



**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 21, 2023
9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship

A: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

C: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

A: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

C: Sing praises to God; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

A: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

C: God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

Gathering Hymn - What Wondrous Love Is This - ELW #666

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsVnvN3EVxY>

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Blessing for Graduate Lily Fleming

Prayer

L: Good and loving God, bless and guide Lily as she charts new beginnings. May what she has learned allow her to continue to be a person of love, compassion, and empathy, a person who cares for all people.

Help Lily to use all that she has learned to make the world a better place: to serve others in true solidarity and kinship; to seek ways to help the poor, the marginalized, and those who are suffering; and to always seek the greater good.

C: Amen.

L: Let us unite our hearts in prayer as we celebrate Lily's graduation and entrust her into the hands of the Lord, as she transitions to college life and all the new things that will bring.

L: Lily, may God who began this good work in you, carry it through to completion, enabling you to use your talents to the fullest.

Family: May God give you the grace to make wise choices and to be faithful to your commitments, always confident in the support of those who love you.

Men: May God guide you so that you will live your life with truth, love and devotion.

Women: May God enliven you to work for justice, equality, and peace.

All: May God bless you with strength and give you comfort in those difficult times in life. May your integrity be a gift to the world and may the Spirit of God be with you always. Amen!

Hymn of Praise - You Are My All In All

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

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Prayer of the Day

A: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand.

C: Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence,

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen.

The Word

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “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.**

Psalm 68:3-10, 32-35

³Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the LORD - be exultant before him.**

⁵Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

⁶**God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

⁷O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;

¹⁰**your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

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

³³**O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

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

³⁵**Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

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. ⁶Humble 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.**

Holy Gospel: John 17

*The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, 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. 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.

²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know

that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

Message – Tim Leitner, SAM

<https://youtu.be/IgHxExabnII>

Hymn of the Day - This Is My Song – ELW #887

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1a8wh2A02g>

The 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, 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 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.

Prayers of Intercession

L: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: As your Spirit hovers over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant us wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activist and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice, Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council and committee members. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering

Offertory Hymn - Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful– ELW #182

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gej7OvEtsA>

Offertory Prayer

A: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.

C: We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

A: In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen Lord.

C: In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;

A: through Christ our Lord.

C: 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 our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's 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.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.

C: With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

Benediction

L: The God of all, who raised +Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn - My Life Flows On in Endless Song - ELW #763

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpmeW-c51W0>

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude