

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

“In Christ Alone”

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Cole Swick, Trumpet

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Drawn by our joy in the Risen Lord,
we gather as God's children
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.

We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.

Trusting in God's promise of new resurrection life,
let us confess our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty God,
we cannot free ourselves from our desire to sin. We cannot keep sin out of every part of our life. We wound our neighbors, our friends, and ourselves by what we do and what we fail to do. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, have mercy on us. Cleanse us from our sins. Give us new hearts and minds. And raise us to new and abundant life so that we never tire of serving in your holy name.
Amen.

Know that God has forgiven your sins and freed you to walk in newness of life.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“You Servants of God”

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GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

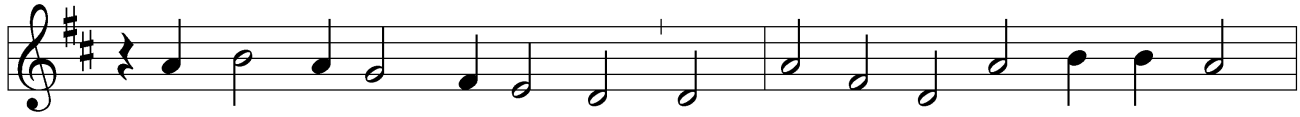
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!”



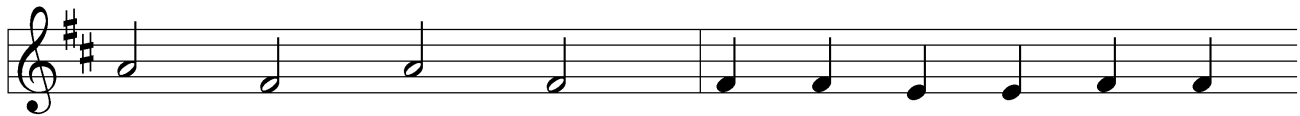
He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled is God, my Lord;



the gates of heav'n are o - pen. My Je - sus rose tri - um - phant - ly,



and Sa - tan's ar - rows bro - ken lie, de - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.



Oh, hear, what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, ris - ing



glo - rious, life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Please be seated.

WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. (Acts 16:16–34)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97 (*read responsively*)

¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

³Fire goes before the LORD,
burning up enemies on every side.

⁴**Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints
and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

A Reading from Revelation

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

(Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Gospel John 17:20–26

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, 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. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that

they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

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SERMON

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES

(We invite all graduates to come forward at this time.)

A time for our graduates to share who they are,

Who their parents are,

From what institution they have graduated,

What future plans they may have.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks today especially for the milestones that these graduates have already attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they also know your love in all the experiences they have.

Bless the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your holy presence and give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters, those who are leaving home to go far away and those staying close. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Graduates, go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 INTERCESSION

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Bless diversity in worship and ministry across all nations and cultures. Unite us in Christ and keep us faithful in our calling to show your love to the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out over all the earth the water of life as a gift. Wash the wounds of creation and restore all living things to wholeness. Protect ocean habitats, river ecosystems, and wetlands. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give a spirit of collaboration to leaders of the nations, so that all people know safety, security, and dignity. Heal victims of torture and liberate those who are wrongfully imprisoned or detained. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come quickly to the aid of your people. Give wisdom and the gift of calm to military, prison, hospital, and hospice chaplains who stand as signs of your abiding presence. Refresh all who thirst for love, hope, or healing (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let your word fill our hearts and our homes. Bless all who teach us the faith: pastors and deacons, Sunday school and confirmation teachers, public theologians, mentors, curriculum writers, and publishers. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Hold all the saints in the grace of the Lord Jesus. Sustain weary souls with the promise that the morning star is coming soon to lead us into light. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

Ushers: Pick up the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.

ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace”

Ukulele Group

OFFERTORY HYMN

“At the Lamb’s High Feast”



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen Lord, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, reveal yourself to us as you meet us in this simple meal. Nourish us so that we follow you, and feed the hungry, comfort the weary, and share your message of abundant new life. **Amen.**

MEAL

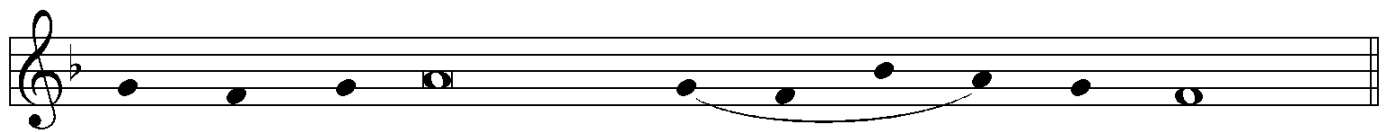
GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



