

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024 11:00 a.m. Service



You are Jesus' Answered Prayer!
Jesus Prays for Our Unity, Sanctification, and our Witness in the World

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
'HEARING, SHARING, AND LIVING THE GOSPEL'

IN SHARED MINISTRY WITH
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Service – Setting Two

May 12, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” LSB 794 sts. 1-4

Stand

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 167

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

LSB 167

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Lay your hurts and burdens, worries and doubts before the Lord and receive again the love and grace of Jesus.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

LSB 168

Introit

Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

C **The LORD is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?**

P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

C **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

P For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

C Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

P C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

Kyrie

LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” *LSB 803 sts. 1-3*

Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 172

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 1:12–14; 21-26

12 Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 **All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers....**

21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” 23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen 25 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 numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

- A** Christ has risen from the dead.
- C** [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,
- A** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
- C** He has put all things under His feet.

Second Reading

1 John 5:9–15

9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 173

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 17:11b–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

11b [*Jesus said:*] ***“Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.*** 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ***15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.*** 16 ***They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*** 17 ***Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.*** 18 ***As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.*** 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day ***“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”*** *LSB 826 sts. 1-4*

Sermon

Pastor Jeffrey Sippy

“YOU are Jesus Answered Prayer:

Jesus Prays for Your Unity and Sanctification and Sends You into the World.”

Sermon Text

John 17:15-17

Stand

Apostles' Creed

LSB 175

☐ **☿** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

LSB 175

☐ Dearest Lord Jesus,

We bow before You. You are holy and lovely, You are perfect and gracious, You are with us always and in all places. You forgive our sins and reconcile us to the Father. You fill us with Your Holy Spirit, and nurture our faith with the means of grace. We praise You, we adore You, and we thank You for our rich lives and our cups that overflow with Your blessing.

We thank You for Zion Lutheran Church and Our Savior Lutheran Church. We thank You for calling us to be Your servants and Your family together. We praise You for the unity and oneness we enjoy by Your Spirit. We thank You for establishing us as a bright light in our communities and for equipping each of us for Your greatness.

You have filled us with Your Holy Spirit, and You have equipped us for every good work! Your Word reminds us that all things are possible with You and that we can do all things through You. Sanctify us by Your Word and Spirit and guide us in Your divine will. Use us as Your servants to build each other, to encourage each other, and to reach out to each other and all people. Deliver us from our fears, our reservations, and all that holds us back from Your calling.

Dear Jesus, You love your Church. Your Church is Your bride, beautifully adorned by You and clothed in Your righteousness. Renew us in our love and devotion to Your Church. Unite us together in a shared passion and desire to grow spiritually and as Your disciples. Give to us a hunger and desire for Your Word, for prayer, for service, and for Your fellowship. Open our hearts and eyes to each other. Send us into the lives of each person and the next person we meet!

Dear Jesus, we pray Your blessing and guidance upon our *Dreams and Visions meetings* this week. Gather Your people together to pray and to dialogue Your divine will and calling for us at Zion and Our Savior. We pray to be Your answered prayer! We pray to be sanctified and holy to Your purpose and service and for the growing of Your Kingdom!

Dear Jesus, You command our prayers for all people and each according to their needs. We pray for ourselves and Your Church to be a blessing and resource of providing for those who are sick and failing, for those who are hurting and anxious, for those who suffer addiction, for those who are hungry, homeless, and wanting, and for those who do not know You. We pray especially for _____, and for those we name in our hearts.

Grant Your divine peace, Your healing when it is Your will, and use us as Your servants.

Each of these, and the silent prayers of our heart, we pray in Your name, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

LSB 176

Your gifts are gifts – thank you. Feel no duty or obligation to give, but do seek the Holy Spirit to guide you in your giving. Please sign the red attendance fellowship book, share your contacts, and how we can be a blessing to you!

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 176



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 179

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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

Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 183

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837 sts. 1-6

Announcements

Dreams and Visions for Ministry and Life Together!

Join our Zion and Our Savior families this week to share our dreams and visions for Worship, Bible Study, Fellowship, Prayer, and Service together.

We will meet at Zion

- Tuesday, May 14, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 17, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 19, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

You are a great blessing, and we need your prayer and input as we grow spiritually and in unity together!

Zion and Our Savior Reaching Out Together:

Do you know who would benefit from a visit, from prayer, a card, or telephone call? Someone who would benefit from prayer, encouragement, Spiritual counsel, or just someone to listen?

This person could be a member of Zion or Our Savior, it could be someone you know from the neighborhood, work, school, or someplace else, or it could be you or a family member or friend.

Please share this person and his or her contact with Pastor Sippy. You will be Pastor's coach. Guide him and direct him. You and Pastor will partner together in the greatest care of people.

Zion and Our Savior Lutheran Churches are outreach congregations in search of each other and all people.

Postlude