

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16 and 17, 2026



*Emanuel's Summer Worship Schedule begins on Sunday, May 24.*

*All services will be held in the sanctuary!*

*Saturday 5:00 p.m. Divine Service*

*Sunday 9:00 a.m. Divine Service*

*Sunday 10:30 a.m. Gathering*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Scott A. Zeckzer

Lector: Rev. David O. Stecker

Celebrant: Rev. Chad E. Hoover

Organist: Lynne Eifert

Choir: Adult Choir (8:00)

Elder: John Colter (5:00)

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**WELCOME** to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

**AS WE GATHER** ~ On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. "The hour" had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father "that they may be one" with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21-22) gathers disciples together "with one accord" into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). "Devoting themselves to prayer," they wait upon the Lord in "the upper room" (Acts 1:13-14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they "may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed" (1 Peter 4:13).

**PRELUDE**                      *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (W. Held)*

**GREETING AND RINGING OF THE BELLS**

♪ **OPENING HYMN** ↓                      *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*                      *LSB 487*

**Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!**

**God has brought His Israel into joy from sadness.**

**Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,**

**Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst His prison,**

**And from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen;**

**All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying**

**From His light, to whom is giv'n laud and praise undying.**

**Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,**

**With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;**

**Comes to gladden faithful hearts which with true affection**

**Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!**

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**For today among His own Christ appeared, bestowing  
His deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.  
Neither could the gates of death nor the tomb's dark portal  
Nor the watchers nor the seal hold Him as a mortal.**

**Alleluia! Now we cry to our King immortal,  
Who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal.  
Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel into joy from sadness!**

**INVOCATION ~ Page 184 ↑**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

(Matthew 28:19)

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ Page 184 ↑**

**Pastor:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:22)

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

(Psalm 124:8)

**Pastor:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Psalm 32:5)

**Pastor:** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Pastor:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

(John 20:19-23)

**INTROIT FOR THE DAY** ↑ *The congregation chants the verses in bold.*

I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;\*  
to you, O Lord, I will make | music.

(Psalm 101:1)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth!\*

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

**Know that the Lord, | he is God!\***

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!\*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

(Psalm 100)

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,\*  
and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning, \***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;\*  
to you, O Lord, I will make | music.

(Psalm 101:1)

**♪ KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy ~ Page 186** ↑

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**♪ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest ~ Page 187** ↑

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

**People: And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**

**We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**♪ COLLECT OF THE DAY ~ Page 189** ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**FIRST READING** ↓**Acts 1:12-26 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, ““May his camp become desolate,

and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“‘Let another take his office.’

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING ↓****1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

<sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

♪ **ALLELUIA ~ Page 190 ↑**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**♪ HOLY GOSPEL READING ↑****John 17:1-11 (ESV)**

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

**People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to

do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED - Page 192 ↑**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his 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.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.**

**From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## ♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓

*Crown Him with Many Crowns**LSB 525**On Saturday, the congregation sings all verses.**On Sunday, the choir will sing verse 3.*

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn;  
Fruit of the mystic rose, as of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

*Crown Him the Lord of Love, behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But down-ward bends his wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.*

**Crown Him the Lord of Life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.**

## SERMON ↓

*Jesus Prays for You*

Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds  
in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

**People: Amen.**

## ♪ OFFERTORY - Page 192 ↑

(Psalm 51:10-12)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people  
according to their needs.

## WE PRAY FOR...

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your  
mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**



We welcome the opportunity to explain what we believe, teach and confess  
regarding the Lord's Supper. In order not to impose those beliefs on you,  
we ask that if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod,  
you would speak with a Pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

## ♪ PREFACE ~ Page 194 ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

Pastor: It is truly meet, right and salutary.....evermore praising You and saying:

## ♪ SANCTUS ~ Page 195 ↑

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.** (Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)

## LORD'S PRAYER ~ Page 196 ↑

**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.** (Matthew 6:9-13)

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD ~ Page 197 ↑** (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**♪ PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord* ~ Page 197 ↑**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(John 20:19)

**♪ AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God* ~ Page 198 ↑**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
Grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(John 1:29)

**♪ DISTRIBUTION ↓ *Come Share God's Gift (Price, Besig)***

In friendship and love, faithful and true;

Come now and know the grace of God is all around you.

In worship and praise, honoring Him;

Come now and pray and thank Him for all He gives to you.

Come servants of the Lord and graciously receive the meal prepared for you this day.

In mem'ry of Christ, gathered in peace;

Come now and share this moment of fellowship and faith.

Let us break bread to gather in His name, let us break bread together in His name.

With our hearts joined as one, to His table now we come

And we seek forgiveness in His name.

The body of Christ, broken for you; take now and eat and let His spirit dwell within you.

The blood of the Lord, shed for your sins;

Take now and drink and let His forgiveness make you new.

For all who break this bread and all who drink this cup are joined in Christian harmony.  
The gift of the Lord, offered in love;  
Come now and share His promise of everlasting peace. Come now and share God's peace.

***O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near***

**O gracious Lord, with love draw near to these, Your children gathered here;  
The Spirit's gift in them renew: the gift of faith that clings to You.**

**Sustain the work You have begun in these united to Your Son,  
For in that pure baptismal flood they have been cleansed by Jesus' blood.**

**Deliver them from ev'ry wile, from all that would their hearts beguile,  
From worldly ways and Satan's lies, that they may not Your Word deprise.**

**Lord, keep them firm in their intent to You, Your Word and Sacrament.  
O make them bold, their faith to share and make them strong, each cross to bear.**

**O Father, grant that by Your grace they may Your will each day embrace;  
With fruits of faith their lives now bless, till they at death Your name confess.**

**Then robed in white before Your throne, Your holy saints, by You foreknown-  
Predestined, called, and justified, shall, crowned in light, be glorified.**

***Thine Forever, God of Love***

**LSB 687**

**Thine forever, God of Love! Hear us from Thy throne above;  
Thine forever may we be here and in eternity!**

**Thine forever! Oh, how blest they who find in Thee their rest!  
Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend, O defend us to the end!**

**Thine forever, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earthly strife.  
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, guide us to the realms of day.**

**Thine forever! Shepherd, keep these Thy frail and trembling sheep;  
Safe alone beneath Thy care, let us all Thy goodness share.**

**Thine forever! Thou our guide, all our wants by Thee supplied,  
All our sins by Thee forgiv'n; lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.**

**BLESSING ↑**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**People: Amen.**

**♪ NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon* ~ Page 199 ↑**

(Luke 2:29-32)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**♪ THANKSGIVING ~ Page 200 ↑**

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**People: and His mercy endureth forever.**

(Psalm 107:1)

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT ~ Page 201 ↑**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**♪ People: Amen.**

**♪ SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS ~ Page 202 ↑**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**♪ BENEDICTION ~ Page 202 ↑**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**People: Amen, amen, amen.**

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑***The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**LSB 464*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!**

**The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**

**The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**

**He broke the age-bound chains of hell; the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, from death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE***The Strife Is O'er (Leavitt)*