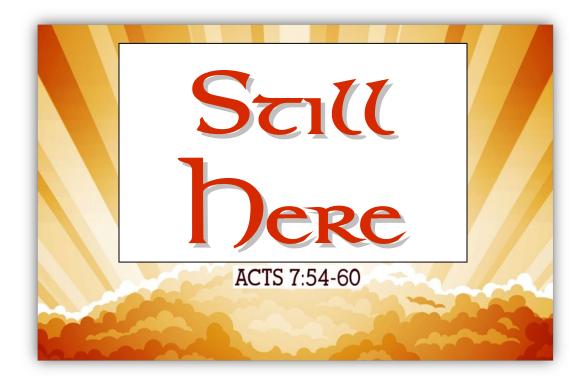
Seventh Sunday of Caster May 16, 2021



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 16, 2021 +++ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP NOTES With eyes of faith we see Jesus now ascended to the right hand of God the Father, where he always intercedes for us. Heaven is open, just as it was when Stephen looked up and saw Jesus still ruling from above with his grace and mercy.

HOLY COMMUNION In this sacrament Jesus really gives his true body and blood with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. He also gives believers an opportunity to express their "close communion" with one another on all the teachings of the Christian faith. Members of other WELS and ELS churches are invited to commune alongside the members of Our Savior Lutheran. Other guests who wish to receive the sacrament are asked first to seek instruction in God's Word from our pastor.

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!

HYMN	"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"	(p.13)	Christian Worship, # 169:1-2
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- **M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. (spoken)

CONFESSION OF SINS

- **M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



- **M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C:** Amen. (spoken)

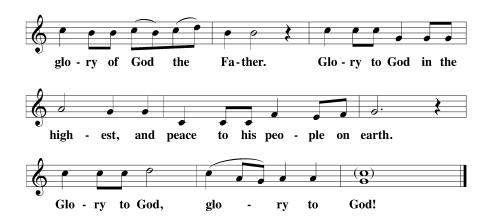
PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD







PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **M:** The Lord be with you.
- **C:** And also with you. (spoken)
- M: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 7:54-60

The risen Lord Jesus, now ascended into heaven, is fully aware of our needs, even when we are in distress and even when we are dying. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, saw Jesus in his Word. He also recognized Jesus standing at the right hand of God and interceding for his people.

When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

RESPONSE"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"(p.13)CW, # 169:3

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 7:11-27

Our superior High Priest, Jesus now stands before God the Father on our behalf. He always intercedes for us with boldness, confident that his "once for all" sacrifice on the cross earns a favorable hearing for us.

If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? For when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also. He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. For it is declared: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God. And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever.' " Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant. Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

VERSE OF THE DAY

- M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.
- M: I will not leave you as orphans;
- C: I will come to you. Alleluia. (John 14:18)

GOSPEL John 17:11b-19

Jesus prays for those who will hear his Word. He asks the Father to preserve his hearers in the his love and to keep them in the faith till he takes them to himself in heaven.



Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.



NICENE CREED

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

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,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY	"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"	(p.14)	<i>CW,</i> # 175

SERMON Acts 7:54-60 "Still Here"

OFFERING

Online or in the entry to the gym. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

This is a series of prayers. Each time the minister says, **"Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,"** the congregation speaks its **"Amen."**

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 SACRAMENT

- **M:** The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you. (The responses are spoken.)
- M: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them up to the Lord.
- M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C: It is good and right so to do.
- M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

- **M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen. (spoken)





DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution of the sacrament, the congregation may sing the following hymns:

HYMN "Jesus, My Great High Priest" (p.15)

CW, # 359

THANKSGIVING





M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever. (The responses are spoken.)

- M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.
- M: The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
- C: Amen.

HYMN

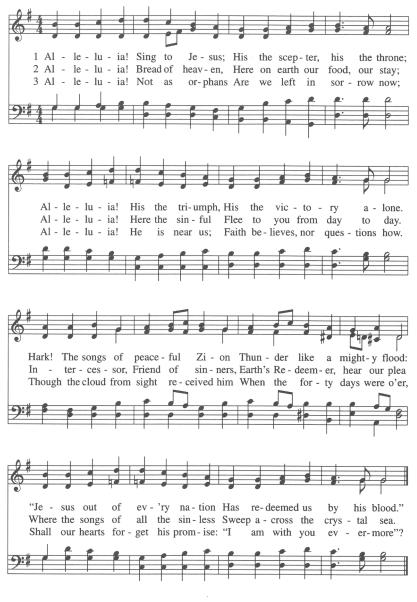
"In You is Gladness"

In You is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, Sunshine of my heart. By You are given The gifts of heaven; You the true Redeemer are. Our souls are waking; Our bonds are breaking. Who trusts You surely Has built securely And stands forever. Alleluia! Our hearts are pining To see Your shining, Dying or living To You are clinging Now and forever. Alleluia!

If He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth or sin or death. He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices In Him forever. Alleluia! We shout for gladness, Win over sadness, Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever. Alleluia!

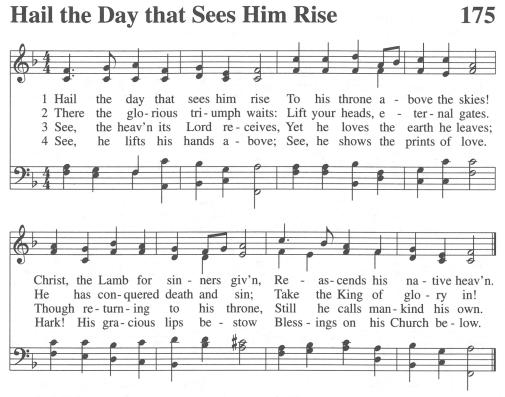
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Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, abr., alt. Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, alt.

HYMN TO JOY 87 87 D



- 5 Still for us he intercedes;His prevailing death he pleads.He, the first of all our race,Near himself prepares a place.
- 6 There we shall with you remain Partners in your endless reign, There your face unclouded view, Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.



Tune: John Goss, 1800-80

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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (5/16)	8:00	am	Worship Service w/communion
-	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	9:15	am	Sunday School
	10:30	am	Worship Service w/communion
Tuesday	6:00	pm	PTF Meeting
Wednesday	8:30	am	Children's Chapel
	4:00	pm	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:30	pm	OSLS Music Recital
Thursday	7:00	pm	Worship
Sunday (5/23)	8:00	am	Worship Service IN CHURCH
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	am	Worship Service IN CHURCH

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS1st LessonEzekiel 37:1-142nd LessonActs 2:1-21GospelJohn 14:25-27PsalmPsalm 51b

LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday This service is also recorded for review after livestream. Link on our website (see below).

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Vocalist: Lisa McLaughlin

Songs: As Printed

FIRST LESSON: Acts 7:54-60

Gospel: John 17:11-19

SERMON: Acts 7:54-60

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