

# A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

MAY 24, 2020

PRELUDE

“In Christ There is No East or West”

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## INTRODUCTION

*In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.*

## CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P 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.

C **Amen**

P 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.

P Most merciful God,

C **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**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING HYMN    "In Christ There is No East or West"    Vss. 1, 2, & 4    LBW # 359

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

GREETING

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

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

C 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.

**FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14**

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.

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But 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." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They 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." <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When 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. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*After the reading:*

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

**PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

R <sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.

C <sup>2</sup>**As 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.**

R <sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

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

R <sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

C <sup>6</sup>**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

R <sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

C <sup>8</sup>**the 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.**

R     <sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God;  
      you restored your inheritance when it languished.

C     <sup>10</sup>**Your people found their home in it;**  
      **in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

R     <sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
      sing praises to the Lord.

C     <sup>33</sup>**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;**  
      **you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

R     <sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God,  
      whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

C     <sup>35</sup>**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,**  
      **giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

*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.*

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, 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. <sup>13</sup>But 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. <sup>14</sup>If 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.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*After the reading:*

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

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA VERSE



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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

*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.*

<sup>1</sup>After 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, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for 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. <sup>9</sup>I 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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And 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."

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR AARON LAYNE

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## NICENE CREED

C 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 worshiped 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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**     *“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”*     Lawton     **ERICA PITTMAN**

## THE PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

P     Lord, in your mercy,  
C     **hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

A     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

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

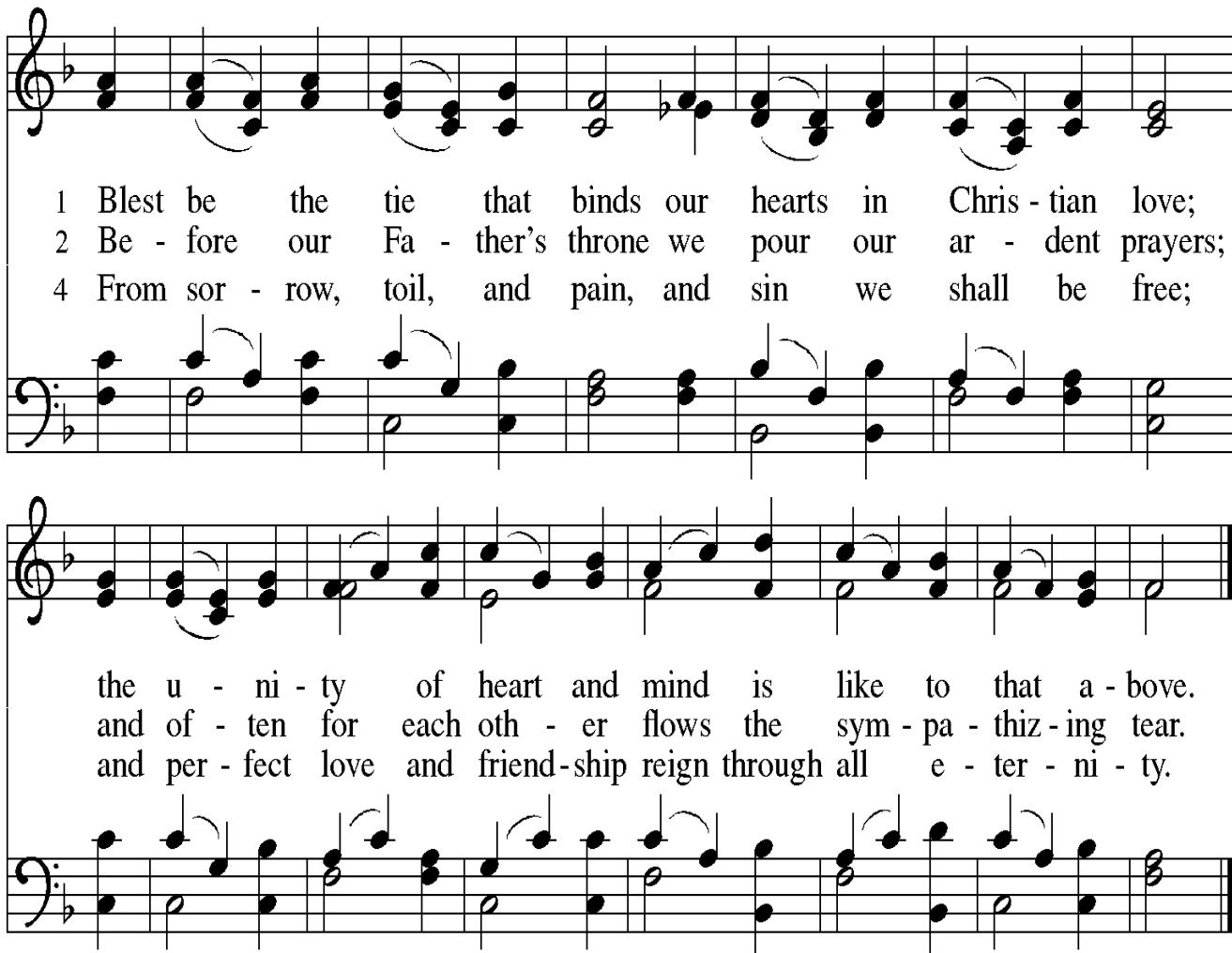
### BLESSING

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**

### SENDING HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds” Vss. 1, 2 & 4 LBW # 370



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;  
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.  
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.

### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE