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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Welcome! We are glad you're here!

A warm welcome is extended to all!

Your presence enriches us at this time of celebration together.

Prepare Hearts for Worship

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

Temple Talk: Mission Moment

Opening:

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Confession and Forgiveness (inspired by John 17)

Jesus prays for us,
for "those who will believe in me through their word,
that they may all be one.

As you, Father
are in me and I am in you,
may they also be in us,
so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

**Forgive us, O God, when we do not hear or heed Jesus' prayer for unity:
when we treat people as though they are just a nuisance,
when we are annoyed with others' behavior,
when we find it difficult to include those who think or act differently from the norm,
when we are cruel in our judgements or exclusion,
we become bound by our fears or distrust of those who seem different from us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us!

The promise of God is to guard the lives of the faithful, and rescue us from the hand of anything binds us and separates us from God, and one another.

Because God's love manifest in Jesus Christ, "the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" sets us free. (Rev. 22:12)

We are free indeed! Amen.

Opening Hymn: *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* **#771**

God, who stretched the spangled heavens
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space:
we, your children in your likeness,
share inventive pow'rs with you;
great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
through untraveled realms of space;

probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined pow'r,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew:
children of creative purpose,
serving others, hon'ring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise;
each endeavor well begun;
great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927, alt.

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

Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

Youth Message

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But 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.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They 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.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When 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. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L This is the Word of the Lord **All** Thanks be to God

Psalm 68

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.
As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.
Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds--his name is the LORD-- be exultant before him.

Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;

your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

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

O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

Second Lesson: I 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. But 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. If 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.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And 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. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.**

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 17:1-11

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

“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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *You Servants of God*

#825

You servants of God, Your master
proclaim, and publish abroad His
wonderful name; the name, all-victorious,
of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious
and rules over all!

Ascended on high, almighty to save;
yet still He is nigh, His presence we have.
The great congregation His triumph shall
sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our
king!

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the
Lamb.
Then let us adore and give Him His right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and
might, all honor and blessing, with angels
above, and thanks never ceasing, and
infinite love!

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

Prayers of Intercession:

A Lord, in your mercy.... C **Hear our Prayer**

Offertory:

Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer:

By your goodness, O God, we have received all things, and all that we have and all that we are we offer up to you. May these gifts, tokens of our gratitude, be made complete in our commitment to living transformed lives of service and love. Amen

Great Thanksgiving:

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. . . (Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding...) 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. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

#362

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious king, who has
washed us in the tide flowing from his
wounded side. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured
death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread; with
sincerity and love eat we manna from
above. Alleluia!

Post Communion Blessing:

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

Post Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord and sing his praise, tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Benediction

My fellow servants, we are one.
The bread we share makes us one.
The cup we pour makes us one.
With gratitude we share the Table.

Mighty victim from the sky, hell's fierce
pow'rs beneath you lie; you have
conquered in the fight, you have brought
us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, now no
more the grave enthrall; you have opened
paradise, and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy, this alone can
sin destroy! From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us
free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give, Savior,
by whose death we live, Spirit, guide
through all our days: Three in One, your
name we praise. Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.

With gratitude we depart.

And so as children of the same Father, do God's work night a day and lead a life worthy of your inheritance.

As students of Jesus the loving teacher, let your greatness be shown in your service and humility.

As God's beloved, filled with the Holy Spirit, let your conduct be pure, upright and blameless.

And the blessing of our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and show through you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

#855

Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of Him who died for Thee,
and hail Him as Thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now His brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love--
behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,

in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.
Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.
Crown Him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges; George J. Elvey

Dismissal

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Current Budget Report: as of 05/14/2023

Last week's giving: \$4,007.25

Needed to meet budget: \$5,357.69

Year to Date: \$84,433.64

Ahead (Behind) Budget: (\$22,720.21)

Announcements

Congratulations to our confirmands Angelica Hartman and Evan Fox. Angelica will be confirmed at the 9 a.m. service and Evan at the 11:00 service. Reception to follow each service to honor the confirmands.

Empty Bowls Fundraiser: 3333 S Old US 23. Sunday May 21st from Noon to 2 PM.

