



May 20-21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Abiding Presence
LUTHERAN CHURCH
A PLACE OF GRACE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Welcome to Worship

Prelude

5:30 pm

You Raise Me Up
Shelbie Simmons, piano

Graham/Lovland

8:30 & 11:00 am

All Who Are Thirsty
Worship Band

Brenton Brown
Glenn Robertson

Stand

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

☐ Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

☑ **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

☐ Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

☒ 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.**

☒ Let us pray. 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.**

Sit

Welcome

Worship, Art & Music – Temple Talk

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Pew Bible page 884

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

☒ Word of God, Word of life.

☒ **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music - 8:30 & 11:00 am

How Great is Our God

Tomlin/Cash/Reeves

Worship Band

How great is our God! Sing with me:
How worthy of all praise. My heart will sing:
How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

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

Pew Bible page 986

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Pew Bible page 879

The Holy Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Rev. Heather Hansen, Associate Pastor

Refrain
F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C⁷ F F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F C⁷ F F C⁷ F

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

F C⁷ F F C⁷ F *Refrain* B⁷/C

There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing;
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

Apostles' Creed

☐ Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

☑ 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.

Prayers of Intercession

☒ United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each petition ends:

☒ Hear us, O God.

☑ Your mercy is great.

☐ Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

☑ Amen.

Sharing God's Peace

☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☑ And also with you.

*Greet one another with a sign of God's peace saying **Peace be with you** or similar words.*

Sit

Offering Message

Offering Music

5:30 pm

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Shelbie Simmons, piano

Martin Smith/
arr. Phillip Keveren

8:30 & 11:00 am

Oh Lord, Lift Me Up

Worship Band

Karl Frey

Stand

Offertory Response

Take My Life That I May Be

Refrain:

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Refrain

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Refrain

Offering Prayer

Let us pray: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age...

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life... Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

☑ Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Invitation to Communion

HOLY COMMUNION *Abiding Presence welcomes all to this communion table. Communion is received by intinction. Communicants receive the wafer and then dip it in the chalice or come forward for a blessing. Gluten free wafers and individual communion cups are also available.*



*The CERAMIC chalices hold wine.
The CRYSTAL chalices hold grape juice.*

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Holiness
Worship Band

Donnie McClurkin

Holiness, holiness, is what I long for, holiness is what I need,
Holiness, holiness, is what You want from me.

Holiness, holiness, is what I long for, holiness is what I need,
Holiness, holiness, is what You want from me.

Chorus:

So take my heart and form it, take my mind transform it,
Take my will conform it, to Yours, to Yours, Oh Lord

Faithfulness, faithfulness, is what I long for, faithfulness is what I need,
Faithfulness, faithfulness, is what You want from me.

Chorus

Stand

Communion Blessing

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

☑ Amen.

Prayer after Communion

☐ Let us pray: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

☑ Amen.

Blessing - 5:30 pm & 8:30 am

☐ The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

☑ Amen.

Sung Benediction - 11:00 am

A Clare Benediction
Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

Sending Hymn – ELW 643

We Are All One in Christ

Dismissal

- Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
- Thanks be to God.

Postlude

5:30 pm

Cantata al Señor
Shelbie Simmons, piano

Anne Krentz Organ

8:30 & 11:00 am

Joy of the Lord
Worship Band

Llewellyn, Cash, Gilkeson

Serving in Worship

<p>Assisting Minister Dave McDonald Becca Cox Amy Guajardo</p> <p>Acolyte Sam Cox Vera Seringer</p>	<p>Altar Guild Loretta Beard Linda Menchaca, Becky Rodgers Donna & Hayden Stewart, Linda Viargues</p> <p>Video Bill Brendel</p>	<p>Lector Bud Rech Jazmin Lecollier Karen Palafox</p> <p>Sound Jay Dewald Mary Jo Bolster Kaleb Ham</p>
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We'd love to connect and help you find your way in this community of grace.
 Send us a message and we'll be in touch.



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