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Seventh Sunday of Easter
ELW Setting 1

Prelude Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hyfrydol) Ralph Vaughan Williams

Call and Response:

From comfortable pews, from tricycle seats, from easy chairs in front of TVs:

God gathers us in to give us the words to proclaim the gospel.

At kitchen sinks, at laptops and blackboards, at nursing stations:

Christ calls us to share in serving all creation.

In communities gathered to pray, in memories of those who served,
in families grilling in the backyard:

The Holy Spirit fills us with God's joy.

I tell you this: It is a wonderful thing when members of a family live together in love and peace.

They shall be like trees planted beside flowing rivers.

May the church be one, just as Christ and God are one, that Christ may be glorified in us.

They shall yield good fruit in its season, and their leaf shall never wither.

How all of these things happen is a mystery, the mystery of God for us.

We come to worship in unity, in joy! Holy Spirit, fill us with your mysterious presence!

Christ is Risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Entrance Hymn I Come With Joy #482

Greeting

Kyrie p. 98

This is the Feast

(Congregation sings the refrain, Liturgist sings the verses)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. *refrain*
2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *refrain*
3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. *refrain*

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"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—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 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 must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us 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 added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: Psalm 1

The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation:

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Gospel: John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus’ words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] 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. ¹²While 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. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day:

Christ is the King!

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Creed

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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.

A brief silence.

Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**

Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous Savior, you befriend those who are suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need, we especially pray for our members Rolland, Donna, Walli, Betty, Gloria and Gene. We pray for our friends Donna, Denise, Bill, Dawn, Dorothy, Stephani, Karla, Orin, Danielle, Krista, Betty, Meghan, Robert, and Matt. We pray for those serving in the military, Alex, Vicki, Ben, Jeremy, T.J, Luke, Daniel, and Miranda. We pray for Kaylie as she awaits a call to ordained ministry. Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: 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.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you all: **And also with you!**

MEAL

Offertory

Like the Golden Sun Ascending

Paul Manz

Offering Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Congregation sings

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Eucharistic Prayer

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Lord's Prayer

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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.

Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion

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.**

Blessing

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.**

Dismissal

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

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Closing Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

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Postlude

Largo

John Stanley

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Worship Leaders today:

Steve Gustafson Organist
Kirsten Bruce Liturgist
Linda Lewis Lector

Worship Leaders next week:

Steve Gustafson Organist
Kirsten Bruce Liturgist
Julie Aeschliman Lector

Messiah Lutheran Church

4/30/2021

	Actual 4/21	Actual 1/21-4/21	Budget 1/21-4/21
Revenue	12,166.68	62,802.74	48,386.64
Expenses	9,999.46	47,766.86	53,494.94
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>2,167.22</u>	<u>15,035.88</u>	<u>(5,108.30)</u>
Reserve Balance	<u>95,702.51</u>		

Members, Friends, and Family for Whom We Pray

Members of Messiah:

Rolland Christenson, Donna Forsberg, Walli Ellis, Betty Peterson, and Gloria and Gene Holdsworth

Friends of Messiah

Donna Stejksal	Daniels' friend	Karla Goewert	Friend of Kirsten Bruce
Denise	Pari Ford's mother	Orin Shogren	Har's brother
Bill Stephenson	Joy Janis's brother	Danielle	Robbie Peterson's
Dawn	Sharon Hoffman's Daughter	VanDeVyvere	granddaughter
Stephani White	Betty Holcombe's daughter	Krista Bahler	Betty Peterson's Niece
Robert Ahlstedt	Earl Ahlstedt's brother	Betty Finney	Sharon Hoffman's friend
		Meghan Presley	John & Margaret Presley's Daughter
		Matt Forrester	Pastor Amy's brother

Announcements

Pastor Amy is having a surgery on May 18th. Please pray for her surgery and recovery. During this time President Ingrid Pohl, along with Pastors Chris Deines and Phil Hett will cover pastoral needs. Please call the office or Ingrid to share what is needed. Pastor Rachael Pryor will lead worship on May 23 and 30th. Please welcome her and come to hear the messages she shares!

Pastor Phillip Hett, Chaplain at Bethany Village is offering a **grief support group** at Bethany Village Sunflower Terrace every Thursday morning at 10:30 for about an hour from May 20th through June 24th. Losses can include losing loved through death, separation, estrangement. Losses can include job losses, illnesses, divorce, the grief of surviving the pandemic. This will be a non-judging environment and all are welcome.

The Lucas family would like to invite you to join them in celebrating **Jake Lucas's graduation** from Smoky Valley High School. The reception is come and go, and will be outdoors at the Swensson Park shelter on Saturday May 22 from 1 o'clock pm to 3 o'clock pm. Jake plans to go to Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minnesota. He will play tennis and French horn, and will study business and music.

The **Dala Pantry Weekend Meal Summer Program** is collecting used grocery bags and/or canvas bags. Weekend Bags will start on May 28th.

