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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.**

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk: Mission Moment

Sharing the Peace

Centering Prayer

**Dear Lord as I come to you today
Fill my heart and my whole being
with the wonder of Your presence.
(Silent prayer)**

Youth Message

Opening

**Great is the Lord God Almighty
Great is the Lord on high
The train of His robe fills the temple
And we cry out highest praise**

(Pre-Chorus)

**Glory to the risen King
Glory to the Son
Glorious Son**

Glory

(Chorus)

**Lift up your heads
Open the doors
Let the King of glory come in
And forever be our God**

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty
Holy is the Lord on high
Let all the earth bow before You
And crown You Lord of all**

Pre-Chorus and Chorus x2

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My Jesus

Are you past the point of weary
Is your burden weighing heavy
Is it all too much to carry
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

Do you feel that empty feeling
'Cause shame's done all its stealing
And you're desperate for some healing
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen (amen)
Who can wipe away the tears
From broken dreams and wasted years
And tell the past to disappear
Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And all the wrong turns that you would
Go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good
Let me tell you about my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave

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.

Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen (amen)

Who would take my cross to Calvary
Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus oh

He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen (amen)
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Let my Jesus change your life

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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.

First Reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Song

Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the
atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long
for. To be overcome by Your Presence
Lord

Your Presence Lord

There's nothing worth more that will ever
come close. No thing can compare You're
our living hope. Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of
loves. Where my heart becomes free and
my shame is undone. In Your Presence
Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the
atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long
for. To be overcome by Your Presence
Lord

Your Presence Lord

Your Presence Lord. Your Presence
Oh God how we love Your Presence
Lord

Let us become more aware of Your
Presence. Let us experience the glory of
Your goodness (Lord)

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Service of Confirmation

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Prayers of the Church

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.

Holy Communion

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.

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.**

Song: *Glory (See Page 1)*

Go in peace, serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

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.

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.
- John Brach with health issues.
- 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.**