



Campus Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 24, 2020

The 7th Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

AS WE GATHER

Where is eternal life? Eternal life is wherever Jesus is. That includes everywhere Jesus has been in His life on this earth—serving, healing, teaching, living, dying, rising, and ascending. It includes everywhere Jesus will be—living and reigning at the Father’s right hand in His everlasting kingdom in the new creation. Eternal life is also everywhere Jesus is now—coming among His people through His Word written, spoken, and proclaimed, and His Sacraments in water, bread, and wine. Finally, eternal life is wherever Jesus is with you—in your thoughts, words, and acts of kindness in daily love and service to your neighbor.

We come together to worship our Lord.

OPENING HYMN

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Hymn No. 487

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 68:4–5*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
P Sing to God, sing praises to His name;
C **lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts;**
P His name is the Lord;
C **exult before Him!**
P Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
C **is God in His holy habitation.**

We ask forgiveness for the ways we have strayed from the Lord.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** Even as we glory in the gift of eternal life, in that hope we spend our days in joyful repentance and faith. Let us confess our sin, the sin that still so easily besets us, and receive the full forgiveness our Lord daily provides for us.

(A brief silence is observed for personal reflection.)

- C** **Almighty God, we are Your baptized people. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us into our Easter joy.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I assure you of the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

God speaks to us through His Word and we respond in word and song.

KYRIE—II

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Hymn No. 944

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Almighty God,
- C** as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

“Father Most Holy”

Hymn No. 504

FIRST LESSON—Acts 1:12-26 (Matthias is Chosen to Replace Judas)

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)¹⁶ and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus.¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."¹⁸ (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out.¹⁹ Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)²⁰ "For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms: 'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, 'May another take his place of leadership.'²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us,²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs."²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles. (NIV)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON—1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11 (Suffering for Being a Christian)

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?¹⁸ And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"¹⁹ So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. (NIV)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Hymn No. 873

HOLY GOSPEL

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

John 17:1-11 **(Jesus Prays to be Glorified and Prays for His Disciples)**

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. (NIV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven. And sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" Hymn No. 524

SERMON "Experiencing God's Love"

Pastor Kent Pierce

John 17:1-11

We give of ourselves to the Lord in return for what the Lord has given to us.

OFFERTORY "Create in Me" Hymn No. 956

WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR OFFERING

As we give our offerings today, we glorify our risen and living God who showers us with love, mercy and grace. Your gifts for mission and ministry are used to proclaim that God promises forgiveness of sins and a new beginning in Jesus Christ for us, and for all people in our community, the nation, and the world.

During this time when we are not gathering in person, you can give your offerings in several ways:

- Give online www.campuslutheran.org/give
- Text-to-Give Text the number (844) 209-5793 or visit the [church website](#) for instructions.
- Mail to: Campus Lutheran Church, 304 S. College Ave., Columbia, MO 65201

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We come to the Lord in prayer.

OFFERING PRAYER

P We pray: God of every good gift,
C bless these offerings that they might propel Your church into the work of Your Kingdom in the world. Multiply their use and allow them to become a living sign of hope to everyone they touch. Grow joy and thankfulness in our hearts and make us better stewards of all that You have given to us as Your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
After each petition... **P** Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken by all)*

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.

We receive the Lord's blessing as we prepare to go forth to live for Him.

BENEDICTION

- P** 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.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Hymn No. 924

Postlude

Join us for *Adult Bible Class* today at 1:00 p.m.

Please visit: www.campuslutheran.org/online for the Zoom Bible Class link.

