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Seventh Sunday of Easter

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During Easter, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead. We especially celebrate the resurrection every Sunday throughout the year. It's because of Christ's death and resurrection that we are assured of forgiveness from our sins and receive everlasting life with God. The liturgical colors are white, a color of triumph and glory, and gold, a color of joy.

Welcome

Gathering Music

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Arise in body or Spirit

Easter Good News

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
G **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- A** This is the day that the Lord has made;
G **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**
- P** The Lord is my strength and my song.
G **The Lord has become my salvation.**
- A** Open to me the gates of righteousness;
G **I will go through them and praise the Lord.**
- P** I shall not die, but live,
G **and declare the works of the Lord.**
- A** This is the day that the Lord has made;
G **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Gathering Song

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

Easter Greeting

- P** Holy people of God, given new life through the resurrected Christ, and enlightened by the Spirit: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
G **And also with you.**

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . 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.**

First Reading

Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

📖 A reading from **Acts**:

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.

📖 The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

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

**²Clouds 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.

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

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

**⁶The 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.

**⁸Zion 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.

**¹⁰You 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.

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

Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

☐ 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.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading

John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

☞ The Holy Gospel according to **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.**

Children's Message

Message

Song of the Day

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

ELW 657

Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **Hear us, O God.** The assembly prays, **You give us new life.***

☞ Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence

☞ Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion Hope St. Josh's Parish, Oscoda; Inter-lakes Baptist Church, Delton; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

☞ **You give us new life.**

A Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. As the school year ends, be with teachers and students alike. Hear us, O God.

G **You give us new life.**

A Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. Be with those who safeguard the world, especially *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas) and Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads)*. Hear us, O God.

G **You give us new life.**

A Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry especially *Jenny Anderson, Amber Andrews, Veronica Baarson, The Helen Brown Family, Wally Burzynski, Cherie Clements, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Gene and Julie Fogarty and family, Mike Fruth, Greg Franks, Lorie Gladyness, Karl Golnek, Hannah Gutenmorgen, Larry Hansen, Judy Heil, Mike Hoppe, John Kleinbrink (successful heart surgery), Mattea Markwart (Praise God for healing!), Bill Melcher, Obilyn Mowry, Gloria & Ron O'Beirne, Darlene Olson, Annette Poholski, Phil Poholski (recovery), Ken Plourde, Robb Elementary School (Uvalde, Texas), Mike Shoemaker, Susie Smith, Jackie Stapel, George Ulrich Jr., Sharon Varkula, and Carol Vos*. Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. Hear us, O God.

G **You give us new life.**

A Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymnwriters. Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence.

*(You may share your prayers at this time)
Here other intersessions may be offered*

A Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. Hear us, O God.

G **You give us new life.**

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

G **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of God

P The peace of risen Christ be with you.

G **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, as you were made known to the disciples.
- ☑ **Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

- Ⓟ The Lord be with you.
- ☑ **And also with you.**
- Ⓟ Lift up your hearts.
- ☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- Ⓟ It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow the way of humble service and love, and so, with the church on earth all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

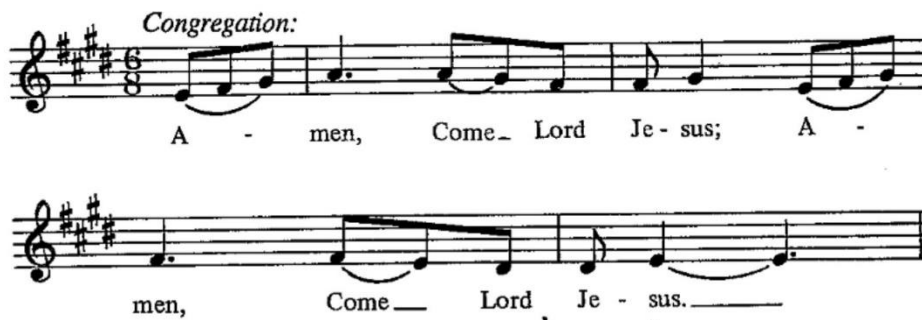
Table Prayer

- Ⓟ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.
- Ⓞ **By dying on the cross, Jesus has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.**
- Ⓟ 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.**
- Ⓟ 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.**
- Ⓟ With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Congregation:



- Ⓟ Pour your Holy Spirit upon us as we share this meal in the body and blood of our Lord.
- Ⓞ **Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful people until we feast at your table in glory.**
- Ⓟ Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Amen, Come Lord Jesus; Amen, Come Lord Jesus.



- ☐ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains are scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Amen, Come Holy Spirit. Amen, Come Holy Spirit.

Congregation:

A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. _____

- ☐ All glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, _____ in the

u-ni-ty_ of the Spir - it_ all glo - ry and hon- or is

yours, O God, now and for - ev - er, _____

A - - - - men. _____

Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:
- ☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

- ☐ Holy things for holy people.
- ☑ **One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.**
- ☐ Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God!**

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,
mer-cy on us.

