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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prayer Before Worship: Holy God, whose voice is heard in the thunder and in the silence, speak to us now, by the power of your Spirit, that we may hear your word for us today. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, if you are worshipping with us in person or online today,
we are glad to have you with us.*

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

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.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

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 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.

Gathering Hymn:

“As We Gather At Your Table”

ELW #522

**1. As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**2. Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**

**3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.**

***Greeting**

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

And also with you.

***Glory to God:**

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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**

God our creator and redeemer,

Your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First reading: Acts 16:16-34

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

Read Responsively

¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

³Fire goes before 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 righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

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

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

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

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

Second reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹²See, 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. ¹⁶It 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.

***Gospel Verse**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Gospel: John 17:20-26**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰I 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.

²⁵Righteous 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."

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon:

Pastor Sheryl

Sermon:

Pastor Sheryl

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn of the Day:**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

ELW #656

**1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**

**2. Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**3. We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**4. From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.**

***Profession of Faith: The 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 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 the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

God in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

...through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

***Offering Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, 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. Amen.

†HOLY COMMUNION & DISMISSAL†

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Music

Rhonda Boettcher

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***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.

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

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.**

*(Sunday School youth are invited to go to Sunday School
during the singing of the closing hymn.)*

***Sending Hymn:**

“We All Are One in Mission”

ELW #576

**1. We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.**

**2. We all are called to service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.**

**3. Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

✚In Our Thoughts and Prayers✚

Prayers for healing: **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Krista Gingrich** (knee replacement surgery), **Alyson & Mason Wren** (pregnancy complications—Paul & Marsha Bueide's granddaughter), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother), **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Andrew Miller, Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett's niece), **Marj Nikont** (healing & recovery), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Alice Braaten**.

Prayers for: **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady's son-in-law), the people of Ukraine, for peace and the end of war.



Linda Wollesen, 6/1; Joshua Miller, 6/4

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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JUNE FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Canned Fruit

BACKPACKS: Oatmeal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.





CLCW JUNE MISSION PROJECT: Bake-less Bake Sale

Instead of spending the money to make baked items and asking people to purchase them, the women are asking for cash donations in the amount that you might normally spend to make or buy items at a bake sale. Money raised goes to our mission projects for the world, our nation, and our local community. Donations may be placed in the tan "Designated Giving" envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it"**

Proverbs 22:6

We believe that children are a precious gift from God. We invite your children to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts.
every Sunday @ 11 a.m.

WE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER!



**Reminder: Scholarship Applications for
2022-2023 are due in the church office
June 1, 2022.**

Geraniums for Pentecost

The Stewardship team invites you to celebrate Pentecost not only by wearing red but by bringing a geranium to Church! As we celebrate the Holy Spirit let us not forget that same Spirit who filled the disciples on that Pentecost day, moved over the waters in creation bringing forth life.

By planting a geranium here at church we remind ourselves that we too are stewards of creation, working together with the Holy Spirit to renew creation and work to end that which destroys God's precious gift. So bring a red geranium and a trowel on June 5th or drop a red geranium or 2 off at church anytime the week before!

Red
Geranium



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Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



Do you like a treat with your coffee, but you would rather not bake or buy something? **Donate** to the treat fund by dropping dollars or coins in the mug and when no one signs up, there will be treats purchased to enjoy!

Laundry Love



Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is July 16th. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's offices.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – May 29

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey
LAY READER: Ruth Harris
COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Schmidt
POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle
ACOLYTES: Merrick Walsh & Max Judy
MEDIA: Chris Jensen
AUDIO: Jack Martin
ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh
ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!

Next Sunday – June 5

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub
LAY READER: Shari Copsey
COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr
POWERPOINT: Matt Payne
ACOLYTES: Rhyan Buckley & Katie Hess
MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten
AUDIO: Trea Hess
ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey
PIANIST: Dee Brady
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 29

10 a.m. – Worship
11 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School
11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day

Office is Closed

Tuesday, May 31

1 p.m. – Quilting

Saturday, June 4

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, June 5

10 a.m. – Worship
11 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School
11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

MAY 29, 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Jesus prays for us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for his disciples
Monday	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in prison
Tuesday	Revelation 22:12-21	Christ is coming soon
Wednesday	Romans 8:26-30	A wonderful future for God's people
Thursday	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Friday	Hebrews 7:22-28	Our Lord is a priest
Saturday	Psalms 97	The Lord brings justice
Sunday	John 14:8-17, 25-27	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that 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." John 17:20-21 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, just as you and Jesus are one, give us the grace and mercy to be one with you and with all believers so that the world may see and believe. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundance, we thank you for this gift of food, a sign of your love for us and all the world through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus, the Holy One of God, be with you. (Revelation 22:21)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
O Jesus, I Have Promised



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What words would you use to describe someone with whom you have a close relationship?
- How do your relationships with friends compare with the kind of relationship you would like to have with God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 17:20-26.

The Gospel of John is a favorite book of the Bible for Christian mystics, those who focus on the indwelling of God's presence in the life of the believer. In John 17, Jesus begins his prayer by praying for himself, then for the disciples with him. Jesus also prays for us, the future generations of believers. It is a powerful prayer that extends to us the intimacy Jesus has with the heavenly Father. It is parental language that is itself filled with closeness. The relationship is extended to us all so that we may be as close to God as Jesus is. The original Greek language used in John 13:23 about the loved disciple suggests being close to the heart of Jesus. It is the imagery used by the mystics that announces the dramatically intimate relationship we have with God through Jesus. This is an intimacy that knows the suffering, love and glory of God. It is also a closeness that opens us to love the world like God loves the world through Jesus.

Discuss: How do you experience closeness to God through prayer?

Pray: God of love and glory, give us hearts to love you and to love the world that you love through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how do you pray and show care for the world that God loves?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus prays for us to have a close relationship with other believers and with God. Take time this week to sit in silence and imagine God's presence in and all around you through Christ, the Alpha and the Omega (Revelation 22:13), the Beginning and the End. Conclude by praying: God, you search my heart and know the mind of the Spirit. May the Spirit pray for all the saints according to your will. Amen. (Romans 8:27)



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