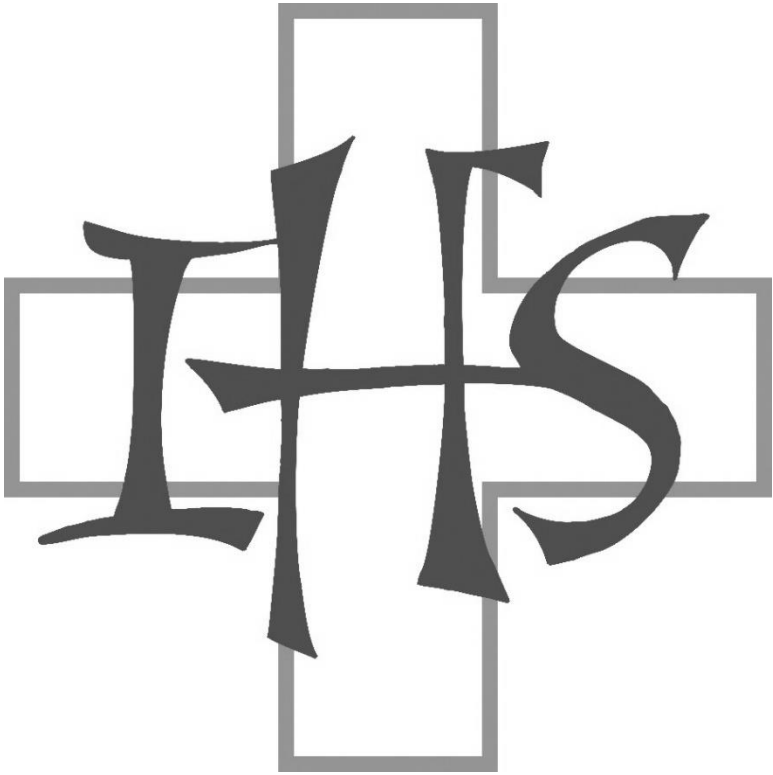


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

**A Community of Faith:** *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

*Psalm 100:1-2*

## Order of Worship

May 21, 2023 10:45 AM

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## **Introit**

*Psalm 101:1; Psalm 100*

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;  
to you, O LORD, I will make music.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the  
sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## Divine Service

### Invocation for the Easter Season

**L** Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

**L** This is the day the Lord has made;

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Psalm 118:24*

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19*

**C** Amen.

### Opening Song

#### Give Us Clean Hands

*Hall*

*Verse, Chorus 1, Verse, Chorus 2, Bridge, Chorus 2*

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh, Spir - it, come make us hum - ble. We turn our eyes from e - vil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our i - dols. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an - oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not".

*continued on next page*

15 lift our souls to an - oth - er. Oh God, let us be

17 a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, who seeks Your face,

19 O God of Ja - cob.

22 cob O God let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,

24 who seeks Your face, O God of Ja - cob.

27 Give us clean hands; Give us pure hearts;

31 Give us clean hands O God we cry out

36 Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not

39 lift our souls to an - oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;

42 Let us not lift our souls to an - oth - er. Oh God, let us be

45 a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, who seeks Your face, O God of Ja -

48 cob. O God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,

50 who seeks Your face, O God of Ja - cob.

## Prayer of Confession

- L** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- L** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Victor over death and the grave. You have risen from the dead. Yet we face defeat in our sin every day.
- C** **We confess, Lord, that we so easily live only for ourselves. We have neglected to love You with all our heart and soul and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves.**
- L** We cannot do this on our own. We need the power of Your forgiveness.
- C** **Roll away the stone of sin and crush the hardness of our heart.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- L** O Lord, hear us now, as we confess our sins to You.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**



# Song of Confession

## At The Foot Of The Cross

Scott

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 1, Chorus x2

At the foot of the cross, where grace—  
At the foot of the cross, where I—  
and suf - fer - ing — meet, — You have shown me Your love—  
am made — com - plete, — You have giv - en me life—  
through the judge - ment You re - ceived; — And You've won—  
through the death — You bore for me; — And You've won—  
my — heart, — and You've won — my — heart; —  
my — heart, — and You've won — my — heart; —  
Now I can trade these ash - es in for beau - ty,  
and wear for - give - ness like a crown; — Com - ing to kiss the feet of  
Mer - cy, I lay ev - 'ry bur - den down at the foot of the — cross.—  
at the foot of the — cross. —

**L** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Psalm

Psalm 68:1–10

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;  
and those who hate him shall flee before him!

**<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;  
as wax melts before fire,  
so the wicked shall perish before God!**

<sup>3</sup>But the righteous shall be glad;  
they shall exult before God;  
they shall be jubilant with joy!

