

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



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FRITZ WIESE, SENIOR PASTOR MIRIAM BEECHER, PASTOR

LARRY PETERSON, DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRIES

(11:00) THE CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD WINDS, KARL DIETMEYER, CONDUCTOR

P = Pastor L = Lector [reader] C=Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*
⬆ Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE (8:30)

Larry Peterson, organ

(11:00) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

COS Winds

Music: John Rutter (1980), arranged by Jay Dawson.

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Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven."

We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

⬆ **EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

⬆ **GATHERING HYMN: *Christ Is the King!***

ELW Hymn 662

**1 Christ is the king! O friends, rejoice; brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 O Christian women, Christian men, all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Text: George K. A. Bell, 1883-1958, alt.

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⬆ **GREETING**

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

C **And also with you.**

⬆ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

READING: Acts 1:6-14

L Today's reading is from the book of Acts, the first chapter.

The congregation reads together the verse in bold print.

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "***It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.*** ⁸***But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.***" ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

† **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Lord, Be Glorified*

ELW Hymn 744

1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your church, Lord, be glorified today.

4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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† **GOSPEL: John 17:1-6, 11**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"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. . . . ¹¹Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *I Come With Joy*

ELW Hymn 482

- 1** I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
- 2** I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3** As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
- 5** Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

**Livvy Zimmerman
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**Tyler Jacobson
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Dex Benoit**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "Risen Lord, in your mercy" please respond, "hear our prayer."
The prayers are ended with these words, "Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift
our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord."
Please respond, "Amen."*

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OFFERING MUSIC

(8:30)

Larry Peterson

(11:00) *Who Puts His Trust in God Most Just*

COS Winds, Sanctuary Choir, Congregation

*Who puts his trust in God most just hath built his house securely, hath built his house securely.
He who relies on Jesus Christ shall reach his heav'n most surely, shall reach his heav'n most surely.
Then fixed on thee my trust shall be, for thy truth cannot alter.
While mine thou art, not death's worst smart shall make my courage falter, shall make my courage falter.*

Music harmonized by J.S. Bach (1685-1750). Text translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). This arrangement for chorus and winds is by James Croft, 1978.

↑ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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| P | The Lord be with you. | C | And also with you. |
| P | Lift up your hearts. | C | We lift them to the Lord. |
| P | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | C | It is right to give our thanks and praise. |

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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:

C **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.

—ELW page 108

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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

C **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.**

SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.

You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.

You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.

At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:

“The body of Christ for you” and “The blood of Christ for you.”

COMMUNION HYMN: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ELW Hymn 810

- 1 **O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**
- 2 **Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**
- 3 **Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**

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- 4 **O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

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CHORAL BLESSING (11:00) *May the Gifts of God Be Yours*

Sanctuary Choir

Text-Rev. Richard Swanson; Music-Larry Peterson

May the gifts of God be yours. May the gifts of God be yours. May the gifts of God be yours, in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

Eyes that see the beauty within and beyond mere appearance. Ears that hear the sounds and silences of all creation.

Hands willing to touch the untouchables of the earth. Feelings capable of more than simply feeling good.

Minds that think good for all. Hearts that love, love even the unlovable. Deeds to match your gifts. All of these, and all the rest.

Amen.

† **PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

- P The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation. **C Amen.**

† **SENDING HYMN: *Go to the World***

ACS Hymn 991

- 1 **Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.**
- 2 **Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.**
- 4 **"Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

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† **SENDING**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Announce to all the possibilities of Jesus' joy and life.
- C Thanks be to God.**

† **POSTLUDE (8:30)**

Larry Peterson, organ

(11:00) *At a Dixieland Jazz Festival*

COS Winds

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Altar Guild: Jan Christopher

Tech crew: 8:30-Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins

11:00-Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert, Linda Volckmann,

Ushers: 8:30-Mark Barbour, Buddy Troy; 11:30-Ben McCumber, Paul Talbot

Sanctuary flowers are given by Joni Siepert in honor of Joby's birthday on April 22nd.

*Thank you to all the COS instrumentalists for leading us in worship today
and throughout the past year!*