G It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

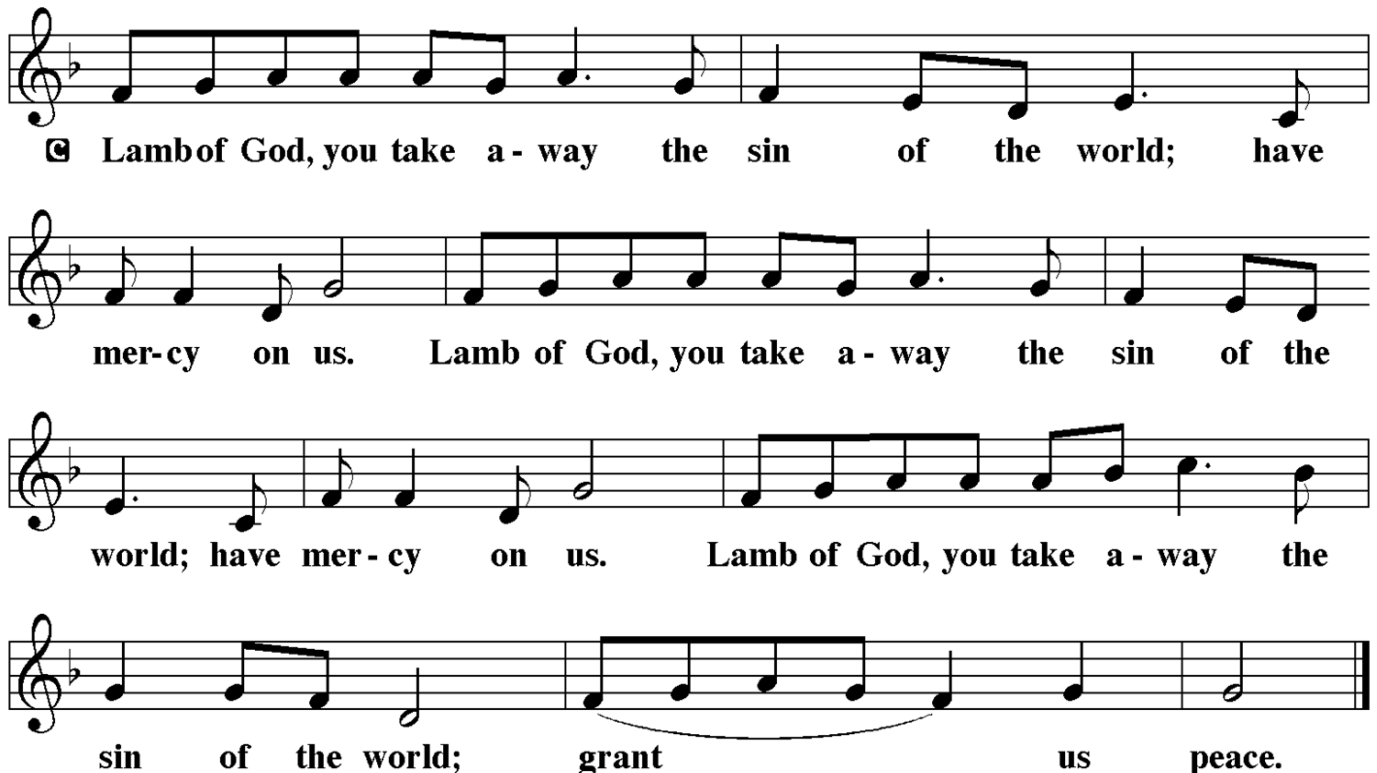
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ is risen from the dead. All are welcome at his table.
Alleluia! Let us come to the feast.

AGNUS DEI



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament in their pews.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for our sake. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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THE DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

A. Page

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Altar flowers are presented in honor of our 33rd wedding anniversary by Jeff and Gail Rarick.

Today's bulletins are presented in memory of brother and uncle Ron "Buck" Reibie by Sue, Kurt, and Julianne Schenck.

SERVING TODAY (6/2/19)

9:30 AM

LECTORS: Maddie Swick & Danika Bolinsky; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kate Bolinsky; USHERS: Cole Swick & Trisha Teter; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Youth; GREETERS: Cole Swick & Isabella Lafko; COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr & Glenda Bright; ALTAR GUILD: *Glenda Bright & Danielle Richards

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (6/9/19)

9:30 AM

LECTOR: Sue Schenck; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Scott Butler; USHERS: Tina Butler & Chris Long; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER:; GREETERS: Chris Long; COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam & Diane Brobst; ALTAR GUILD: Tina Butler & Chris Long

CALENDAR

Saturday, June 1	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, June 2	9:30 AM	Youth Sunday
Tuesday, June 4	6:30 PM	Evangelism Committee
Saturday, June 8	5:30 PM	Worship
Pentecost, June 9	9:30 AM	Worship w/ Confirmation
Monday, June 10	7:00 PM	Church Council

YOUTH APPRECIATION/GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY!

Today our young adults are serving as greeters, lectors, ushers, and musicians. We are also recognizing and celebrating our high school and college graduates. Please take the time to congratulate our young adults and our graduates after the service.

JUNE 9TH IS THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Having completed their catechetical program, five of St. Paul’s young adults (Grayson S. Dewald, Nora M. Goessel, Emily J. Heydt, Hunter R. Teter, and Trisha N. Teter) will reaffirm the promises of their baptism and receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Please plan to attend this special day of worship next Sunday and celebrate God’s gift of faith. And don’t forget to wear some “red!”

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TABLE

Also, back by popular demand—**Summer Fellowship Table**. St. Paul’s committees, a family, or a group of individuals can sign up to bring light refreshments for the congregation to share after the 9:30 service beginning June 16. Please see the signup sheet in the gathering room.

WELCA

All women of St. Paul’s are invited to join a “picnic” in the large Sunday school room on **Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 12:00 noon**. Please bring a box lunch for yourself. Drinks, dessert, and paper products will be supplied. There will be no business meeting, just relaxing fellowship and a game or two. Regular meetings will resume in September.

Dear St. Paul’s family,

Thank you all for participating in the “pantry pounding” for Pastor Mike and his family. Everything was very much appreciated and gave them a wonderful surprise on the day of the parsonage open house.

*Sincerely,
Tom and Gwen Wehr*

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Friendship Pads. Please sign the friendship pads in the pews. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book in the narthex.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

If you or someone you know needs immediate pastoral care,
please call 717-649-3532.