**<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;  
his name is the LORD;  
exult before him!**

<sup>5</sup>Father of the fatherless and protector of widows  
is God in his holy habitation.

**<sup>6</sup>God settles the solitary in a home;  
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,  
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

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

**<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,  
before God, the One of Sinai,  
before God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup>Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;  
you restored your inheritance as it languished;

**<sup>10</sup>your flock found a dwelling in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Prayer

**L** Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

*Acts 1:12–26*

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"Let another take his office.'

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and



Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11*

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

<sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*John 17:1–11*

- L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

- L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

*LSB 207*

- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**Sermon Song**

**Ancient Words**

*DeShazo*

*Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus x2, Verse 4, Chorus x2, Ending*

VERSE 1



1. Ho-ly\_ words long pre - served for our walk in this world;\_



They re-sound\_ with God's own heart, O, let the

☞ VERSES 2, 3 & 4



an-cient words im - part; 2. Words of life, words of  
 (3.) words of our  
 (4.) blood stains each



hope, give us strength,\_\_\_ help\_ us cope;\_  
 faith hand - ed down\_\_\_ to\_\_\_ this age,\_  
 page, they have died\_\_\_ for\_ this faith;\_



\_\_\_ In this world\_\_\_ wher - e'er we  
 \_\_\_ came to us\_\_\_ through sac - ri -  
 \_\_\_ Hear them cry\_\_\_ through the



roam, an - cient words will guide us home.  
 fice; O, heed the faith - ful words of Christ.  
 years; Heed these words and hold them dear.

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CHORUS

An-cient words, ev-er true, chang-ing me, chang-ing

you; We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the

an-cient words im - part. 1. 2, 3. 3. Ho-ly\_ part. An-cient

CHORUS

words, ev-er true, chang-ing me, chang-ing you; We have

2nd time to Coda  $\Phi$   
come with o - pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part.

INSTRUMENTAL

D.S. al Coda

$\Phi$  Coda

ENDING

4. Mar - tyr's\_

part. We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the

an - cient words im - part.

O let the an - cient words im - part.

## Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Response after each petition*

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
  - C** **hear our prayer.**
  
- L** Heavenly Father, as the first Christians devoted themselves to prayer and worship following Christ's glorious ascension, preserve us in the same until we are raised with all the saints to Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
  - C** **Amen.**

- L** 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.**

## Benediction

- L** Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

- L** The Lord bless us and keep us.  
The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.  
The Lord look upon us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

- C** **Amen.**

# Closing Song

# Crown Him with Many Crowns

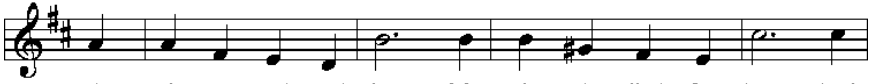
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1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



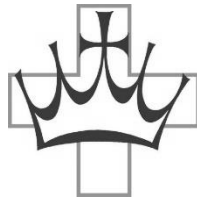
A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty,  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.  
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## Resources for Meditation this Week

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 May 2023

#### Readings

Acts 1:12–26

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

John 17:1–11

#### ***Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper Room of His Church on Earth***

On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. “*The hour*” had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father “*that they may be one*” with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21-22) gathers disciples together “*with one accord*” into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). “*Devoting themselves to prayer,*” they wait upon the Lord in “*the upper room*” (Acts 1:13–14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they “*may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed*” (1 Peter 4:13).

## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

28 May 2023

### Readings

Numbers 11:24–30

Acts 2:1–21

John 7:37–39

### ***The Risen Lord Jesus Pours Out the Holy Spirit***

The Lord took *“some of the Spirit”* that was on Moses *“and put it on the seventy elders”* of Israel (Num. 11:25), and they *“prophesied in the camp”* (Num. 11:26). In the same way, our risen Lord Jesus poured out His Holy Spirit at the Feast of Pentecost — the 50th day and the *“Eighth Sunday”* of Easter. When *“a sound like a mighty rushing wind”* and *“tongues as of fire appeared”* and rested on each of the 12 apostles, *“they were all filled with the Holy Spirit”* and proclaimed *“the mighty works of God”* (Acts 2:2–4, 11). The Lord Jesus grants this same Spirit to His Church on earth to proclaim Him glorified on the cross and risen victorious from the grave for us sinners. From His open heart, our crucified and risen Lord pours out His Holy Spirit in *“rivers of living water”* (John 7:38) and invites everyone who thirsts to come to Him and drink freely (John 7:37). Through this life-giving work of the Holy Spirit, we hear our pastors *“telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God”* (Acts 2:11), and *“everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved”* (Acts 2:21).

