

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”** **#393 ELW**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,

you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ✚ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...

And also with you.

Please be seated

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension.

⁶When [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. ⁸But 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

²As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰**Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

³⁴Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others, because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel **John 17:1-11**

Glory to you, O Lord

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After 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. 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be Seated

SERMON

“Jesus Prays for Us!”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Beautiful Savior”

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APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Keep us steadfast in your word. Shape us according to your will. Heal our divisions. Protect us from discord. Unite us in your love. Empower us for mission. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the earth. For forests and vineyards, marshes and springs. For grasslands and pastures, farmlands and orchards. Protect your creation from damage by earthquake, flood, wind, drought, fire, or hail. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations. For those who govern and all who hold authority. For those who have been displaced by warfare, economic hardship, or disaster (*especially*). Bring freedom, justice, and stability to areas of conflict. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those who are anxious. For those who suffer abuse or neglect. For those who are hungry or homeless. For those who grieve and all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly. Deepen our lives of prayer. Open us to the guiding of your Spirit. Fill us with compassion. Nourish us at your holy table. Strengthen us in service to our community. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving we remember those who have died, especially our loved ones and those who have given their lives in service. Inspire us by their example and bring us to your eternal home. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate. Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, 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.

LORDS PRAYER

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Crown Him With Many Crowns” #855 ELW

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God.

Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

Members! The Spirit sends us forth to serve!

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Wayne & Janice Olson

Ushers: 8:30am - Winnie Zahradka & Judy Wozney

10:00am – Ron & Joanne Haglund

Lectors: 8:30am – Lynn Hansen

10:00am – Patti Honnold

Hospitality Hosts:

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week: Sunday, May 21, 2017 - 8:30am 86 10:00 am 50

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

May 1 thru May 7, 2017

Monday	5/29	11:00 am	Dale Siems Funeral-11:00am – Visitation 1 hour prior
		1:00 pm	No Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	5/30	10:00-12:00	Pastor Text Study
		10:30 am	Worship & Music Meeting
		3:30pm	Adult Bible Study (men & women)

Wednesday	5/31	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Stitchers
		10:00 am	Mission & Evangelism Meeting
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	6/1	8:00am	ROMEOS
		10:30 am	Worship & Music
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00pm	Bell Practice
Friday	6/2	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	6/3	1:00-4:00pm	Foot Clinic
Sunday	6/4	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

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PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS Family and Friends of Dale Siems

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Dale Siems will be held on Monday, May 29th at 11:00am, Memorial Day, here at Bethesda.

ISLE & MALMO LIONS presents “Return of the Snow Birds Dinner & Dance” Wednesday, May 31st 6pm-10pm at Appledoom’s Sunset Bay Resort. \$20 per person.

MALMO LIONS have organized a Free Community Picnic for Wednesday, June 21st at 5:00pm for the meal. Activities will include kid games, informational booths and demonstrations (K9 unit, squad car, fire truck, snowmobile groomer, Mounted Police, etc). Music at 6:00pm from Bethesda Choir, Bible School Students, Praise Choir and more.

LAWN MOWING the list is in the Narthex – Please pick a week to mow. Thank you.

VEGGIE STAND The next time the Veggie stand opens is on July 1st and every Saturday until Labor Day. Donations of baked goods; pies, cookies, bars, breads, etc are always welcome. The stand opens at 7:30 AM. Hope to see you there bright and early. All proceeds go to the Benevolence fund. Let’s make this a wonderful year. Any questions please contact Elsa Carlson: home phone: 218-678-3408 cell: 218-251-4551

NEEDS A RIDE Lynn Hass was wondering if anyone is available to pick her up for Sunday services. She resides at Lake Song assisted living in Onamia. Call the church office if you can help out.

CONGRATULATIONS to our two graduation seniors, Zach Simonson & Tom Petersen. Aitkin Graduation is June 2, 2017.

VBS MISSION PROJECT Each child attending VBS will be packing a shoebox for Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child. Items needed include washcloths, bar soap, combs, toothbrushes, jewelry/hair fasteners, t-shirts, hats, socks, dolls, balls, cars, jump ropes, crayons, colored pencils, pencils/sharpeners, erasers, pens, scissors, small notebooks, construction paper, solar calculators or other small gifts. No liquids, toothpaste or candy. We have enough stuffed animals, but need empty shoeboxes. Items can be brought to the box in the Fellowship Hall.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Lloyd Lilienthal on Thursday, June 8th at 11:00am at Bethesda Lutheran Church.