

# EASTER



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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Sunday, May 16, 2021

## **PRELUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

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

**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: (spoken) "Bind Us Together" – WOV 748**

- 1     There is only one God.  
      There is only one King.  
      There is only one Body;  
      That is why we can sing.
  
- 2     You are the family of God.  
      You are the promise divine.  
      You are God's chosen desire,  
      you are the glorious new wine. **Refrain.**

#### **Refrain.**

Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together, Lord;  
bind us together in love.

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## THE INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

*(You may be seated)*

## FIRST LESSON

The first lesson is found in **Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“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—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <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 must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us 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 added to the eleven apostles.



Word of God word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 1** (*Read responsively.*)

<sup>1</sup>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!

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

<sup>3</sup>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.

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

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

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

**SECOND LESSON**

The second lesson is found in **1 John 5:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those 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. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I 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.

Word of God word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please stand as you are able.*)

**Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you.**  
**Alleluia.** (*John 14:18*)

**GOSPEL**

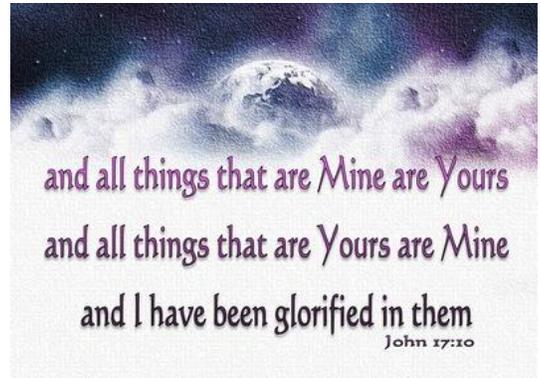
The Holy Gospel according to **John 17:6-19**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>"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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for 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.



<sup>9</sup>I 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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>While 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. <sup>13</sup>But 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. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."



The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Service – “Friendship” – by Lois Childers**

*(Follow “That’s What Friends are for” lyrics on pg. 6 of this booklet.)*

**MESSAGE** *(You may be seated.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *(spoken)* – **“Beautiful Savior” - LBW 518**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

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| <p>1 Beautiful Savior,<br/>King of creation,<br/>Son of God and Son of Man!<br/>Truly I'd love thee,<br/>truly I'd serve thee,<br/>light of my soul, my joy, my crown.</p>           | <p>3 Fair is the sunshine,<br/>fair is the moonlight,<br/>bright the sparkling stars on high;<br/>Jesus shines brighter,<br/>Jesus shines purer<br/>than all the angels in the sky.</p> |
| <p>2 Fair are the meadows,<br/>fair are the woodlands,<br/>robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;<br/>Jesus is fairer,<br/>Jesus is purer,<br/>he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.</p> | <p>4 Beautiful Savior,<br/>Lord of the nations,<br/>Son of God and Son of Man!<br/>Glory and honor,<br/>praise, adoration,<br/>now and forevermore be thine!</p>                        |

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

## **THE NICENE CREED** (Epiphany, Baptism of our Lord, Transfiguration)

**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 INTERCESSION**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. *A brief silence.*

Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need. Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

### **PRAYER LIST**

*Eliza, Judy H., Mya, Anneliese, Gertrude, Tim, Pr. Debby, Eddie, Cheryl, Carol, Bruce, Denis, Megan, Gertrude, George, Mike, Jennifer, Sue, Tina, Alex, Donna, Ginger, Karen, Janet, Rachel, Jenn, Ginger, R.C., Richard, Forrest, Roy, Jeanine, Leslie, Cory, Shirley, Deb, Kathy, Tom, Glen, Margery, Lillian K., Bruce and Members of the armed services, the congregation of St. John of Effort.*

Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
*(Please share Christ peace in social and acceptable ways.)*

### **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. The gifts are brought forward.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER** *(Please remain standing as you are able.)*

Merciful Father, **our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE 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.**

## **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: (spoken) "He Leadeth Me" - LBW 501**

- 1 He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought!  
Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
- 2 Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
- 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
- 4 And when my task on earth is done,  
when by thy grace the vict'ry's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

### **Refrain**

### **Refrain**

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
by his own hand he leadeth me.  
His faithful foll'wer I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Text: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1834-1918

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please take this booklet and enjoy the scripture reading and puzzle on page 11 and 12)*



## **Children's Service**

Music Lyrics "***That's What Friends are For***"

by Dionne Warwick, Elton John, Gladys Knight & Stevie Wonder.

