

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum, Pastor
Jonathan Madden, Minister of Music*

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WELCOME in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to
St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here.

As Christ promises to be in our midst, may he bless you during our time together and throughout the week. If you are a guest, please fill out a welcome card from the pews and put it in the offering plate and sign our Guest Register as you leave.

Please join us in the foyer after service for coffee and fellowship.

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To accommodate the needs of those attending service, large print bulletins are available. The church is also equipped with a hearing loop; to access the loop, use the T-switch on your hearing aid.

Please note:

This service is live streamed. Cameras are all in back and will not see your face.



OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Maddie Bryan, Christopher Callahan, Heidi Pelkey, Esther Medeiros, Anne Schweinfurth, the Hedin family following the death of Jeff's mother, Mary, & military/first responders: Jennifer Foti, Matt Gibbs, Clint Pearson, Justin Powell, Michael Rehbaum, Nicholas Robinson, Jaymen Thompson, Kelly Voorhees, Paul Voorhees, & Zachary Zeiner. (Please renew each name monthly.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We pray God's blessing on these children receiving their first communion:

Jocelyn Constance Meyn, Grace Victoria Rehbaum, Isaac Karl Rehbaum

Pentecost next week: Don't forget to wear red to welcome the Holy Spirit!

New Nursery Attendant: Starting today, our nursery will be attended by Amelia Samuelson, daughter of members Mary and Andy Samuelson. Amelia is 16 and very experienced in childcare. Stop by and say hello!

PRELUDE

Prayer in Bb, Op. 47, No. 4

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

WELCOME

Congregation stands.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
**Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregation is seated.

INTRODUCTION TO READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

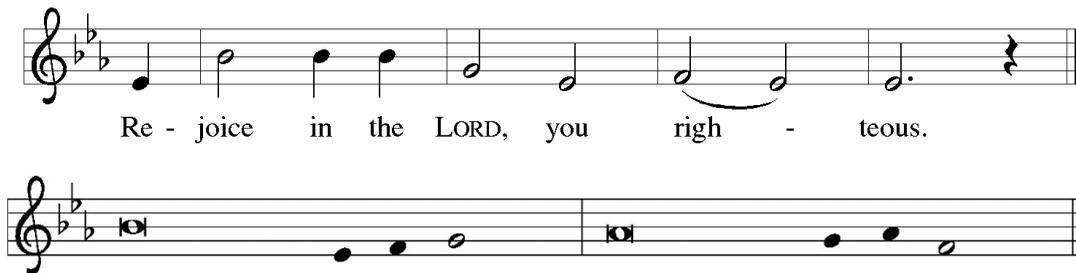
²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the

prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

PSALM 97

Refrain will be sung by the cantor, and repeated by the congregation. Congregation will sing all the bold verses, and sing the refrain once at each “R.”



- ¹The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.
- ²**Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,**
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God’s throne.
- ³Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on | every side.
- ⁴**Lightnings light | up the world;**
the earth | sees and trembles.
- ⁵The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.
- ⁶**The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,**
and all the peoples | see your glory. R

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight ^l in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, ^l all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- ^l dah rejoice,
because of your judg- ^l ments, O LORD.**

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over ^l all the earth;
you are exalted far a- ^l bove all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the ^l LORD, hate evil!**

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand ^l of the wicked.

¹¹Light dawns ^l for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- ^l est of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the ^l LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's ^l holy name. R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum

*The children are invited to come forward
for a message from the pastor especially for them.*

Congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

GOSPEL READING: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

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

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

Congregation is seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum
The Rev. Victoria Larson

Congregation stands.

NICENE CREED

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: ...God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Final Petition: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The congregation shares signs of peace with one another.

Congregation is seated.

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

OFFERING

To sustain the ministries of the Church, this time may be used to make a gift either online (www.stpaulspittsford.org), through the neighboring QR code which takes you directly to our Simply Giving page, or you may mail a check directly to St. Paul's or leave your donation in the offering plate during service.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

Prière ("Prayer")

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Congregation stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Christ is Arisen

#372

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.
Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE 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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: "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."

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... [*Presider continues with the Proper Preface*]
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic and includes some triplet-like patterns. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est."

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion is by invitation of the Lord, and open to all baptized believers who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal. Come forward by the center aisle, keeping 6 feet (about two pews) between family units. Those not communing, whether children or adults, may come forward to receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference. Receive the bread from pastor. Glasses are prefilled – red is wine, white is grape juice. Please be cautious not to touch other glasses as you take yours out. Return your empty glass to the tray on the table. Return to your seat by the side aisle. We will commune first the pulpit side, then the piano side. The bread is all gluten-free.

If you are unable to approach for communion, inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

*Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te
Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)*

Congregation stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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