

**May 24, 2020**

*Seventh Sunday  
Of Easter*



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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

*Communion:*

*1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays*

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### AS WE GATHER

Our Savior Jesus Christ told us He was going to His Father. The first disciples saw Him do this, actually leaving them and us behind, ascending through the clouds. But they and we are to know His "going" is not exactly His "leaving." For He has not left us alone as orphans. We are to know that His real presence with us is now not by sight but by faith through His Sacraments. It is His voice we hear from now on, saying, "I forgive you all your sins." By faith we know that Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are not primarily something we do only to remember Him but the Means by which He washes us and fills us now with His righteousness. Through it all, we are formed by His cross, enduring suffering for His sake with the great and sure hope that, in the end, we will be with Him forever.

### PRELUDE

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"  
*Violin – Andrew Messersmith*

arr. C. DeRousse

### WELCOME

*Stand*

### HYMN

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

**LSB 493**



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,  
to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers  
 al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
 al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of  
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -  
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph  
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
 And be our future great reward.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Then, throned with You forever, we  
 Shall praise Your name eternally.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
 All praise to You let earth accord:  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 You are, while endless ages run,  
 With Father and with Spirit one.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** This joyful Eastertide  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
Has sprung to life this morrow.  
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.

**C** **Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen;  
But now has Christ arisen!**

**We are Your baptized people. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us into our Easter joy.**

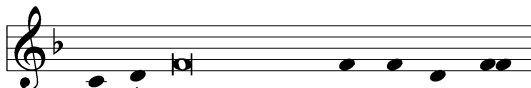
**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## $\text{✝}$ THE WORD $\text{✝}$

### KYRIE

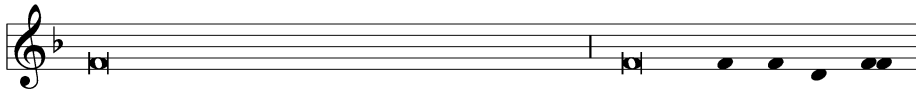
**LSB 152**



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



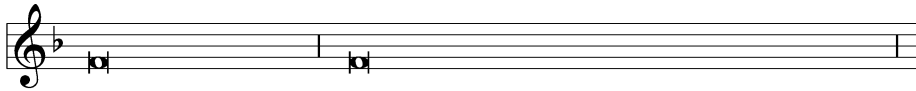
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



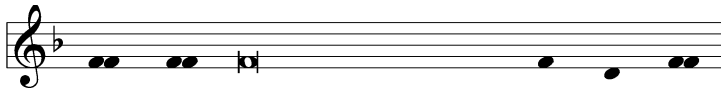
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**G** A - men.



1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;  
 2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High."  
 Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon-or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a-lone!  
 Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do-min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne.  
 Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev-er-last-ing days!

## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
 O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

*Acts 1:12-26*

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus

and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

And “‘Let another take his office.’

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11*

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those

who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

<sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**VERSE**

*Romans 6:9; John 14: 18*

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 17:1–11*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to



know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

**HYMN**

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

**LSB 650**

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's

realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing  
 ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing  
 min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,

O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,

ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,  
 ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we  
 ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -

life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
 praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.  
 mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

## SERMON

*Stand*

### 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.**

### 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.

Almighty and merciful God, we give thanks for Your mercy, especially for the salvation You have prepared for the whole world through the suffering and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Enable us to walk by faith, enduring all trials encountered because of that faith as we deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ hear our prayer.**

**A** We pray that You rule and govern Your Holy Church throughout the world, granting Your blessing to all You have called to preach Your Holy Word, in order that we be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word, and that we bear witness to Your saving truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give health, wisdom, and protection to all who are in authority of making, administering, and judging our laws in order that they rule according to Your goodwill and pleasure. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Give Your comfort to all who are in trouble, want, sickness, peril of death, or any other adversity. Grant courage and steadfastness especially to those who suffer for Your name's sake, that they receive and accept their afflictions in the confidence that You will acknowledge them as Your own. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** **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.

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

## OFFERING

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

**LSB 956**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## 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.

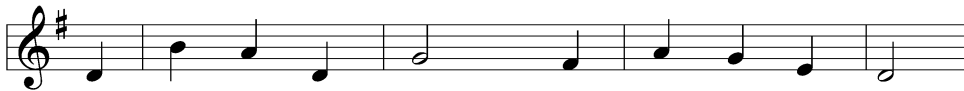
**HYMN**

**"Be Strong in the Lord"**

**LSB 665**



1 Be strong in the Lord In ar - mor of light,  
 2 In - teg - ri - ty gird You round to im - part  
 3 With ea - ger - ness shod Stand firm in your place,  
 4 Though Sa - tan pre - sume To test you and try,  
 5 So wield well your blade, Re - joice in its pow'rs,



With hel - met and sword, With shield for the fight;  
 The truth of His Word As truth in your heart;  
 Or go forth for God With news of His grace;  
 In hel - met and plume Your head shall be high;  
 Fight on un - dis - mayed For Je - sus is ours!



On prayer be de - pen - dent, Be belt - ed and shod,  
 His righ - teous - ness wear - ing As breast - plate of mail,  
 No foe shall dis - arm you Nor force you to yield,  
 Be - set by temp - ta - tion Be true to your Lord,  
 Then in Him vic - to - rious Your ar - mor lay down,



In breast - plate re - splen - dent: The ar - mor of God.  
 His vic - to - ry shar - ing, Be strong to pre - vail.  
 No ar - row can harm you With faith as your shield.  
 Your hel - met sal - va - tion And Scrip - ture your sword.  
 To praise, ev - er glo - rious, His cross and His crown.

*Sit*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL**

*Pastor Willsea*

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**

"Be Strong in the Lord"

setting: L. Peterson

## **PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE**

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*Deaconess: Karen Suter*

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