

Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 21, 2023



After Jesus ascended into heaven to sit at God's right hand, the eleven remaining disciples regrouped to carry on the mission of Christ on earth. Jesus' prayer for them was that they would be one — that their unity would be their defining quality as a group and would serve them well in the mission at hand. They must choose who will replace Judas among them; it must be one who shares the same Spirit.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word and return our thanks in prayer and praise.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.

LBW - DIVINE SERVICE TWO

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

MUSICIAN: KAREN WARNELL

MUSICAL PRELUDE - KAREN WARNELL

▲ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (*Spoken*)

In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

▲ ENTRANCE HYMN "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" LBW # 170

▲ KYRIE (*Spoken*)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

▲ HYMN OF PRAISE (*Sung*)

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

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

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. Blessed Trinity, in Jesus you have made us all one. **Grant that his prayer that all his disciples be one as you are one be manifest in our lives for the sake of your mission in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

▼ RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

▼ FIRST READING — ACTS 1:12-26 (*Pew Bible, p. 1080*)

▼ SECOND READING — 1 PETER 4:12-19, 5:6-11 (*Pew Bible, p. 1206*)

▼ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▲ GOSPEL VERSE (*Sung*)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

▲ GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES - John 17:1-11 (*Sung, Pew Bible, p. 1073*)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

▼ MESSAGE MR. SCOTT HENDRIX

▲ HYMN "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION" LBW # 369

▲ NICENE CREED (*Spoken*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom

will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

▲ OFFERING HYMN (*Sung*)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

▲ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Spoken*)

▲ LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

Our Father, who art in heaven...

▲ BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

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. **Amen**

▲ CLOSING HYMN: "WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER" LBW# 346

▲ DISMISSAL (*Spoken*)

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen, Indeed. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE