

# **Seventh Sunday of Easter**



Overcoming the World through the Risen Christ



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# "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

# **Lord of Love Lutheran Church**

May 12, 2024

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

#### **OPENING HYMN**

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

The opening hymn today will be sung by the quintet. The words are printed below for your meditation while the quintet sings.

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress; Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

Lord, I believe thy precious blood, Which at the mercy-seat of God Forever doth for sinners plead, For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.

Lord, I believe were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore, Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid. **M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.



# **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# PRAYER AND PRAISE

# LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

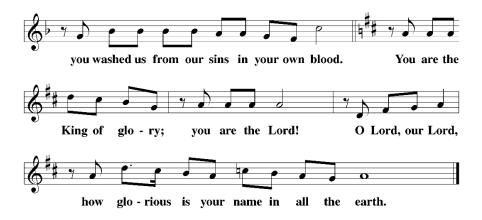


**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

# **M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# THE WORD

## **FIRST LESSON**

Acts 6:1-9,7:2a, 51-60

**ALL:** In those days, as the number of disciples was increasing, a complaint arose from the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrew-speaking Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

**PASTOR:** <sup>2</sup> So the Twelve called together the whole group of disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers, carefully select from among you seven men with good reputations, who are full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. We will put them in charge of this service. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the entire group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas, a proselyte from Antioch.

**ALL:** <sup>6</sup> They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup> The word of God kept on spreading, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. Also a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.

**MEN:** <sup>2</sup> Stephen said, "Gentlemen, brothers and fathers, listen! ... <sup>51</sup> You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit! You are doing just what your fathers did. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who prophesied the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers— <sup>53</sup> you who received the law as transmitted by angels, but did not keep it."

**WOMEN:** <sup>54</sup> When they heard these things, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed up into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> He said, "Look, I see heaven opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

**ALL:** <sup>57</sup> But they screamed at the top of their voices, covered their ears, and rushed at him with one purpose in mind. <sup>58</sup> They threw him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses laid their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" <sup>60</sup> Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." After he said this, he fell asleep.



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.



O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in <u>all</u> the earth!\* You have set your glory above the <u>heavens</u>.

When I consider your <u>heavens</u>,\* the work of your fingers,

what is man that you are mind<u>ful</u> of him,\* the Son of Man that you care for him?

#### REFRAIN

You made him a little lower than the heavenly <u>beings\*</u> and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;\* you put everything under his feet.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

#### REFRAIN

SECOND LESSON 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the God who has given birth also loves one who has been born of him. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep his commands. <sup>3</sup> In fact, this is love for God: that we keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> because everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is the one who overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

**HYMN** (CW 477)

What Is the World to Me (see page 11)

SERMON John 17:11b-19

Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept those you gave me safe in your name. I protected them and not one of them was destroyed, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup> "But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so that they may be filled with my joy. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

<sup>17</sup> "Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth.

# "Asking Thee to Watch and Keep"

# 477

# What Is the World to Me



Text: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.

#### 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

BE SEATED

#### GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

During the gathering of the offering, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Almighty Father, through your Son you gave your Word to your children on earth. Guard and strengthen those who are hated by the world because they are not of the world, that not one of them would be lost. Sanctify us in the truth; Your Word is truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Eternal Father, comfort and help the sick and the distressed [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_]. Heal them and give life to all those who hold your Son in faithful hearts. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, as we eat and drink our Savior's body and blood, give us your light and salvation. Grant us strong and courageous hearts and never-failing hope, that we may wait steadfastly for you and your final deliverance. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Heavenly Father, your Son in his incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to his mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom you have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in your sight. Strengthen all women with child, and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in you and your unfailing love; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



# THE SACRAMENT

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**M:** Lift up your hearts.

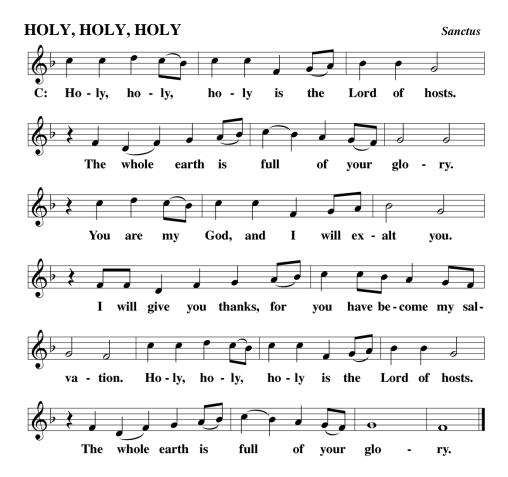


**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



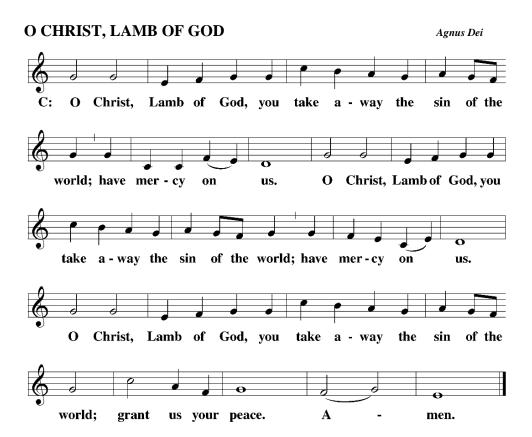
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.





