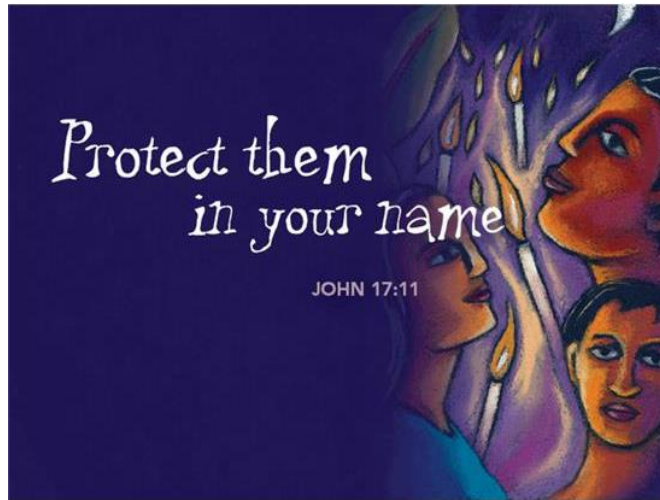


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HOLY COMMUNION

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Graduate Recognition

Sunday ☩ May 16, 2021 ☩ 10:00 am

Christ's prayer for his disciples

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

"Hear Us Now, Our God and Father"

Mark Sedio

OPENING HYMN

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

ELW 392

Verses 1, 2 & 5



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Join in the responses as indicated by the presider.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

Recognition of Graduates

Jackson Basel, Emma Gross, Alex Reinhardt,
Casandra Tounjian, Catrina Tounjian, Emma Walz

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

Matthias added to the apostles

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

In 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." 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. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

READING*Life in the Son of God*

1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**GOSPEL***Christ's prayer for his disciples*

John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus prayed: 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."

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"There is a Longing"

Refrain — All



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All



1 For	jus - tice,	for	free - dom,	for	mer - cy:
2 For	wis - dom,	for	cour - age,	for	com - fort:
3 For	heal - ing,	for	whole-ness,	for	new life:
4 Lord,	save us,	take	pit - y,	light	in our



hear our	prayer.	In	sor - row,	in	grief:
hear our	prayer.	In	weak - ness,	in	fear:
hear our	prayer.	In	sick - ness,	in	death:
deep-est	night.	We	call you;	we	wait:

Refrain



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

APOSTLES' CREED

We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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

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.

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 OF THE PEACE

In the sanctuary or at home, sheltered in place, we wave and greet one another.

The peace of our risen Lord be with you all.

And also with you.



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

As you make your way to forward to receive communion, we invite you to bring your gift of offering and place it in the baskets on either side of the center aisle.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

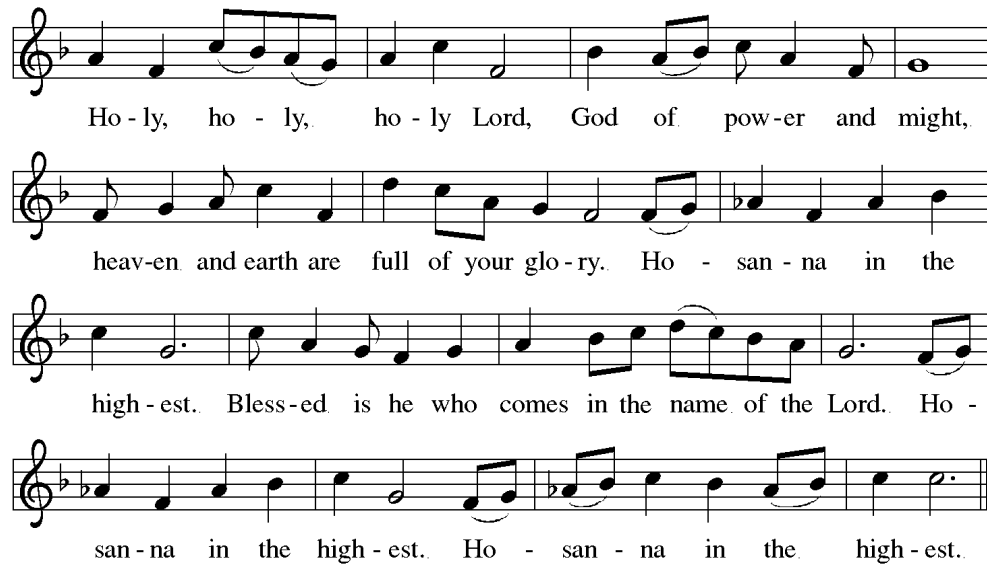
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

"Holy, Holy, Holy"



Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God....You alone are holy, You alone are God.....

We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.....**

We bless you, O God. **We bless you, O God.....**

We thank you, O God. **We thank you, O God.....**

We proclaim the mystery of faith....

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Blessing, praise and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

Music during Communion

"One Bread, One Body"

ELW 496

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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Post Communion Blessing and Prayer after Communion

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

ELW 655

As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance to the sanctuary for the dismissal.



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: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Holy Spirit, Every Dwelling”

Michael Burkhardt

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Jackson Basel, Alex Reinhardt *assisting ministers*

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Gary Troth, Jen Snyder, Joe Peters *hosts*

Craig and Sandie LaMaster *radio broadcast*

Ben Hertenstein *livestream broadcast*

Randy Burnight, August Schenzel,

Candy Johnson, Ann Doellinger *May 19 food pantry volunteers*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we honor our graduates, high school and higher education. Stop by the bulletin board in the narthex to see pictures of the high school grads. Please join them following worship in Fellowship Hall to greet them and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Mark your calendars for **Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd**. Join us for worship as we hear the story of the outpouring of the Spirit. Following worship, we will gather in Fellowship Hall and on livestream for a conversation about our future hopes and dreams and invite you to give of your time and talent in a variety of ways. The

congregation council is eager to share with you their work and assessment thus far and ask for your input going forward. Please join us!

Volunteers are needed at the Soup Kitchen. Please contact Candy Johnson at 251 9411 or Carla in the church office. This is only 3-4 times per year for approximately 2 hours.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

May 16 – May 23, 2021

Sunday: 10:00 Worship-In Person -
Senior Recognition/FB Live/
Radio w/Holy Communion
After Worship - Reception in FH

Monday: Pastor's Day Off
7:00 Scouts in FH

Tuesday: 6:30 Council in FR
7:00 Kaia in Comm. Rm.

Wednesday: 9-11:30 Food Pantry

Thursday: 1:00 Bible Study in FR

Friday: 7:00 AA in FH

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