We give thanks for the congregation's continued monetary support of **Messiah's ministries**. Your generosity continues to empower the use of our building by a variety of community groups and to pay for staffing and programming that supports all of our efforts. As we are seeking to replace several HVAC units these next few months, it would be appreciated if extra funding for those needs could be received. Each unit costs about \$5500. The iZone ionizer to assist the cleanliness of the air sent out cost about \$600 each. Your donations to this upkeep are welcome! Giving can be in physical donations through worship or in the office, on line through our website and facebook page, by mail, or through direct deposit (see Chris Reinert to set this up). Thank you for your abundant generosity!

Thank you to those of you who have contributed to the **LWR Personal Care Kits**, either monetarily or with Personal Care items. We will continue with collections through May. We will start collecting for School Kits in July. One of our members has already provided school bags for those kits.

Bethany and Messiah Lutheran Churches will be having a modified **VBS on June 1-3** ages 3 years to 6th grade from 9 am to 11 am at Swensson Park. We will keep group size between 12-15 kids, everyone will wear masks, and kids will be asked to bring their own water bottles. You can sign up online on Messiah's facebook page, just follow the link to the form or pick up a form in the office and return them by May 28th. If you have any questions please call Joyce Peterson at 785-227-2201 or Pari Ford at 785-227-7114.

KICK will be hosting a family series this summer. June 13th there will be a family tailgate from 5 to 7:30 pm at Swensson Park with Bible lessons and camp songs, hotdogs, burgers and more, and tailgate games. July 11th is pool night at Riverside Park from 5:30 to 9:30 pm with lessons and camp songs, Stuga subs and more. Private swim for the first 100. August 15th is a back to school bash with inflatables at Swensson Park from 5 to 7:30 pm. There will be Bible lessons, camp songs, pulled pork bbq and more. Tailgate games are needed, if you have a tailgate game we could borrow for the June 13th gathering please let Rachel Ann know (785) 212-0113.

The **Church Treasure Sale** will be held on Sat. June 26th from 7:30am-12:30pm. We are needing volunteers to set up on Friday evening, to help with the sale on Saturday morning and for clean up on Saturday afternoon. If you are interested in helping please contact Andrea Ring. Donations can be brought to the church between now and the sale during office hours. We will also have a drop off time on Friday, June 25th from 5-7pm. If you have large items to donate you are encouraged to bring them on this date. We can not accept donations of TVs, microwaves, mattresses, large appliances, cribs or infant seats.

Reconciling in Christ is the name for the ELCA's ministries around intentional inclusion of the LGBTQIA+ community in congregations. As Messiah begins to envision what is "next" for us in ministry, this might be a path we could converse about and seek to embrace. If you are interested in this conversation, please contact Pastor Amy. You can check out resources here: <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/resources/ric/>

MAY 16, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Eavesdropping can nurture the Christian faith.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples
Monday	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Mathias replaces Judas
Tuesday	1 John 5:9-13	Knowing about eternal life
Wednesday	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in prison
Thursday	1 Chronicles 16:8-18	David's psalm of praise
Friday	Colossians 4:2-6	Never give up praying
Saturday	Psalms 1	The way of happiness
Sunday	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Work of the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"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." **John 17:11 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Protecting God, you know the challenges in our daily lives; give us courage to love others and to trust you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we use this food to strengthen our bodies to serve others through our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God watch over you and keep you safe through Christ our Lord.

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Guide My Feet

WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a moment when you overheard a conversation not intended for you.
- Have you ever overheard someone pray? If so, what was that like for you?
- Jesus' disciples overheard him praying. How do you think that influenced their faith?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 17:6-19.

Jesus is praying for believers, present and future. The context of this prayer is helpful: the disciples overhear everything Jesus says. It is fascinating how often Christians can think back and recall moments when they overheard parents, grandparents, other family members, friends, or even strangers express their faith in ways that strengthened the eavesdropping individual. A grandparent praying or someone simply talking candidly about their faith in Christ in a way that was not trying to force on the eavesdropper a particular conviction can strengthen one's faith. Jesus' disciples overheard Jesus and recorded his words, his prayer, for the church. This recorded prayer acknowledged that Jesus is one with God the Father and that Jesus' disciples will be protected by God and cared for by one another. That is a candid message worthy of overhearing. When have you overheard someone say something that encouraged your faith in Christ? When might someone overhear you and be strengthened for a life of faith? *Pray:* **Loving God, strengthen us in our faith and guide us to walk in love with brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

Psalms 1 makes it clear that who you gather with or who your friends are impacts your own journey in life. Being with people who are kind helps us to follow their example. Think about someone you know who is kind and in what ways they show kindness. How can you show kindness and compassion this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus knew he was going to die soon so he prayed aloud for himself and his friends. One of the benefits of you praying aloud is that others get to hear or "overhear" your words. "Faith is caught more than it is taught" is a principle of faith formation. Make it a practice this week to pray aloud for your friends and family, even when you are alone—or think you are alone. Say prayers for what is special about your friends and ask God to protect and bless them.

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to:

www.milestonesministry.org