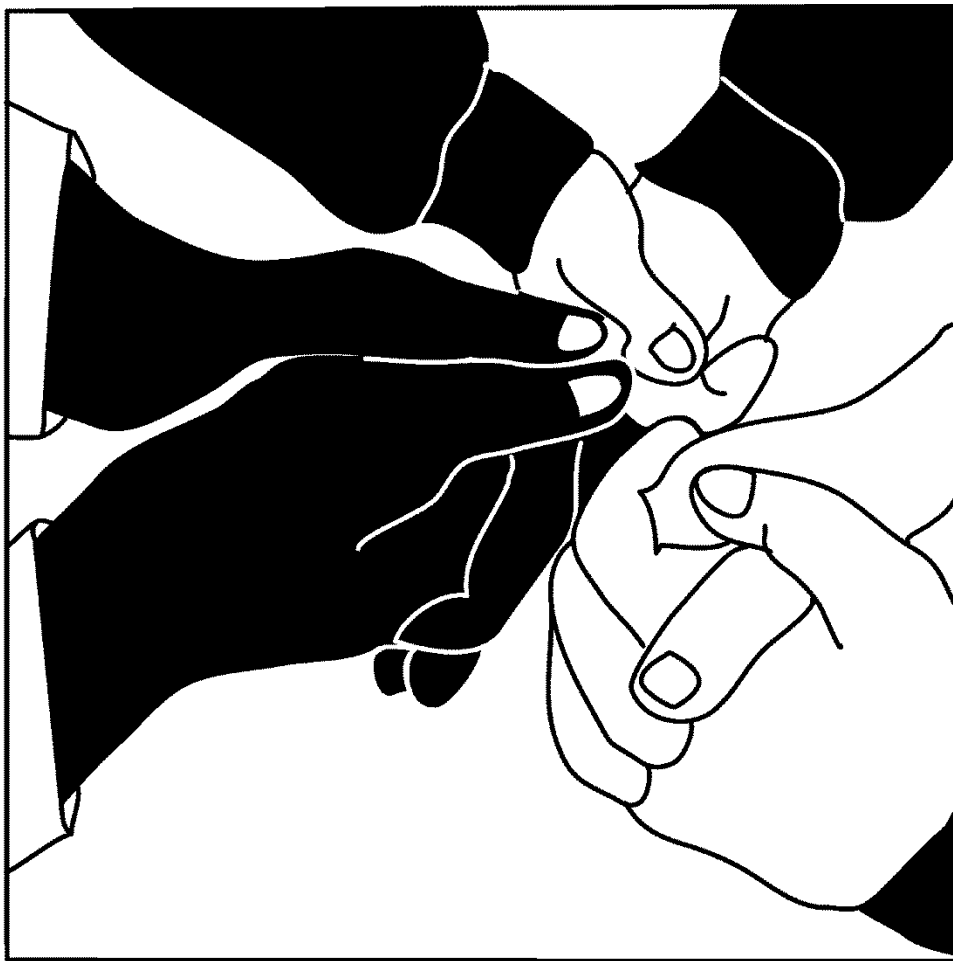


Seventh Sunday in Easter



Messiah Lutheran Church
May 24, 2020

(440) 331-2405
MessiahChurchFairview.org

Seventh Sunday in Easter

May 24, 2020, 8:30 am

Prelude

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing," Wilbur Held

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for self-examination.

Most merciful God

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gathering Song “The Head that Once was Crowned,”#432



- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
- 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov-'reign right,
- 3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;



a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

Greeting

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.

Hymn of Praise “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds,”
#367, stanza 4

A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring

4
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing:

7
"Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"

10
Be to the Fa - ther and our Lord,

13
to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly God,

16
all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

19
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

The Word of God

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

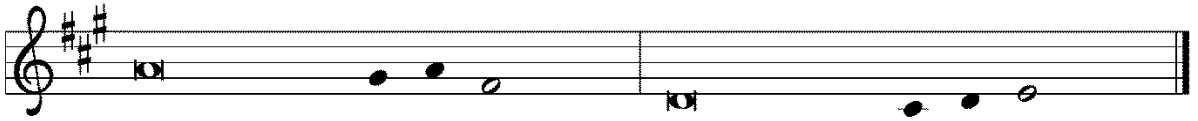
⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; 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.

Cantor sings verses in regular print; All sing verses in bold print



⁵In your holy habita- | tion, O God,

you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

**⁶you 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 be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,

**⁸the 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.

¹⁰Your people found their | home in it;

**in your goodness, O God, you have made
provision | for the poor.**

Second Reading

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

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.

Gospel Acclamation

“Be Not Afraid,” #388



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen al-le - lu - ia!

At the announcement of the Gospel:

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

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

Song of the Day “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus,” #392 *stanzas 1-2*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: “Je - sus
ceived him when the for - ty days were o’er, shall our



out of ev - ’ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood.”
hearts for - get his prom - ise: “I am with you ev - er - more”?

Sermon

Confession of Faith

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Offering

Use this moment to watch and pray as offerings received this past week are presented at the altar. If the Lord so moves you, you can also make an offering from home by texting 855-913-1744 or by [following this link](#) to our online giving portal.

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord in your mercy. . .
Hear our prayer.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

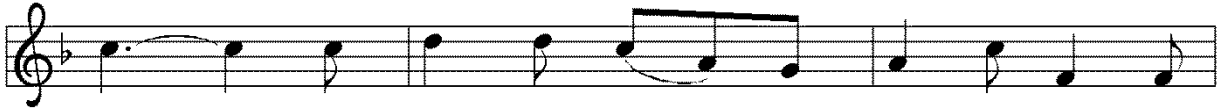
Amen.

Sending Song

“I Come with Joy,” #482 *stanzas 1, 4, 5*



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Thine the Amen”
Prerecorded by Signe Mortensen

Permission to reprint music in this service obtained from OneLicense.net with License #702571
"Be Not Afraid" Text and music © 1998 Les Presses de Taize, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.
"I Come with Joy; Text: © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188.
Liturgy setting reproduced under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License SB131019SB131019

Serving Today

Preaching Minister – Pastor Burce

Presiding Minister – Pastor Bridger

Music Director – Connie Triplett

Singers – Jim Edwards & Trudy Gustke