

# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Worship on the field or on 87.9FM



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson  
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**Welcome:** He is Risen! Alleluia!

**Announcements**

**Temple Talk:** *Helping Hands*

**Opening Song:** "As A Child" sung by Michelle Matthees

"As a child, little child," Jesus said, "Come unto Me, take My hand little child, follow Me.  
In your joys, in your woes, call out My name, For wherever you are, there I'll be."

You were baptized when you were a baby by water and God's Word.  
Your faith grew from seeds that were planted, you now proclaim Him your Lord.

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**Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Living in Jesus' promise of new life we pray,

C: Heavenly Father, the light of Easter morning shines after the darkness of Good Friday. Forgive us when we hide our darkness from your light. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Shine your light on us & make us new. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

P: Christ has risen! You are free from sin and death. Live as people set free.

**The Reading: Acts 1:12-26:**

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When 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. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. <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>18</sup>(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. <sup>19</sup>This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>"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.'" <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.

**Children's Message**

**Sermon** Pastor Eric Hanson

**Song 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**

**Celebration of First Communion:**

*Noah Melson, Grace Ludwig, Whitney Carlson, Isabella Ryan, Haley Gravemann, Victoria Luhman, & Ruby Schafer*

**The Rite of First Communion:** L. We remember....

**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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, & the glory, forever & ever. Amen.**

**Prayer: Loving God, we pray today that in this sacrament you would give to these, your own, the reminder of your grace given to all. Wash away the sins that hurt their lives and the lives of others and replace their worries with confidence and hope in you. In Jesus' Name we pray together, Amen.**

**Blessing:** L: 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. C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *"Jesus Loves Me!"* #595 sung by Ruby Schafer, Haley Gravemann, Grace & Laura Ludwig

**Vs 1:** Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

**Refrain:** Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**Vs 2:** Jesus loves me he who died heaven's gate to open wide.

He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. [Refrain]

**Vs 3:** Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way;

when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. [Refrain]

**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!**

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