



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 16, 2021

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Introduction

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

The Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Thanksgiving of Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“You Servants of God”

#825

Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

We 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.

The Word

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus’ ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas’s treachery and death.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know

everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 1

¹Happy 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!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation

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L: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Thy Holy Wings”

#613

Apostles Creed

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Prayers of the People

L: Lord in Your Mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord’s Prayer

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Communion Distribution

The Sending

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” #389 vs. 1, 3, 5

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

For the week of May 16, 2021

**Visitors please sign the guest book at the entrance of the church as you leave and
please do come again.**

**Prayer Concerns at Peace Lutheran Church
FOR HEALING, STRENGTH & GOOD HEALTH:**

Deidra Shannon (Terry H. cousin)

Megan Grabow (Shelby & Derek Sister-in-Law)

Navah DenHerder

Ervin & Florence Heidecker

Eric Sellers (Cancer)

Tammy McReynolds (Terry Halversons Sister)

Matt Ellerkamp (Brain Tumor Treatment)

Lea Madler (Lung Cancer)

Bonnie Heidecker (Throat Cancer)

Carli Ystaas

Marlyne Tveter

Area Firefighters

Family of Holly Mawby

Family of Kelly Mann

COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

**All those serving in the military & their families. Our partner congregations: St. John's
Lutheran in Richardton & St. John's Episcopal of Dickinson partnering ministries:
Badlands Ministries, the Ministries in the Central African Republic.**

Senior Recognition Sunday

Congratulations and God's speed to the members of Peace Lutheran Church who are graduating from high school this spring. On Sunday, May 30, 2021 Peace Lutheran will pray for our seniors. Seniors and their families will be lifted up in prayer that day but are not required to attend worship. Our seniors are:

Ethan Blotske son of Ryan and Cassie Blotske
Nick Fagerberg son of Tim and Heather Fagerberg
Kyra Townsend granddaughter of Bette Madler
Chasyn Ystaas son of Chad and Carli Ystaas

God is with you wherever you go!

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meets on May 18th

Just a reminder to the Peace Lutheran council members- we have a church council meeting on Tuesday May 18th at 7:00pm at the church. Hope to see you there!

The Community Garden Is Ready for Planting!

There are still many plots available for rent in the Peace Lutheran Community Garden. Please spread the word to family, friends and co-workers! Forms and details are on the church website as well as in the entry of the church. A special thank you to Della Christensen who helped stake the garden!



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