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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

INVOCATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*We gather for worship as Easter people in the name of the Triune God
– Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. Amen.*

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and**

deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN *Now We Join in Celebration* #462

**Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.**

**Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.**

**Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.**

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray Gracious and glorious God,

you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is

greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] 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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine

are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“O, God, Be With Them”*

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 THE PEOPLE

Hear us, God, ...: Give us life in your name.

OFFERING & AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION

Siblings in Christ, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

*Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit these your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others. Strengthen them with your presence in the meal you have prepared for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!* #619

I know that my Redeemer lives!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead;

he lives, my ever-living head!

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.**

**He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, our Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

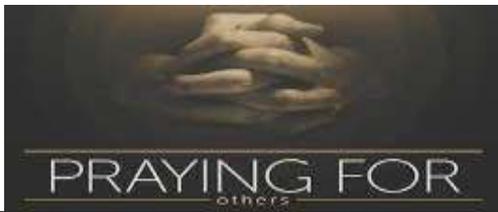
Okay, we will. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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COMPANION
SYNODS

The ELCA Companion Synod Program forges relationships between the 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and companion churches around the world, fellow members of the Lutheran World Federation. The SD Synod is in companionship with two churches: **The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon** and **The Lutheran Church, Faith and Hope of Nicaragua**. We have missionaries in these synods as we work to develop strong relationships between the SD Synod and the church body in Cameroon and in Nicaragua. Our financial contributions not only help sponsor these missionaries as well as our SD Companion Synod Coordinator, Nathalie Fida Lassang, they also help to raise church roofs in Cameroon, assist children in getting education, train pastors in those countries, build youth leaders and help farmers through education, seeds and resources in Nicaragua. Pastor Deb had the opportunity to travel to Cameroon several years ago to experience the importance of our Companion Synod Partnership. Through our financial contributions and prayer, we are truly helping to spread the Gospel to our siblings in Christ in Cameroon and Nicaragua. More information can be found on the SD ELCA website. *Contributions can be placed in the Globe offering, the offering plate, mailed to OSL or given to the Mission of the Month using Tithely. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for your support.*



We Lift in Prayer...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Gladys Reynolds (Mother of Paul Reynolds); Teresa Ambroziak (Mother of Alicja Mead); Grace Childs (friend of Mikkey Twitero); Alex Bretsch (friend of Bill & Tammy Dennert); Robert (friend of Bill & Tammy Dennert); Randy Peterson (Father of Justin [J.j. Buckley] McDaniel)

**Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Darius Hunsaker (Son of Dakota and Blake); Whitney Twitero (Granddaughter of Mikkey Twitero); Shelly (friend of Carla Oerter); Ashley James; Audra (daughter of Ron Wagner); Pastor Art Weitschat; Arliss Alberts (friend of Pastor Deb)

**Those with on-going health concerns, including Sandy Anderson, Linda (friend of Cathy Dahl); Dennis Wilkersen; Kitty Aman; Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike and Dianna Baschnagel; Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue); Michael (cousin of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson); Aldean (Cousin of Deann Hagen)

**For those in long-term care facilities

**For those preparing for weddings & marriage, including Collette Carlson & Alan Johnson

**For our leaders at every level

**For all teachers and staff as end the school year

**For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.

WE HAVE CHOCOLATE!

The OSL Community Youth Group and the 2021 Bible Campers are selling chocolate bars to raise money for their summer faith opportunities. The regular bars are \$1.00 each and the large bars and boxes of chocolate are \$2.00 each.

Interested in a chocolate bouquet for a birthday, Mother's Day, thank you, end of the school year or Father's Day gift! Visit with Pastor Deb about putting something together! Delivery options available!

Thank you so much for your support!!!



Sunday, May 16th

8:15am Property Committee Meets

9:30am Worship with Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube

Fellowship Following Worship

10:30am Church Council Meeting

No HS Youth Group

Monday May 17th and Tuesday May 18th

Josie out of the office

Wednesday, May 19th

3:30pm 2021 Bible Campers selling chocolate at the school pick-up line

Thursday May 20th

3:00-5:00pm Hermosa/Fairburn Community Food Bank open

Sunday, May 23rd

Day of Pentecost

Confirmation Sunday

9:30am Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube

Fellowship Following Worship

5:00pm Confirmation

6:30-8:00pm HS Youth Group meets

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all people to follow God and serve others."*

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