# Sunday, May 21, 2023 Seventh Sunday of Easter

\* stand +kneel

### GATHERING\_

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

8:00am Come, Christians, Join To Sing arr. Mark Hayes 10:30am Come, Christians, Join To Sing arr. F Thomas Simpson

### GATHERING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

ELW # 656

### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.** 

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

## Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.** 

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

"This is the Feast"

Setting 3





**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** 

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

The assembly is seated.

### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>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."

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God's ene-<sup>|</sup> mies be scattered; let those who<sup>|</sup> hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you should drive <sup>1</sup> them away;

as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres-  $^{\mid}$  ence of God.

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;

let them also be mer-<sup>|</sup>ry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who<sup>+</sup>rides the clouds;

## I AM is that name, rejoice | before God!

<sup>5</sup>In your holy habita-<sup>1</sup> tion, O God,

you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

<sup>6</sup>you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners <sup>|</sup> into freedom; but the rebels shall live in <sup>|</sup> desert places.

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth be-<sup>|</sup> fore your people, when you marched <sup>|</sup> through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the <sup>1</sup>God of Sinai,

# at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful <sup>|</sup> rain, O God;

you restored your inheritance | when it languished.

<sup>10</sup>Your people found their | home in it;

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms <sup>1</sup> of the earth; sing praises <sup>1</sup> to the Lord.

- <sup>33</sup>You ride in the heavens, O God, in the <sup>1</sup> ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your <sup>1</sup> mighty voice.
- <sup>34</sup>Ascribe pow-<sup>1</sup> er to God,

whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup>How wonderful you are in your holy places, O<sup>+</sup>God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! <sup>1</sup>Blessed be God!

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

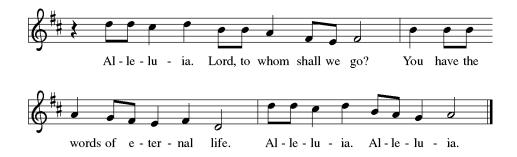
Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



### \* GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

*The gospel is announced.* The holy gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

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

<sup>6</sup>"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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>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 concludes: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

The assembly is seated.

#### SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song. All Are Welcome ELW # 641

**\*APOSTLES' CREED** 

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

The assembly kneels or sits. **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** 

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council (*persons can be named*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

### Here other intercessions may be offered.

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for (*Helena and*) all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

### The presiding minister concludes.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.** 

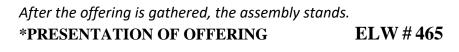
### \*PEACE

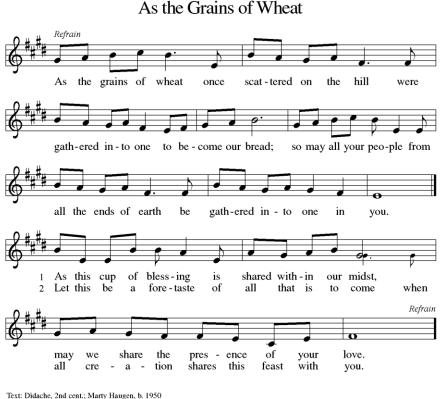
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. **10:30am Bell Anthem** Be Thou My Vision arr. Paul A. McKlveen

### OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. You are invited to use your cellphone to text the peace of Christ to someone you missed in church today while the offering is being collected.





#### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the following prayer. Let us pray. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;

through Christ our Lord.

### Amen.

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#### \*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.

#### SENDING\_

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### \*BLESSING

The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. Amen.

\*SENDING SONG Rise Up, O Saints of God ELW#669

#### \*DISMISSAL

The minister may send the assembly into mission. Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** 

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.** 

**POSTLUDE** JOY! Garrett Parker

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**Important** Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

**Prayer Requests** – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to the person leading service prior to start of service.

Pastoral Coverage –Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request.

**Reminder: Hospital visits** -The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

Attendance for May 14, 2023 46 physically present, 64 views online, 0 shares as of May 15, 2023.

**Sponsoring bulletins and flowers** is a great way to honor a special event in your loved ones' lives or to remember a loved one who has died. (Please only two vases of flowers per week.) Flowers are now \$15.00 a vase. If flowers are not sponsored, this is an added cost to the church. The charts are on the bulletin board for 2023. There are many empty spaces on the charts.

"Hero Hotline" VBS will be held June 11-15, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:30 in the pavilion. Children from ages 2 and up to including those completing 6th grade are invited to join "Hero Hotline" VBS. To register complete the registration form found on the table in the back of the church and give to a Sunday School teacher or place in the Christian Education mailbox. In order to make sure that we have enough materials for all students, we ask that you register by May 28, 2023. Council made the difficult decision to modify the worship schedule. Effective May 2023, Saturday evening services will be limited to the first Saturday of the month. The next Saturday evening service will be held June 3, 2023.

The Jolly Quilters have two requests: Full size or larger bed sheets or any piece of material that size are needed to attach to the back of the quilts and 6 mo. to 24 mo. one or two piece baby suits are needed for the baby kits that are assembled and sent to Lutheran World Relief when the quilts are sent every year. As always, if you would like to donate money instead, please place in an envelope marking what the money is to be used for and place it in the offering plate. Any questions, please contact the office. As a side note, the items collected for the personal care kits collected during Lent will be blessed when quilts and other items are blessed.

