

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



Happy Mother's Day!

Good Morning!

Here in America we take a moment in May to celebrate Mother's Day. There is always the tendency to get dramatic about it, since that what we kids always did best with our moms. For those who are blessed to still have their mothers around, it is a day to enjoy the contact and share the memories of life in your particular family.

Obviously, not every woman has had a child, but most assuredly, every one has had a mother. We all share the common bond of the joy of family. For those in large families and small families, it is almost always the case that Mom was somehow at the center of things to make everything work just right.

Jesus offers a prayer in our Gospel this day, a prayer for us all, that we may be one. I am sure this is like every mother's desire for her children, that they would get along, and remember each other with the love and respect found within the family boundaries. We are reminded by our Lord that He would be leaving, but He actually prayed for the disciples, that unity would be theirs, and upon closer examination we find Jesus actually prayed for us as well.

Jesus showed us the power of what it means to pray for someone else. This would by all means reflect the power of the prayer a mother might have for her child. We are all blessed by the power of faith in prayer as God acts upon our petitions and that we ourselves can be involved in such prayer.

On behalf of us all, Happy Mother's Day! Enjoy the day mindful of all the good things, and maybe even some of the not so good things, that made your family what it is. God's creative power continues to work through families, and on this day, we all remember how much Mom did for us!

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

As our joy explodes this Easter season, may the message of the Gospel accounts of the work of Jesus Christ, His journey to Jerusalem, His death and resurrection, and the revelation of the Kingdom of God speak to our hearts and motivate a renewed sense of purpose even today. May the feelings in our hearts be matched with the actions of our hands, our feet, even our words. For the times we have neglected to do this, or avoided doing this, we know we need to offer our confession to Almighty God:

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: On Easter, Almighty God, in His mercy, gave us the resurrection of our Lord, who first died for us, and then, for His sake, and by His promise, forgives us all our sin. Therefore on His behalf, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more, that the rest of your life might be pure and holy and modeled after our Lord Jesus in all we say and all we do, we pray and celebrate this Easter joy in His Holy Name, **Amen**.

HYMN 235 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee 1+4

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): **O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you. Alleluia.

SPECIAL MUSIC “I BELIEVE”

Dean Carson

FIRST LESSON : Acts 16:16-34

New Living Translation (NLT)

One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future. She earned a lot of money for her masters by telling fortunes. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved.”

This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and said to the demon within her, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And instantly it left her.

Her masters’ hopes of wealth were now shattered, so they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities at the marketplace. “The whole city is in an uproar because of these Jews!” they shouted to the city officials. “They are teaching customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice.”

A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn’t escape. So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks.

Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. But Paul shouted to him, “Stop! Don’t kill yourself! We are all here!”

The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.” And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 22:12-14; 16-18; 20-21.

New Living Translation (NLT)

12 “Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life.

16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star.”

17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.

20 He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon!” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

21 May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s holy people.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 17:20-26

New Living Translation (NLT)

“I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

“I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

“O righteous Father, the world doesn’t know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

SERMON "The High Priestly Prayer"

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

SERMON HYMN: 460 What a Friend We Have in Jesus 1+3

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed (C)

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 into hell. 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING:

After the consecration of the Offering, we will sing the Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

-PRAYERS OF PRAISE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

HYMN 446 O Jesus, I Have Promised 1+4

THE BENEDICTION & THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God**

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, ***please place your cell phones on muted*** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

There's New Life Here!

OUR NEXT BIBLE STUDY for the month of May will be held this Wednesday on May 11th, starting at 10:00 AM. We will be studying the book of Galatians, and it might serve you well to at least read the third and fourth chapters, if not the whole book, which contains just 6 chapters. It will give you a flavor for our discussion. Hope to see you there.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please us a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

SUMMER NEWSLETTER COMING SOON! If you have items you'd like included in the next newsletter, by all means please forward them to Jeanne Keyser, who is our newsletter editor. We are thinking it would be published later in June but now would be a good time to get those articles started!

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