

The Gathering

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in! We ask guests to include your address, zip code and phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.

AS WE GATHER ~ How close must we be to achieve unity? For us sinners, separation of even a little bit compromises unity. What we need is a single source to unite us. It is our singular Savior who is the only source of true unity. Our Readings today show us the one church continuing and Matthias elected to sit in Judas's chair. Jesus promises power to His followers and tells them to stay close and do His will. And our Lord even prays that they might be one with Him even as He is one with the Father. Today we need to hear the Word of God to find strength for continuing our being the one Body of Christ.

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE *Indescribable*
From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings, all exclaiming:

Chorus: Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim,
You are amazing God.

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom - *Chorus twice*

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. Incomparable, unchangeable,
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same.
You are amazing God, You are amazing God.

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WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Sing Alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend.

Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior and King!

Here brought together by grace, we are gathered as friends in this place.

Refrain: **And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
Lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
And proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

Man walked alone and in need, without faith, hope or promise or creed;

Wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost;

That God in His mercy would save all his people from death and the grave. *Refrain*

Lord, teach us how to proclaim all Your goodness, Your love and Your name!

Lord teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord, how to live.

Raising our voices in song, help us tell all the world we belong. *Refrain*

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We are one at first because we all sinned. Let us confess our sin and sinfulness to God, our heavenly Father.

People: **We confess, Lord our God, that we have sinned in our thoughts, our rashly spoken words, and in acting for our own benefit, and not out of love. We cannot help ourselves, for we have fallen from being Your good creation. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor: In His great love our Father sent His only-begotten Son to pay for all sin and to rise victorious. We are one because of that gracious act! As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PSALM 133

Pastor: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

Pastor: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE*All the People Said Amen*

You are not alone if you are lonely; when you feel afraid, you're not the only.

We are all the same in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.

It's all you got to lean on but thank God it's all you need!

*Chorus: And all the people said Amen, whoa oh, and all the people said Amen!
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends!
And all the people said Amen!*

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter;

Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.

We're all broken but we're all in this together. God knows we stumble and fall.

And He so loved the world He sent His son to save us all. *Chorus*

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.

Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.

Blessed are the people hungry for another start.

For this is the Kingdom, the Kingdom of God! *Chorus twice*

SALUTATION

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

People: And also with you. (Luke 1:28)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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)**

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“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. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(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. ¹⁹And 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.) ²⁰“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.’

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 men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show 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 numbered with the eleven apostles.

EPISTLE READING**Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20 (ESV)**

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his

servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.” . . .

¹²“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. 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 may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things 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 the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. *Repeat*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:20-26 (ESV)

²⁰[Jesus said:] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. *Repeat*
You’re the Light unto my path.

SONG OF THE DAY

Light of the World

**O Jesus, Son of God, so full of grace and truth,
The Father's saving Word, so wonderful are you.
The angels longed to see, and prophets searched to find
The glory we have seen revealed.**

**You shone upon the earth, but who will understand?
You came unto Your own, but who will recognize?
Your birth was prophesied, for You were the Messiah
Who came and walked upon the earth.
Your glory we have seen, the one and only King
And now You're living in our hearts.**

Chorus: **Light of the world, light of the world,
Light of the world, You shine upon us.**

**In You all things were made, and nothing without You
In heaven and on earth, all things are held in You.
And yet You became flesh, living as one of us
Under the shadow of the cross,
Where, through the blood you shed, You have made peace again.
Peace for a world that God so loves.**

Pre-Chorus: **And yet You became flesh, living as one of us
Under the shadow of the cross
Where, through the blood you shed, You have made peace again.
Peace for a world that God so loves.**

MESSAGE

Where True Unity is Found?!

STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

COMMUNION

As we prepare for the presence of Christ in this sacrament, we rise.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: So we come to You to commune with You in this sacrament, and join the angels and all those in heaven singing...

HOSANNA

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Repeat

Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest. Repeat

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my † body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way 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 is my † blood of the new Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE

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

People: Amen.

***LAMB OF GOD***

O, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.

O, wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

O, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.

O, wash me in Your precious blood, 'til I am just a lamb of God.

COMMUNION SONGS

Come Just as You Are

Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are,

Come and see, come receive, come and live forever.

Life everlasting, strength for today, taste the living water and never thirst again.

Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are,

Come and see, come receive, come and live forevermore.

Hungry

Hungry I come to You for I know You satisfy.

I am weary, but I know Your love does not run dry,

So I wait for You, so I wait for You.

Chorus: I'm falling on my knees, offering all of me.

Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

Broken, I run to You for Your arms are open wide;

I am weary, but I know Your touch restores my life.

So I wait for You, so I wait for You. *Chorus twice*

BLESSING

Pastor: And now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith to life everlasting. Peace be with you.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

I Want To Live Like That

Sometimes I think what will people say of me when I'm only just a memory?

When I'm home where my soul belongs?

Was I love when no one else would show up? Was I Jesus to the least of us?

Was my worship more than just a song?

Chorus: I wanna live like that, and give it all I have,

So that everything I say and do points to You.

If love is who I am, then this is where I'll stand,

Recklessly abandoned, never holding back, I wanna live like that.

Am I proof that You are who You say you are?

That grace can really change your heart? Do I live like Your love is true?

People pass, and even if they don't know my name,

Is there evidence that I've been changed? When they see me do they see You? *Chorus*

I wanna show the world the love He gave for me.

I'm longing for the world to know the glory of the King. *Chorus*



Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.