

7th Sunday after Easter

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OUR SAVIOR EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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VERSICLE: “God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.” (2 Corinthians 5:19)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: 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. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES: John offers deep insight into the heart and mind of the Savior. He loves his own fully and carefully, so that they might survive the onslaught of the darkness as the devil attacks. Little did they know how desperate the night and next day would be. They would abandon him, betray him, deny him, and still he would lovingly defend them and die for them. The Gospel lesson for this Sunday is from his high priestly prayer as he prays for all of us – God talking with himself, solving our problems and saving us from spiritual disaster.

Guests: Welcome to all who are visiting with us today! Please note:

Restrooms: far side (south) of the entry. **Hearing Help:** enhanced hearing units available.

Parent’s Room: far left (southwest). **Large Print Hymnal:** Please contact an usher



OPENING HYMN

“God, We Praise You”

Red, # 277

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C:** **And also with you.**

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

- P:** We trust in our Father’s love and protection, our Savior’s perfect life and innocent death in our place, and the Spirit’s power to create and sustain faith through the Gospel.
- C:** **We have come to worship you, our Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
- P:** In the face of danger, persecution or ridicule, we have the promise of God that he will not leave us or forsake us. He tells us,
- C:** **“Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”**
- P:** What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also,

along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns?

- C: Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**
- P: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."**
- C: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

- P: The prophets of old told their people, "Seek the Lord and live!" John and Jesus proclaimed the nearness of God, "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" So despite our sinful nature and wayward heart we return to God and ask for his forgiveness:**
- C: Almighty and merciful Father in heaven, we are daily tempted to deny you and your Word. Forgive us. We are weak. Our sinful nature, the devil and the world often get the best of us. We know that we need your guidance in everything we do. Please help us to bravely confess our faith in you and in your name no matter what trial or tribulation we face. We ask this in the name of Jesus.**
- P: God, our gracious and almighty Father, together with the loving Lamb and the caring Comforter has forgiven us all our sins. The Lord has removed all of our guilt through Christ's innocent suffering and death. John the Baptist pointed him out, "Look the Lamb of God!" Peter pronounced, "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."**
- C: So our forgiveness is secure now and into eternity, as John reminds us, "For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."**

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 16:6-10

The ascended Lord Jesus sent his Holy Spirit, who directed his witnesses to proclaim his good news in Macedonia.

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

THE EPISTLE LESSON **ROMANS 15:14-20**

Paul glories "in Christ Jesus in his service to God." Such has been his privilege: to carry out the priestly duty of proclaiming the Word of the Lord to the founding generations of the early Christian Church. This, the answer to Jesus' High Priestly prayer, continues from generation to generation. Through "signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit," salvation has come to the Gentiles, sanctifying us into offerings "acceptable to God."

I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another. I have written you quite boldly on some points, as if to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done—by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself...

C: and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 5:19)

THE GOSPEL LESSON **JOHN 17:20-26**

Our High priest has ascended his throne to sit at the right hand of the Father and intercede for his Church. In his High Priestly Prayer Jesus prays for the future Church, for us. In everything, our High Priest prays that we might enjoy the same relationship that Father and Son have enjoyed from eternity. The redemptive work complete, the connection through water and the Word established, our High Priest seeks for us unity, knowledge and eternal glory.

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord of Lords, the Sparkling Heavens”

Red, #237

SERMON

JOHN 17:20-26

“Our Loving Savior Prays for All of Us”

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Red, p. 31

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.

OFFERING

While the offerings are being collected, members are reminded to fill in the Friendship Register and pass the entire pad to the next person. Visitors, please include your email and phone number, so we can thank you for worshipping with us.

OFFERING HYMN “Yours Forever, God of Love”

Red, #426:5

SERVICE CONTINUES WITH PRAYER & 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**

HYMN “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

Red, # 175

BLESSING

P: To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—

C: to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Red, # 332



SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Psalm 14

Refrain

Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus,
come. Re - store your peo-ple and bless them.

Psalm Tone

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men
to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

Refrain

Will evildoers never learn—
those who devour my people and do not call on the LORD?

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Israel rejoice and be glad!

**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.**

Refrain

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (5/29) **8:00 AM** **Worship Service**
 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study
 10:30 AM **Worship Service**
Monday Memorial Day – Offices Closed
Wednesday 9:30 PM Men’s Softball Game
Thursday **7:00 PM** **Worship Service w/communion**
Sunday (6/5) **8:00 AM** **Worship Service w/communion**
 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study
 10:30 AM **Worship Service w/communion**

Next Week’s Readings

First Lesson 2 Chronicles 33:1-6, 10-18
Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

*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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THIS WEEK’S WORSHIP SERVICE

GOD TALKS WITH GOD

Service Theme

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HYMNS: 277, 237, 426:5,
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FIRST LESSON:

Acts 16:6-10

EPISTLE LESSON:

Romans 15:14-20

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 17:20-26

THE SERMON:

John 17:20-26

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