Additional Verses:

**You break the chains of hatred and fear:
You are the way of justice and peace:
You are the way of mercy and love:
You are the bread of life for us all:
You pour your Holy Spirit on us:**

Final time:



Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs:

One Bread, One Body
I Come with Joy

ELW 496

ELW 482

Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray . . . Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
- G** **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.**

Mission Minutes

Blessing

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- G** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.
- G** **Amen.**

Sending Song

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW 655

Dismissal

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- G** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- A** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8:00 am

Assisting Minister – Chris Bush
Lector – Mark Anton
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck

10:45 am

Assisting Minister – Anna Scheck
Lector – Sandy Mosteller
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck
Fellowship – Jeanette Markwart

Glorious Beloved

It can be difficult to have a benevolent view of humanity. News and social media feed us a steady diet of the wrongdoings of the world. Whether it be mass violence, corporate malfeasance, individual acts of hatred or hurt, or the horrible things we believe the other side is doing, we have no shortage of evidence of the brokenness of human beings.

We might even find biblical support for this low view of people as a whole. We can look back to the creation story in Genesis and God calling all that is created “good,” only to move to the eating of the fruit and the failure of those first two people in their obedience. We can then travel through the whole scriptural narrative and find that it is filled with all the same terrible things we see in our present day.

As Lutherans, we say of ourselves that we are both saint and sinner, but the volume of negative information we encounter about human experience can make it seem that sinfulness and brokenness are our only reality. Sometimes we need a reminder of our goodness and the power of even a little bit of God’s grace to work transformation in and among us.

Today’s gospel passage is one of those blessed reminders. As Jesus prays for his disciples, he notes that others will believe because of their word. He prays for their unity and belief, and that they may know the glory they have been given and the love God has for them. These are tremendous gifts of grace.

Our Easter proclamation demonstrates the power of their word. We are the heirs of their witness, unity, belief, and glory. Though there may be plenty of evidence that says otherwise, we are the glorious beloved through whom God is working to bring goodness and mercy into people’s lives today.

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Stewardship Information

Attendance: 59	Views: 78
Weekly Giving: \$1,230.00	Budget Amount: \$4,163.28
Replace, Repair, Renew \$3,998.09	Rummage Sale: \$2,482.57
Received <u>-\$ 500.00</u>	
TOTAL still outstanding \$3,498.09	

Welcome to worship today! We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship the ONE who prays for us.

Annual Meeting Please mark your calendars for the 2022 Grace Annual Meeting. This year the meeting will be held on Sunday, July 17 at 9:30 a.m.

From the Property Committee The thermostats in the building are set at designated temperatures throughout the building. When there is a need to turn the heat up or turn the air conditioning down, please return the preset temperature by hitting the run button. Additionally, if you notice lights on, please turn them off if you are not using them.

Community Garden. Grace is exploring the possibility of partnering with Emanuel Episcopal Church to create a community garden. The garden would be housed on our church property. If you are interested in working on this project, please contact Randy Teegardin or Brenda, our parish administrator.

Processional Cross. If you are interested in bearing the cross, please contact any Worship Committee member.

Grace Lutheran Church is seeking a Nursery Attendant during the 10:45 worship service.

Life Together. Strengthening relationships within the Congregation. Join us next week at 9:30 am, as we continue our series of sharing life together. We will hear from immigrants (or their immediate family) among us. Today we study the **Book of Obadiah**, as we hear the call of welcoming foreigners in our midst. Next week, Carla Neil will be our featured speaker.

Committee, Officer, Staff and Pastor Reports are due to the office by June 1 for the Annual Meeting.

Annual Church Cookout You are cordially invited to the Annual Church Cookout on June 12th after second service at The Poholski home. There is a sign-up sheet located in the gathering area. Please bring lawn chair and dish to pass. Address: 6810 Highlandview Dr., Middleville.

Replace, Repair, Renew Campaign. As you may know we replaced our mower and chest freezer and repaired our heating system in the fellowship hall. Total cost for these items is listed below:

Mower \$3,900.00

Freezer \$620.09

Heating Repair \$638.00

Total: **\$5,158.09** We are seeking funds to pay ourselves back for these expenses.

Renew: \$4,841.91. When the \$5,158.09 is paid back, we will begin collecting for the renewal part of the campaign, as we were told the heating system is needing to be replaced in the fellowship hall. We thank you for your partnership in keeping our building a functioning ministry tool in the name of Jesus Christ.

Fill A Bag For Summer. We are collected items for the Hastings Food Pantry and Barry County cares. Items can be dropped off between now and June 12 in the Gathering Area. Food items needed include soup, juice, canned vegetables, pasta, canned salmon, corned beef hash, no bean chili, mayonnaise, sugar, shortening, cake mix, and canned frosting. Non-food items include laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, liquid dishwashing soap and personnel hygiene items. Thanks for supporting this important project. Questions? Contact Kim Domke or call the church office.