Due to the current situation, please check with Linda in the office before any doors will be unlocked to gain access to the church during the regular office hours. Any questions, see any council member.

From June 4<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day weekend, the regular summer service hours will be Sunday at 9 am and the first Saturday of the month at 5 pm.

From May 14<sup>th</sup> until June 11<sup>th</sup> the Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring a collection of paper products for Servants To All. Servants To All is a homeless shelter in Pottsville. Items needed include paper or Styrofoam cups, bowls and plates, plastic ware, paper towels, wipes, small packs of tissues, take out containers, and coffee cups with lids. Any of these items would be appreciated. Please place them in the narthex.

Communion will not be served on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

This year's graduates will be honored during the service on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you, Brian Staller, for leading services this week!

Birthday cards: Betty Freeman will be 90 on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please send cards to: Betty Freeman, 71 Eden View Road Apt. 383, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

May 21- No communion May 28- Confirmation and honor graduates May 28- Deadline to register for VBS June 3 – Saturday evening service at 5 pm June 3 and 4 – no communion June 11- Last day for paper products for Servants to All VBS- June 11-15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm.

### June 15- Deadline for newsletter articles for July/August newsletter. June 25- No communion

### STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$15.00
Local Benevolence	\$57.00
Current	\$2352.93
Capital Building Fund	\$35.00
Plate Offering	\$1.00
Total Received	<u>\$2460.93</u>

### "THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

<u>Today:</u> 8 am and 10:30 am Holy Communion Service
9:15 am Sunday School
<u>Monday:</u> 10 am Prayer Shawl
<u>Thursday:</u> 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
<u>Saturday:</u> 5 pm Spoken Service with Holy Communion
<u>Next Sunday:</u> 8 am and 10:30 am Holy Communion Service
9:15 am Sunday School

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6 Tues: Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11 Wed: Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36 Thu: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11 Fri: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17 Sat: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12

### ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

Greeter: 8 am Paul Fabian 10:30 am Helen Miller Acolyte: 8 am Lector: 8 am Brian Staller 10:30 am Marlene Troxell Ushers: 8 am Eva Waldman 10:30 am Mike Troxell Counting Team: Jennie Raudenbush, Marlene Troxell Council Greeter: 8 am Kathy Faust 10:30 am Brian Ferrence Communion Assistants: 8 am Kathy Faust 10:30 am Brian Ferrence

Church Office Hours: 9 am - 3pm Monday - Friday Office closed for lunch 12 pm until 12:30 pm Church Telephone 570-754-7350 www.SummerHillLutheran.org – Church's website Facebook: St Paul Lutheran Church, Summer Hill Student Loan Committee email: stpaulsummerhill.studentloan@gmail.com

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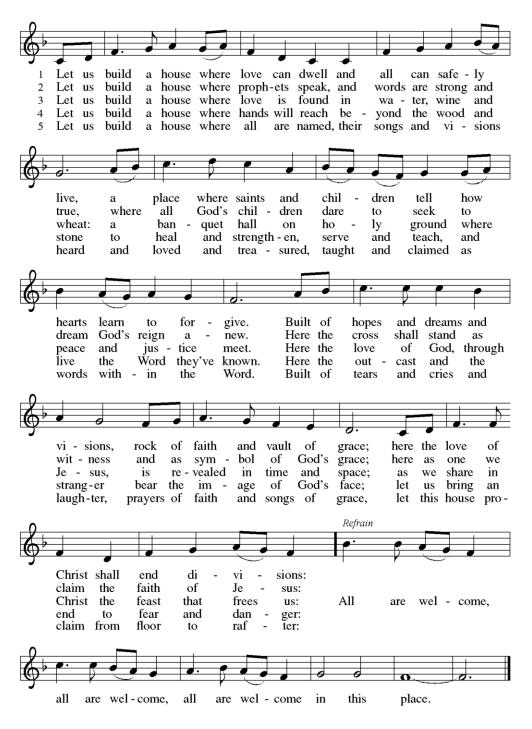


Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Barbara Pennypacker, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Adam Brink, Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John

Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Rosemary Meade, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Connie Klinger, Stacey Rao, Betty Strauch and John Strauch, Sr., Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Beverly Trumbo, Brian Hunsberger, Randy Ney, Donovan Baker, Kyle Cleary. Peggy Davis, Sue and Harry Russell, Heather Gruber, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Timothy Bast, Ryan Bast, and Donald Legarht.



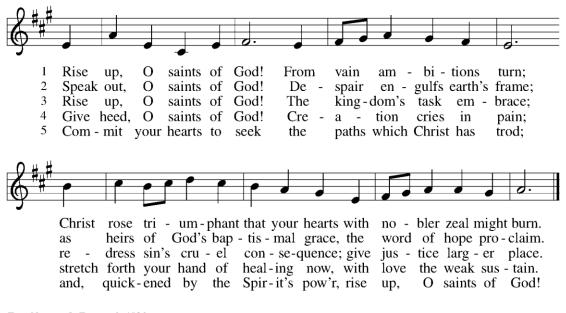
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Rise Up, O Saints of God!



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