

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter



St. Mark Lutheran Church
One North Road
Circle Pines, MN 55014

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8:30 and 10:45am

Please use these moments during the Prelude to prepare yourself for worship with quiet meditation and prayer. Just a gentle reminder that singing is not permitted at this time in Phase 3. Please enjoy listening to our singers.

PRELUDE

“Less Like Me”

Williams

MEDITATION

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!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

C: Amen.

(+) indicates that the assembly stands as you are able.

OPENING HYMN **“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”** *Doerksen*

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Chorus

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

GREETING

L: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC **“Pray”** *Henry Finn*

FIRST READING

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.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ Those 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. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: 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, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

+GOSPEL**John 17:6-19**

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

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.

[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.”

L: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON**Pastor Mollie Dvorak****HYMN OF DAY****“Shall We Gather at the River”****WOV 690**

1	Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?	4	Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Refrain
2	On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. Refrain		Refrain
3	Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Refrain		Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

+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 power of 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear and answer in steadfast love.

After each portion of the prayers: L: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

L: 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. **C: Amen.**

+PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The congregation may share a social distance sign of peace with one another.

OFFERING

An offering basket is in the back of the sanctuary for you to drop off your offering. At this time we will not be passing the plates but we continue to be grateful for your generosity.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of Holy Communion is offered as part of our worship. The Words spoken are sufficient enough. If you wish, as you depart the sanctuary at the end of the service, ushers will offer individual bags of the elements for you to take home.

All are welcome to receive the bread and the grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

L: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Put Your Hand in the Hand"

1 Every time I look into the Holy Book I wanna tremble (tremble)
When I read about the part where a carpenter cleared the temple (temple)
For the buyers & the sellers were no different fellas than what I profess to be
And it causes me pain to know we're not the people we should be

Chorus

Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water
Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea
Take a look at yourself and you can look at others diff'rently
Put your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee

2 Momma taught me how to pray before I reached the age of seven
She said "There'll come a time when I'll probably see you in heaven"
But I'm feeling kind of guilty about the number of times to do what we must do
We forget what he said then we figure that he'll still make room.

CCLI Song # 3006924
Christopher Norton | Richard Lacy
Adapted by Henry Finn

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Jesus Hold my Hand"

Brumley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date! VBS 2021 is August 9-13th from 5:30-8pm

Have you thought about... June 7th, 6:30pm

The topic of our next gathering is 'End of Life Planning'. This is a tough topic, but one that everyone needs to have. Come be a part of the discussion and learn about what steps we should take when it comes to aging, finances, medical care, and funeral preparations. Our guests will include: Bob Solheim—Co Director of Little Hospice in Edina, MN , Rick Mueller—Funeral Director at Mueller Funeral Homes and Katie Pivec—Transactional Attorney. We'll meet in person and we ask that you sign up in advance (the sign up can be found on our website). Zoom is still an option, but please sign up as well and just put in the comments that you will join us via zoom.

Adult Golf and Social Hour [Couples and Singles]

Sunday afternoons starting at 4:00 PM, May 16th thru mid September, at Majestic Oaks Golf Course. Golfers of all abilities are welcome for 9 Holes of non-competitive golf, social hour(s)/dinner. The social hour will immediately follow golf, either outside near the 10th tee and/or in the Restaurant/Bar. You will receive an email at the beginning of each week asking whether you will be golfing and/or socializing on the following Sunday. Tee times will be made accordingly based on who replies by Wednesday. \$16/person green fees with riding carts for those who need them
Contact: Jon Tennessen—651-780-7368 or email jonandmaggie@gmail.com

It's the Little Things

Your next stewardship experiment is ready to be picked up! For May its writing a note to someone else. Remember that our words are small but can be very powerful. Not sure who to write? Take the church directory and pick a random page and find someone to write in there. Remember to record your experiences!

Summer Worship Schedule

Starting May 30th, we will be switching to our summer worship schedule—one service at 9:30am.

St. Mark Giving

To support our weekly Plan for Ministry, \$5,490 is needed each week.

—May 3rd through May 9th giving totaled: \$7,249

To support our Plan for Ministry thus far, \$98,838 is needed.

—Our year to date giving is: \$98,993

Worship Attendance (includes in person and online)

May 2: 155

April 25: 194

April 18: 185

Thank you to Brad Ten Haken for mowing the lawn this week. Konrad Huseby, you're up this week!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lectors: Susan Koosmann (8:30 & 10:45)

Prayers: Sandy Geslin (8:30), Nancy Richter (10:45)

Singers: Darryl Frieburg, Greg Hanson, Donna Peterson

Greeters: Nancy Laux (8:30)

Ushers: Daryl and Dawn Grandstrand (8:30)

PRAYER AND CONCERN

Ruth Strubel, as she awaits her MRI results from her fall last week.

Kelly, Cathy and Dave Wilkinson's daughter-in-law, as she begins chemo.

Joanne Hanson's sister, Wendy Brown who is going through cancer treatments.

We also pray for Sue Frieburg, Sandy, Heather, Ginny, Mashell, Shannon, Larry, Leslie, Dave, Paul, Jeanette, Sandie, and Mark.

Please contact the office with any updates to this prayer and concern list—thank you!

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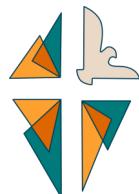
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