**St. Luke’s Episcopal Church**

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**16 May 2021  10:00 A.M.**

**Holy Eucharist**

The Reverend Emily Schwartz-Crouch, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Michael L. Delk, *Preacher*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude “Sonata in C for Trumpet and Organ” Tommaso Albinoni**

Erika Howard, *trumpet*

**Choral Introit The English Gradual**

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Alleluia:  in like manner as ye have seen him going up into heaven, so shall he come again, alleluia, alleluia.  And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven, as he went up: behold two men stood by them in white apparel, which said unto them.  Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**The Opening Acclamation Page 355**

***Celebrant*** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Gloria in excelsis Page 356**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Salutation & Collect of the Day Page 357**

***Celebrant*** The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

***Celebrant*** Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen***

**The First Lesson Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus -- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us--one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 1 Chant: Attwood**

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  \*  
      nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  \*  
      and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves

that do not wither;  \*  
      everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked;  \*  
      they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  \*  
      nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  \*  
      but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**The Second Lesson I John 5:9-13**

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual: Choral Alleluia The English Gradual**

Alleluia. Alleluia. God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.  Alleluia.  Christ to highest heaven ascending, led captivity captive: and gave gifts unto men. Alleluia.

**The Holy Gospel John 17:6-19**

***The people remain standing. The Celebrant says***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

***After the reading, the Celebrant says***

The Gospel of the Lord.

***People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

*Said by all, standing*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became Incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People, Form III Page 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one****.*  
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and   
humbly serve you;   
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***  
We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for **Michael, Anne, and Art,** our clergy and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***  
We pray for Joe our President, Andy our Governor, and Neil & Greg our Mayors, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;   
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***  
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;   
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed, **…**, eternal rest**.**  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***  
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***  
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially **Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braden, Bud, Caleb, Carol, Charles, Chris, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Dawn, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Helga, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, MaryBeth, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sarah, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn, the Murray family; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve, Trey.** *Silence*

***The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.***

**The Peace**

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

***People* And also with you.**

**Healing Prayer**

**Birthday and Anniversary Prayers**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Anthem “God is ascended” Kenneth Leighton**

                  God is ascended in jubilee,

                  And the Lord in the sound of the trumpet.  Alleluia!

                  Rejoice to God our helper, sing aloud to the God of Jacob.

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D Page 372**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Luke and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. ***Amen****.*

**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

A period of silence is kept.

***Celebrant***Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. We invite you to join us in this prayer wherever you are.*

**A Prayer from the St. Augustine Prayer Book**

*As the celebrant receives the elements of Communion, the congregation says aloud this prayer*

***All*     Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love.  Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more.  Amen.**

**Communion Anthem “King of glory” Harold Friedell**

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;

And that love may never cease, I will move thee.

Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;

Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee;

And the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.

Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;

And alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;

E’en eternity’s too short to extol thee.

                                                      Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

***Celebrant*** In the name of God and of St. Luke’s, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s Body and Blood.

***People* We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

***People* Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude “Sonata in C - Allegro” Tommaso Albinoni**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wednesday AM Lenten Bible Study!**

Please join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 9:45 am to discuss a chapter of The Path, a Bible Study published by Forward Movement. This is a lay-led discussion of the core stories of our faith from Genesis to Revelation, and is intended for all levels of experience! The Zoom link is published to our email list each week, so please contact Dawn at [admin@stlukesanchorage.org](mailto:admin@stlukesanchorage.org) to be added to our email list. It’s never too late to join this rich Christian formation opportunity!

**Thursday Night Bible Study Continues!**

Please join this faithful group on Thursday nights at 6:45pm on Zoom to discuss scripture, share stories, and pray together. We are using *The Path* to guide our study, but all you need is a Bible and access to the internet to join us. Find the link in our weekly Zoom Newsletter!

**Contemporary Anglican Saints – Sunday 9am Class**

Please join us Sunday mornings, 9:00. The British Isles and the greater Anglican Communion has been the home and origin of many great saints. These saints are people with fascinating stories, and great impact on global Christianity. Please join us as we learn about these saints and discuss their influence and ideas.

For more information, email Dave Kirchinger at [**episcopaliandave@gmail.com**](mailto:episcopaliandave@gmail.com).

The link to the class is: [**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144530030**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144530030) / Meeting ID: **851 4453 0030**

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**Centering Prayer**

Centering Prayer has changed to every **FIRST** and **THIRD** Tuesday. Join us on **May 18 from 6 – 7pm** on ZOOM until we can all join back in the Lyman Office.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89768653053>

Meeting ID: 897 6865 3053

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead,** please let Dawn know, [admin@stlukesanchorage.org](mailto:admin@stlukesanchorage.org).  Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.

**St. Luke’s Connections**

St Luke’s Connections is our latest media production, that happens right before our Sunday 10:00 AM live stream. In St Luke’s Connections we get to know members of our community here at St Luke’s. Currently we are in need of our community of faith to volunteer about 10-15 minutes of their time to be interviewed as part of St Luke’s Connections. If you are interested in being interviewed please contact either Ira Creasman or Mitch Wilson.

Ira: 205-382-4800 or [ibcreasman@gmail.com](mailto:ibcreasman@gmail.com) / Mitch: [mitchelldalewilson@hotmail.com](mailto:mitchelldalewilson@hotmail.com)

***The Flowers on the Altar*** are given by Bud & Jen Currens in loving memory of their parents, Ed & Juanita Currens and Jack & Toots Whayne.

**In our prayers** ... **for Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braden, Bud, Caleb, Carol, Charles, Chris, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Dawn, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Helga, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, MaryBeth, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sarah, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn, the Murray family;** and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: **Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve, Trey**. We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

**Readings for:**

**May 23: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:25-35, 37;**

**Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.**