

First Lutheran Church & School

*a ministry and mission founded on Jesus Christ in 1869,
and a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.*

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020



Sunday

9:15 Sunday School & 10:30 Divine Service

Rev. Larry Rockemann, Vacancy Pastor

Rev. John Schulz, Pastor Emeritus

Jessie Irwin, Principal

Prelude

Stand

Processional Hymn

LSB 483 'With High Delight Let Us Unite'



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our

Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the

Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my

Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Introit

Psalm 100;

antiphon: Psalm 101:1

I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;*

to you, O LORD, I will make | music.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*

and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;*

to you, O LORD, I will make | music.

Kyrie

Lord, **Have mercy upon us.**

Christ, **Have mercy upon us.**

Lord, **Have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this

ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

Suffering As a Christian

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel

John 17:1–11

The High Priestly Prayer

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and
invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of
God,**

**begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the
Father,**

**by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures**

**and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of
the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Word *LSB 533 'Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure'*



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.
Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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Sermon

Pastor Rockemann

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom You have sent.”

John 17:3

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings (Please place in plates on tables as you exit the sanctuary today)

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Acts 1:11. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended – and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus – and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach the things of this world.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Christ's true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine.

Adults and children who are not confirmed may come to the altar for a blessing. Please cross your arms at the altar to indicate your desire for a blessing.

We invite you to speak with the pastor about confirmation. All are asked to pray for the true unity of the church and for all divisions to cease.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17- 34.

Stand

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up you hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven...

The Words of Our Lord and the Word of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

Grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution of the Sacrament (at the direction of the pastor)

Stand

Thanksgiving, Salutation, and *Benedicamus*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

and His mercy endures forever.

Let us pray...

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

LSB 488 'He Is Arisen! Glorious Word'



He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled



is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.



My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -



rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.



O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,



Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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Postlude

Serving This Morning:

Elder: Kevin Booth

Organist: Kay Irwin

Counters: The Eimmernans and Susan Rodenbeck

Schedule for Sunday, May 24, 2020 – May 30, 2020:

Today: 9:00 Divine Service, 10:30 Divine Service, 12:00 Communion only service

Tuesday: 6:30 Planning Council

Announcements:

For the remainder of our vacancy you may reach Pastor Rockemann at: Phone: 847.754.8729 E-mail: larry.rockemann@att.net. Whenever there is a need for pastoral care/visitation during the times that Pastor Rockemann must be away, please call on Pastor Roberts (865.229.6024), or our Circuit Visitor, Pastor Portier (865.771.2118).

Installation service for our newly called pastor, Rev. Ed Maanum, will be held on the afternoon of Pentecost, May 31, at 4 o'clock

In thanksgiving to the Triune God, the worship inserts for the month of May were anonymously donated, thanking the Lord for faithful Pastors, Teachers, and Staff at First Lutheran Church and School. To God be the glory!

Right to Life Billboard. The Heins Memorial Bible Class and members of First Lutheran Church have for a number of years sponsored one of the Right to Life billboards posted directly across from FLC entrance. The cost for the month of May is \$550. Anyone willing to assist in this project, please call Pastor Schulz -(805-6464) and make a check (for any amount) payable to: TN Right to Life. Send or bring to FLC. Always remember, that which is growing in the womb of an expectant mother is “not a potential human being, but a human being with potential!”

Rummage Sale Postponed. The rummage sale that was scheduled to take place May 22-23 will have to be postponed to a later date. An announcement will be made when the new dates are selected.

KARM mission: When KARM is prepared once more to accept volunteer help in the kitchen, we still need someone to head up our Saturday lunch mission. Please text or call Karen Farris for more information.

Prayer Requests:

Serving Our Country: Brett Anthonijs, Robert Boatman, Isaac Davis, Chad Kaiser, Adam Smith, Jeff Stone, and Neil Whitehead.

Our shut-in Members: Jim and Rosa Beck, Mary Acuff-Croes, Gene Franklin, Judy Kelley, Sharon Mueller, Doug Rodenbeck, Lily Varner, Liz Etzel, Marilyn Waldeck, Carl and Judy Testerman, and Harold and Katherine Whitaker.