

7th Sunday of Easter



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
8:30AM • May 16, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk: *Helping Hands*

Prelude: "Sanctuary" 3X

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You

The Easter Litany:

P: Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Faithful and Just God,

C: We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen

P: Christ suffered for sins, once for all, in order to bring you to God. Now you are God's people; now you have received mercy. In the name of the risen + Lord Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen and precious in God's sight. Live in the marvelous light of Christ. C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "Come to the Table" 2X #481

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious & glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, & by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us & your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. Amen.

Acts 1:12-26: read by Sam Tipton 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. 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." ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'Let another take his position of overseer.'" 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.²⁴ Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Gospel Acclamation: "Hallelujah" 2X *(Please stand as you are able)*

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah...Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Gospel Reading: John 17:11-19 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."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord, C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day: "Here is Bread" #483

**Verse 1: Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.**

**Refrain: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

**Verse 2: Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. [Refrain]**

**Verse 3: Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. [Refrain]**

Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, & he will come to judge the living & the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

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 especially; Gabriel Ryan, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Naomi Berland, Dean Kirkland, Don & Ella Hadler, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson, Karl Thomforde, Connie Ludwig, Joe Melson and Louise Petefish. 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.**

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.**

Sharing the Peace:

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

**Offering & Doxology: Oh, Worship the King, all glorious above; Almighty, God's son in power and love.
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end; Our maker, defender, redeemer & friend.**

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: **God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

Salutation

Holy, Holy, Holy! #413 Vs. 1-2

Vs 1: **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!**

Vs 2: **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which were, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

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.

Lamb of God: "I Received the Living God" #477

Refrain: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

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Vs 1: **Jesus said: I am the bread kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. [Refrain]**

Vs 2: **Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. [Refrain]**

Vs 3: **Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. [Refrain]**

Vs. 4: **Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. [Refrain]**

Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: *"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" 2X #857 (Children come forward to play instruments)*

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth. To show the way.
From the earth to the cross. My debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave. From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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!

Postlude: *"Go Tell It On a Mountain" Refrain 2X*

Go Tell it on the Mountain, over the hills and everywhere, go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ still lives!

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