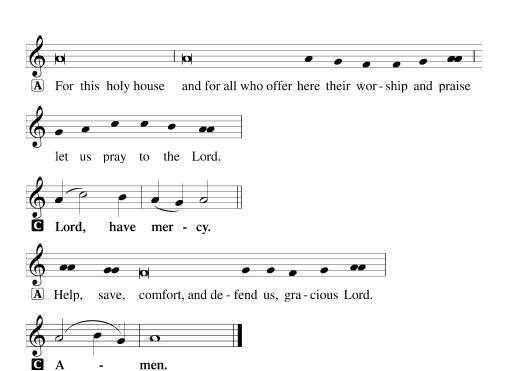
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

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

Service of the Word





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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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."

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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm* 68:1–10

¹God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

and those who hate him shall flee before him!

²As 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!

⁴Sing 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.

⁶God 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,

8the 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;

¹⁰your flock found a dwelling in it;

in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Gloria Patri

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 1 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, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be soberminded; 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.

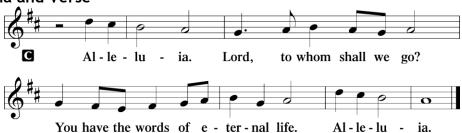
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Praise to the Lord"

Introductory Bells

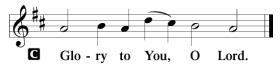
Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel John 17:1–11

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



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.

⁶"I 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.



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

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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

Nicene Creed

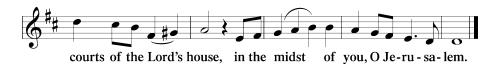
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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





Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 177



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 saying:

Sanctus LSB 178



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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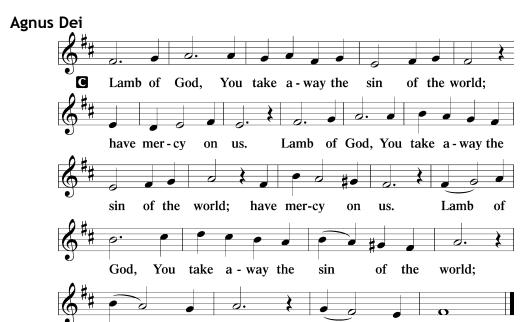
- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord



The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.





Distribution Hymns:

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

grant

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LSB 180

1 A hymn of glory let us sing!

New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

peace,

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,

us

Ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

grant

peace.

us

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!

- 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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"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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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

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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Sweep across the crystal sea.

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

LSB 474

Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way,

Christ in the center

Telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread,

Giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

3 Jesus the vine,

We are the branches;

Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth,

Christ to the people,

Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone;

Sorrow, be silent:

Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing:

"O grave, be open!"

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5 City of God,

He

has done.

Let

ev -

Easter forever,

Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

River of life,

Saints and archangels,

Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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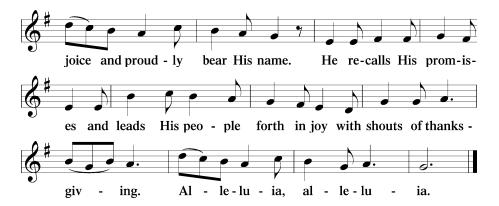
Thank the Lord Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what

15

'ry-one

who

seeks the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

A 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.



Easter Acclamation

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Benediction LSB 183

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.



Closing Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461

- I know that my Redeemer lives;
 What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
 He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
 He lives, my ever-living head.
- He lives triumphant from the grave;
 He lives eternally to save;
 He lives all-glorious in the sky;
 He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- He lives to grant me rich supply;
 He lives to guide me with His eye;
 He lives to comfort me when faint;
 He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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