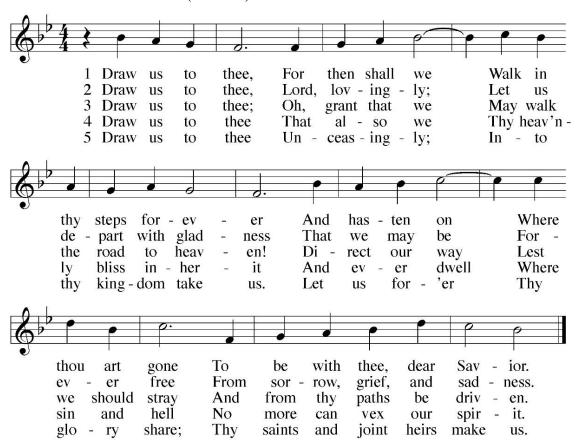
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## **DISTRIBUTION**

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

# **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 170)

## **Draw Us to Thee**



Text: Friedrich Funcke, 1642-99; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.

Tune: ACH GOTT UND HERR (447 447) As hymnodus sacer, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

# **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 174)

# See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, abr., alt. Tune: REX GLORIAE (87 87 D) Henry T. Smart, 1813–79.



# **THANKSGIVING**

STAND

## THANK THE LORD







M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN** (CW 173)

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build (see page 21)

# 173 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build



Text: Josua Wegelin, 1604–40; tr. William M. Czamanske, 1873–1964, alt.
Tune: Nun freut euch, Lieben Christen (87 87 887) Etlich Cristlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524.



# **Personal Prayers for Worship**

#### **Before Communion:**

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

## **After Communion:**

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

**Gluten Free communion wafers:** Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you require this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.



An official welcome to Kristin Vomhof! Kristin has accepted the offer to be our new office assistant. She begins training for the role this week. She can be reached in the church office Tuesday – Friday each week (608-846-9036 or lolchurchoffice@gmail.com).

# Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: 1 Thessalonians, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, downstairs

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Revelation, Class resumes this Wednesday.

**Thursday 6:30 pm: Bible Information Class,** *downstairs.* Speak with Pastor if you are interested in attending this class.

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): Matthew DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

**Divine Call:** On April 7, Pr. Jenswold received a divine call to Beautiful Savior in Cincinnati, Ohio. This call is to help start a mission church in the Cincinnati area. On May 5, Pr. Jenswold announced he is returning this call. He will continue to serve at Lord of Love. Thank you to the many who reached out to him as he deliberated this call.

**Sunday May 12: Seventh Sunday of Easter** 

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

**9:15 am:** Adult Bible study and Sunday school (Teens attend adult Bible study today.) Happy Mother's Day!

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman: 8:00 Phil Boll, 10:30 Jim Miller
- Ushers 8:00: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: Holzman Family
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Altar Guild: Ava Ehlenbach and Karie Ehlenbach
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Tess & Paul Weinheimer

**Sunday May 19: Pentecost** 

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Last day of Teen class and regular Sunday school

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00 Dave Olson 10:30 Mitch Myhre
- Ushers 8:00: Bob Degnan, Gene Freund, Kayden Zech and Kourtney Zech
- Ushers 10:30: Joshua Hodkiewicz and *volunteer*
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Ava Ehlenbach/Karie Ehlenbach
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Refreshments: The LaGrange Family

**Sunday School Families:** May 19th will be the last Sunday School for the year. There will be no SS on Memorial Day Weekend. However, we will have a joint Sunday School/VBS the 5 Sundays in June for the children from Pre K-5th grade, with pre-teens and teens helping with crafts and games. This will be during Adult Bible class time on Sunday morning.

Each Sunday morning there will be a Bible Story, snacks, crafts and games, as time allows. It should be a lot of fun for the children, so I hope your children can join us. There is no sign-up sheet, just come when you can and feel free to bring friends.

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to Lori Krey (5/12), Sarah Wilson (5/12), Theodore Nitz (5/12), Peg Schroeder (5/15), Elijah Fellin (5/16), Anna Jaeger (5/17), Kristin Vomhof (5/17), Vicki Hornbeck (5/18), Rob Jordan (5/18), Wayne Kaalberg (5/18), Cayden Myhre (5/18)and Jack Sauer (5/18) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

**Anniversary:** We wish God's blessings to Lisa & Mitch Myhre (5/12) and Aaron & Sarah Kerl (5/18) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

**In Our Prayers:** Fred Bakken, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), Shannon & Matthew Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).