

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 5 & 8, 2016



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**HYMN** "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build" ..... LSB 492

## **INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

*P: Come! Enter in!*

**C: Let us gather around Word and Sacrament.**

*P: Come, join together!*

**C: Let us unite around what our God has told us.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**      *Romans 3:10; Philippians 2:6*

*P: And what has our God told us?*

**C: He has told us that there is none who is righteous, no, not one.**

**We have all together become corrupt. There is none who seeks God. We are sinful from birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.**

*P: Our sins have separated us from God. We deserve nothing but His wrath and condemnation. Because of our sinful condition, we can only come to Him in repentance and cry out:*

**C: O Lord, have mercy on me and forgive me for Jesus' sake.**

*P: God never desired that we would be separated from Him. Because in our sinfulness we could never go to Him, He came to us. Jesus didn't consider equality with His Father a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking on human nature. He lived the life we cannot live, fulfilling the Law on our behalf.*

*And when He died, God made Him who had no sin to become sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. God has united us with Him through faith.*

*As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Alleluia! Immanuel! God is with us! He has brought us to His side!**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 61:3, 5-8; antiphon: Psalm 61:1*

*P: Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; for You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.*

**C: For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.**

*P: Prolong the life of the king; may his years endure to all generations!*

**C: May he be enthroned forever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!**

*P: So will I ever sing praises to Your name, as I perform my vows day after day.*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**RESPONSE** "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"..... *LSB 822*



2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -



of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.  
ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.



He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in  
The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to



that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.  
the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.



Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.  
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;



His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.  
There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.

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## **SALUTATION and COLLECT**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You came to bring us unity with You and the Father. Point us to the source of that unity, Your Word, and bring us ever closer to You, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 1:12–26*

<sup>12</sup> Then the disciples 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.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

*Revelation 22:1–6, 12–20*

<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him. <sup>4</sup> They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show His servants what must soon take place.”

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 17:20–26*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

<sup>20</sup> Jesus prayed, “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent Me. <sup>26</sup> I made

known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

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

**HYMN** “The Tree of Life” ..... *LSB 561*

**SERMON**

**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: Lord in Your mercy,*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING**

**✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE**

*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 Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

*P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have united us around Your Word, which proclaims Your Son as our Savior. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

## RESPONSE "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" ..... LSB 822



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -  
ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.  
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!  
To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -  
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -  
or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.  
es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!  
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;  
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;  
Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.  
Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*In Your justice, You separated Yourself from us because of our sin. Yet, in Your love, You sent Your Son to die in our stead and grant us eternal life, united with You and all Your saints.*

*We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.*

**C: Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

### **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 forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**C: Amen.**

<p>If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.</p>
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**RESPONSE** "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" ..... LSB 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.

*Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" ..... LSB 623

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

*P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Holy Father, that you have kept Your promise and forgiven our sins in the Sacrament. Now, use this salutary Meal to unite us ever more with You and with one another; through Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

**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** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" ..... LSB 821 vs. 1,4,5

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**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**The Day of Pentecost**

Genesis 11:1–9

Acts 2:1–21

John 14:23–31

**THIS WEEK— (May 8th – 14th)**

**Sunday:** Mother’s Day; Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

**Monday:** Bible Study, 1:00pm; Elders, 6:00pm

**Tuesday:** Bible Study, 10:00am; Voter’s Assembly Meeting, 6:30pm

**Wednesday:** Bible Study, 8:30am; Confirmation (1st year) 5:00pm;  
Confirmation (2nd year), 6:00pm

**Thursday:** Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm; Worship/HC, 6:30pm;  
Bible Class, 7:30pm

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending 05/01/16)**

General Fund: \$8180.99; Building Fund: \$1985.00; Blessings: \$62.05;  
CLAY: \$80.00; Memorial: \$95.00

Total Attendance: 132 (Midweek: 16; Sunday: 116)

**CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible study following the service.

Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**TODAY IS MOTHER’S DAY!** Happy Mother’s Day to all of the mothers, mothers-to-be, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers. May God bless you, each and every day!

**VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING** will be Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30pm.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MISSIONS** through your purchases at the Ladies Guild Spring Bake & Craft Sale last Sunday.

**CLC BLOOD DRIVE:** Have you ever thought of donating blood as being a good steward of your time and talent? For those of you that are physically able, I urge you to thank the Lord for your good health by donating blood this Wednesday, May 25th from 3:30-6:00 p.m. in the lower fellowship room. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

**CLC QUILTERS FUNDRAISER** was organized in memory of Anita Fisher, to help fund quilting supplies needed. The fundraiser will run from Sunday, May 1st through Sunday, May 29th. The beautiful queen-size quilt measures 86" x 101". Please place your bids on the form provided and make note that each bid must increase the previous bid by \$10.00. Thank you for all your support.

**INTERNATIONAL SPY ACADEMY IS COMING TO CLC THIS SUMMER!** We are looking for agents to assist us in training our recruits to seek the one true God! Family Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, June 19 through Thursday, June 23 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. See Inspectors Brzezinski and Piepenburg A.K.A. Patti and Peggy to get involved. Excitement and adventure await the entire family!

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN FISH BOIL:** In John 14:18 Jesus says "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you." The Orphan Grain Train brings relief for human needs worldwide spiritually through God's Word and bodily through physical needs being met. The fish boil is like that of Door County with white fish (our fish is de-boned), and is fantastic! **Serving on Friday, May 13th from 4-7 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens Drive.** Purchase tickets at the door or at St. Mark's Lutheran Church office (715-848-5511). Ticket prices: Adults \$10, children 6-12 are \$5, and children under 6 are free. If you have questions, please see Sue Meyer.

**MAY HUMAN CARE DONATIONS** will go for World Relief Health Kits. Items needed: 20" x 40" inch towels (darker colors). Thank you.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** may be found on the bulletin boards.

**“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

**(Mother’s Day)** “We have been among the living from our first moments inside our mothers. God’s holy angels and many wonderful people worked very hard to keep it that way. Because they did, we have fulfilling lives in Jesus Christ. And there is hope for others through us as we live for Him. We owe a great debt. Let us pay it forward as guardians of life and hope.”  
— Jason Nelson, *www.timeofgrace.org* – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))