



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 16, 2021

*Holy Communion*

*11:00 a.m.*

*The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!*

## ✚ GATHERING ✚

*The Holy Spirit  
gathers us in unity  
on the first day of  
the week  
(Isaiah 48:14  
John 4:23-24  
Acts 20:7)*

*We worship on the  
first day of the  
week because our  
Savior was raised  
on that day. Every  
Sunday celebrates  
the Lord's  
Resurrection.*

### PRELUDE

**Prière (Prayer)**  
Jean Langlais

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, **for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

**We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

**Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.**

**Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.**

**To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

ELW 361

“The Day of Resurrection!”

Ellacombe

*Those gathered for in-person worship are kindly asked to refrain from singing.*



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

(2 Corinthians  
13:13-14)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
 sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was  
 slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in  
 vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -  
 ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934  
 Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

*This prayer  
 “collects”  
 the theme of  
 the day.*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

# ✠ THE WORD OF GOD ✠

*This reading  
bears witness to  
the early church.*

*Sit*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

The reading is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Acts.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” 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 must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us 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 added to the eleven apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Online congregation to sing the refrain and choir to sing the verse.*

*We acclaim the  
living Word,  
Jesus Christ,  
present in the  
gospel reading.*

### Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verse: *I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord.  
I am coming to you. Refrain*

## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 17:6-19**

*Appointed  
reading of God’s  
Word from the  
four Gospels  
(Matthew, Mark,  
Luke, John)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus prayed: “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on

their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*  
**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Patrick Ballard**

*Stand*  
**APOSTLES’ CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*“Viva Vox,” the  
Living Word of God  
interpreted  
(Romans 10:14-17)*

*Ancient church  
councils adopted  
the summary of the  
church’s faith in the  
Nicene, Apostles’  
and Athanasian  
Creeds*

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. (1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Acts 2:42)*

*Extending God's word of peace to others (Romans 16:16; Matthew 5:23-24)*

*Before the Lord's supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into thanksgiving. (Psalm 15:1)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Sit*

**ANTHEM**

**King of all ages, throned on high**

Paul Isom

King of all ages, throned on high, yet Savior too of those with faith, death at your onslaught died in fear and grace triumphant rules supreme. Risen from death, the heavenly Christ receives from God the Father's hand power over all created things: A gift he could not know on earth. Then at your coming on the clouds with shining strength to be our judge, cancel the debt we owe you still, give back the glory we have lost. Glory to you, O Christ our Lord, exalted far beyond our sight, reigning in bliss for evermore, with Father and with Paraclete. Amen.

- 10<sup>th</sup> century Latin hymn

## **✠ THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL ✠**

*Stand*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to

*The Sanctus is the  
hymn of praise  
that never ceases  
before God.  
(Isaiah 6:3)*

eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night...

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

*Jesus teaches his  
disciples to pray.  
(Luke 11:2-4;  
Matthew 6:9-13)*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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*

### **LAMB OF GOD**

**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. Amen.**

*As John the Baptist  
pointed to Jesus, he  
said these words.  
(John 1:29)*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### ANTHEM

**Peace I Leave with You**  
Walter Pelz

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth  
give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled; neither let it be afraid.

- John 14:27

### *Stand*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you  
in his grace. **Amen.**

*Remembering  
and thanking  
(Luke 2:29-32;  
Psalm 118:1)*

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the  
hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy  
to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*A personal  
blessing from God  
in the name of the  
Triune God.  
(Numbers 6:24-26)*

*On our way  
rejoicing  
(Colossians 3:16;  
Philippians 4:4)*

## CLOSING HYMN

**ELW 619**  
*Duke Street*

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

*Those gathered for in-person worship are kindly asked to refrain from singing.*



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.

3 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.

4 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.  
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

*Going forth to  
bless the world  
(Luke 7:50;  
Romans 10:12-13)*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Sit*

## POSTLUDE

**Toccata Giocosa**  
William Mathias

*Please remain in your pew until dismissed by an usher after the postlude.*

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*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.*

*The chancel flowers are given in honor of Betty Grant  
by her daughter & son-in-law,  
Adrienne Grant & Bill Kinsley.*



*Quartet*

*Sarah Berger, soprano*

*Rebecca Berger, alto*

*Douglas Jones, tenor*

*Jim Williams, bass*



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