

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 24, 2020

Pastor Jim Helgren

Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn

P: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!!

C: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

Kyrie: **C: response... "Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn of Praise – spoken

C: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia!! Christ is risen from the dead!

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

See Insert

The First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

See Insert

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

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Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 17:1-11

See Insert

P: The Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P:The Gospel of the Lord"

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

Prayers of the Church

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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn

Postlude

We pray always for . . .

*Marilyn Anderson, Robert Armknecht, Verna Brinkman, Luetta Bruns,
Linda Daniels, Eldon Dieckgrafe, Erin Ebeler Rolf, David Eisenhauer,
Bruce Gerking, Axl Walters, Will Yank,
our military men and women, their families and their leaders.*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Grace, Oscar & Sabra, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.

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Today 5/24/20

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Monday 5/25/20

Memorial Day

NEXT SUNDAY 5/31/20

***Day of Pentecost – wear Red
Worship – 8:30 a.m.***



Today's Readings

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 24, 2020

Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

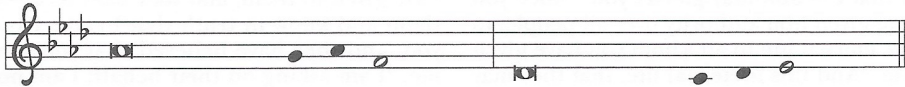
When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who

has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; tone 3



Let God arise,
and let God's ene-¹mies be scattered;
let those who ¹hate God flee.

²As smoke is driven away,
so you should drive ¹them away;
as the wax melts before the fire,
so let the wicked perish
at the pres-¹ence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad
and rejoice ¹before God;
let them also be mer-¹ry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;
exalt the one who ¹rides the clouds;

I AM is that name, rejoice ¹before God!

⁵In your holy habita-¹tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans,
defend-¹er of widows;

⁶you give the solitary a home
and bring forth prisoners
¹into freedom;

but the rebels shall live
in ¹desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth
be-¹fore your people,
when you marched
¹through the wilderness,

⁸the earth quaked,
and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God,

the ¹God of Sinai,
at the presence of God,
the ¹God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful ¹rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance
¹when it languished.

Psalm, continued

¹⁰Your people found their ¹home in it;
in your goodness, O God,
you have made provision ¹for the poor.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms ¹of the earth;
sing praises ¹to the Lord.

³³You ride in the heavens, O God,
in the ¹ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice,
your ¹mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe pow-¹er to God,
whose majesty is over Israel;
whose strength is ¹in the skies.

³⁵How wonderful you are
in your holy places,
O ¹God of Israel,
giving strength and power
to your people! ¹Blessed be God!

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your

anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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."

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