And I never thought I'd feel this way  
And as far as I'm concerned  
I'm glad I got the chance to say  
That I do believe, I love you

And if I should ever go away  
Well, then close your eyes and try  
To feel the way we do today  
And then if you can remember

Keep smiling, keep shining  
Knowing you can always count on me, for sure  
That's what friends are for  
For good times and bad times  
I'll be on your side forever more  
That's what friends are for

Well, you came in loving me  
And now there's so much more I see  
And so by the way  
I thank you

Oh and then for the times when we're apart  
Well, then close your eyes and know  
The words are coming from my heart  
And then if you can remember

Keep smiling and keep shining  
Knowing you can always count on me, for sure  
That's what friends are for  
In good times and bad times  
I'll be on your side forever more  
That's what friends are for

Keep smiling, keep shining  
Knowing you can always count on me, for sure  
That's what friends are for  
For good times and bad times  
I'll be on your side forever more  
That's what friends are for

Keep smiling, keep shining  
Knowing you can always count on me, for sure  
Cause I tell you, that's what friends are for  
Whoa, good times and the bad times  
I'll be on your side forever more  
That's what friends are for

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**SENDING HYMN: (*spoken*) “Christ is alive! Let Christians Sing” – ELW 389**

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**“The Singing Trumpet”, Edward Broughton.**

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## Scripture Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

*I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. —Maya Angelou*

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One of my favorite verses is Philippians 1:6: “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.” The Philippian church was a construction area. These Christians were growing and maturing and were not yet what they someday would become.

The Chinese have a saying they often use about children to observe that, although they're growing, *a lot of growth yet remains*: “Shāobǐng hái méiyǒu shōu,” which means “The bread is not done yet.” *Shāobǐng*, also called *huoshao*, is a type of baked, unleavened, layered flatbread in Northern Chinese cuisine. The “bread” is a dough which the street vendor takes in his hand and lowers into an oven with extremely hot sides. He slaps that dough onto the side wall. It's a sort of pancake, pita-like fry bread.

Later, when the bread is done, he'll use tongs to get it out of the oven. And it's delicious. People clamor to eat it fresh off the oven wall. But the vendor will often say, “Shāobǐng hái méiyǒu shōu,” The bread isn't done yet.

Do you ever feel discouraged because you feel incomplete, or lacking in certain character traits or virtues? Do you wish you were stronger in some areas?

Do not worry. You are a work in progress. We all are. Think of Moses. His life work did not begin until he was 80 years old! That's when he and the Lord God had a little chat by a burning bush in the wilderness.

Like Moses, we're bread in the oven. We're cooking. We're feeling the heat. We are not yet what we will be.

—Timothy

Merrill

*Prayer: O God, I am ready, even at my age, to be your servant for whatever you would have me to do. And if I am not ready, make me ready. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

**Daily Bible Readings**

- Sunday:** Luke 22-24
- Monday:** 2 Samuel 9-12
- Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 13-15
- Wednesday:** 2 Samuel 16-18
- Thursday:** 2 Samuel 19-21
- Friday:** 2 Samuel 22-24

**Word Jumble**

**Directions:** Cross out the answer to each definition. Using the numbers, write the remaining words on the lines below. Some numbers may have more than one word. *For the answer, see Psalm 23:6.*



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| 10 | Dusk                              | T | W | I | L | I | G | H | T | D | W | E | L | L |
| 13 | Running beside each other         | P | A | R | A | L | L | E | L | O | F | T | H | E |
| 5  | First book of the New Testament   | M | A | T | T | H | E | W | F | O | L | L | O | W |
| 8  | Ocean that means peaceful         | M | Y | L | I | F | E | P | A | C | I | F | I | C |
| 15 | Good News                         | F | O | R | E | V | E | R | G | O | S | P | E | L |
| 6  | He betrayed Jesus                 | M | E | A | L | L | T | H | E | J | U | D | A | S |
| 1  | He wrote many proverbs            | S | U | R | E | L | Y | S | O | L | O | M | O | N |
| 12 | Where to find Boardwalk           | H | O | U | S | E | M | O | N | O | P | O | L | Y |
| 9  | A noun is a person, place or this | A | N | D | I | W | I | L | L | T | H | I | N | G |
| 3  | He wrote many psalms              | A | N | D | M | E | R | C | Y | D | A | V | I | D |
| 11 | Part of an atom                   | E | L | E | C | T | R | O | N | I | N | T | H | E |
| 7  | This doctor will operate on you   | S | U | R | G | E | O | N | D | A | Y | S | O | F |
| 2  | The capital of Oregon             | S | A | L | E | M | G | O | O | D | N | E | S | S |
| 14 | Medieval church                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4  | Where our laws are made           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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10. \_\_\_\_\_ 11. \_\_\_\_\_ 12. \_\_\_\_\_ 13. \_\_\_\_\_ 14. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. \_\_\_\_\_.