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Seventh Sunday of Easter

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We welcome you with open arms and open hearts!

Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God built on love:
Worshiping, welcoming, growing and serving in Christ's name.

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude

Susan Peterson, Accompanist

Announcements & Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

Welcome

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

All: And also with you.

Forgiveness and Promise of Life

PM: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silent Confessions

Most merciful God, we carry the broken places of our communities and world with us today.

Sometimes, we lose our hope and our resolve.

Sometimes we lose our compassion and look towards ourselves.

We come to you weary and worn:

Fill us with your hope, that we might have hope.

Fill us with renewal, that we might find the power to change

what we can.

Fill us with new life, that we may be your hands and feet and voices in our world.

Fill us with your healing spirit, that we might find healing in ourselves, and that we can also help bring healing and health to others.

PM: Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you. Amen.

Gathering Hymn “Son of God, Eternal Savior” ELW #655 Vv. 1-3

Son of God, Eternal Savior

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need,
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be,
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain,
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932
 Music: EN BABELONE. *Duode en Minne Holksste Boerentien en Cotradoussa*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray,

All: 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.

God Speaks To Us In The Word

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

Lector: A reading from the 1st chapter of Acts:

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (PM & Lector)

¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

²As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender 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 before 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.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

Second Reading

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

Lector: A reading from the 4th chapter of 1st Peter:

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

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.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word... All: Thanks be to God.

Kids' Talk

Pastor Paul Anderson

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia!

The Gospel

John 17:1-11

PM: The Holy Gospel according to John:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

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.”

PM: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

You Are Mine

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, 1

I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
 all will know my name. *To refrain*
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*

Refrain
 Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I

To stanza 3 and 4
 love you and you are mine." 4 "I

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 Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas
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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, and 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, and he will come again to judge the living and 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, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pass the Peace

PM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Take a moment to pass the peace with those around you, and send a message of peace to those listening and watching with you.

Offering Song

“We Are an Offering”

ELW 692

**We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering**

**All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be**

**We give to You
We give to You**

**We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering**

Offering Prayer

AM: Wonderful, amazing God, Flames of the Spirit
**Thank you for raising Jesus Christ from the
dead, bringing us the promise of new life. With the dawning of
this new day, may we awake to new opportunities to love and
serve you and witness to Christ whom you have raised.
Use us, and our gifts to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

“Hear Our Prayer”

ELW #178

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer,
Lord, make us whole:
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign to all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Breathe life into your creation. Guide your people as we explore the mysteries of the universe. We pray for the work of scientists and mathematicians whose skill enriches our understanding. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make your justice known among the nations of the earth. Protect the vulnerable . Redirect those who use violence and greed as weapons. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Come to the aid of your children. We pray for those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated, powerless, or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give courage to all who embark on new ventures. We especially remember this day those who risked their lives to serve in our armed forces. Grant safety to those serving at home or abroad, and assure them of your never-failing strength. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered. (Covid Prayer)

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

AM: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**All: 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.**

Benediction

PM: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

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

Amen.

Sending Song

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

ELW #656

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne we pour our ar-dent prayers;
3 We share our mu-tual woes, our mu-tual bur-dens bear,
4 From sor-row, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;

the u-ni-ty of heart and mind is like to that a-bove,
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares,
and of-ten for each oth-er flows the sym-pa-thiz-ing tear,
and per-fect love and friend-ship reign through all e-ter-ni-ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägele, 1774-1836, adapt.

God Sends Us Into The World

Dismissal

AM: Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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