Bible Study: Thursdays at 10:00 at the Parish House and via Zoom.

Memorial Day Service at Cemetery: Monday, May 29th at 9 AM.

Birthday Celebration: Sunday, June 18th at 10:00 AM.

Sunday 05/21	9 AM Traditional Worship & Confirmation, 10 AM Confirmation Celebration; 11AM Contemporary Worship & Confirmation; Noon Confirmation Celebration
Monday 05/22	Office Hours 8 AM-1 PM
Tuesday 05/23	7:30 PM AA
Wednesday 05/24	Office Hours 8 AM-1 PM; 8 AM Men's Club
Thursday 05/25	10 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA
Friday 05/26	Office Hours 8 AM-1 PM
Saturday 05/27	

	May 21	May 28	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Asst. Min	Chris K.	Keith B.	Bob S.	Keith B.	Chris K.	Lorna D.
Lay Reader	Chris K.	Keith B.	Bob S.	Keith B.	Chris K.	Lorna D.
Greeter						
Usher	Kathy	Jerry				
Media	Graenser	Graenser	Prieskorn	Graenser	Graenser	Prieskorn
Fellowship	Confirmation				Birthday Celebration	
Altar Care	Sally	Nancy & Sharon	Linda G	Joanne	Linda Fox	

Prayers of Grace & Support

Please pray for:

- Frank Boyd who broke his ankle.
- Sharon Prieskorn recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- John Brach in rehab recovering from a fall.
- Trey Martin, cousin of Bryan Rush, in the Air Force and sent to Ukraine. Pray for safety and happiness.
- Joel Harbath, friend of Bryan Rush, who recently lost his wife of five years to cancer.
- Cindy Brach, recovering from a serious infection.
- The Durand family following the passing of Bob Lusky.
- Lynn Rineman with advanced kidney disease.
- Georgia, Gail's friend's granddaughter born premature and having health concerns.
- Gail's piano teacher and friend who had back surgery.
- Mary, Gail's friend, whose nephew died suddenly at 35 years old.
- Tracy M., friend of Bryan Rush, for healing from shoulder injury.
- All those affected by gun violence.
- John D, friend of Bryan Rush, suffering from Diabetes Type II.
- Alia's daughter, being treated for thyroid cancer.
- Mary Anne Eppley, Linda Walton's sister-in-law, recovering from brain surgery.
- Lynne Morris, Michele Hirschman's friend, in chemotherapy.
- Susan Zaske recovering from a liver transplant.
- Bryan Rush for a successful court date coming soon.

- Bill Foster in assisted living.
- Kathy Boyes with health challenges.
- Melissa Alofalter, Angela Martin's friend, battling an unknown medical issue, beginning with MS and COVID.
- Dottie Woodman, recovering.
- Margaret Doane, Kristiina H.'s friend, with breast cancer.
- Micah, Alia's nephew, with a chronic infection and declining health.
- Barb Gienapp with health concerns.
- Ethan and his mom, Marianne, as they are dealing with major physical and emotional struggles. From Linda Walton.
- Theo Evans being treated for leukemia.
- Joan Richardson, dealing with health concerns.
- Prayers for peace in Ukraine
- Charlie Davis, Marylou's husband, with cancer.
- Jon Brach and his family with health and life difficulties.
- Pan Norton, Cindy Brach's son's mother-in-law.
- Jackie (Gail's piano student) diagnosed with throat cancer.
- Theresa Pope, fiancé of Michael Knight, for her battle with breast cancer.
- Niece of Elaine McIntyre, Patsy McIntyre Costin, diagnosed with colon cancer.
- Terry Pitt, Collene Hedden's brother -in-law, with auto-immune disease.
- Vicki, Kristiina Herbst's neighbor, with health concerns.
- Beulah & Mark who are having health and life difficulties.



St. George is a warm, friendly, spirit-filled congregation that has been blessed throughout many years. Most Christian denominations develop a distinct emphasis of the Christian faith and practice, and this is also true for Lutherans.

The Lutheran emphasis, in a word, is God's grace.

We emphasize the grace of God which forgives us, makes us God's children, and empowers us to serve others. **We welcome, include, and value all people.**