

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 16th, 2021



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!

~ We Gather for Worship ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

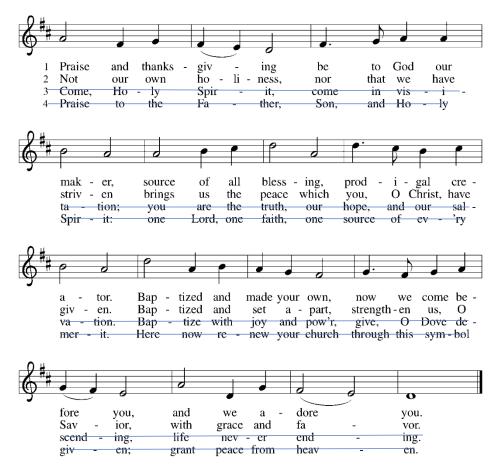
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

- L: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
- C: We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
- L: Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
- C: Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.
- L: To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

OPENING SONG: "*Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*" – *ELW 458* Verses 1 & 2



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EASTER LITANY:

- L: Christ is alive!
- C: New birth is given.
- L: Hope is alive!
- C: A new age is dawning.
- L: Joy is alive!
- C: Redemption is here.
- L: Love is alive!
- C: Death cannot harm us.
- L: We are alive!
- C: New life is within us.
- L: The church is alive!
- C: God's spirit is within us.

SONG OF PRAISE: "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!" - ELW 835

All creatures, worship God most high! Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; Sing, sister moon and stars of night: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*GREETING:

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ By The Bell Choir

~ We Listen to the Word ~

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ²but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those 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. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "The Strife is O'er the Battle Done" ELW 366

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded you, From death's sting free your servants too, That we may live and sing to you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

- L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" - ELW 843

- Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
 Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

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SERMON

~ We Respond as God's People ~

*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

OFFERING MOMENT:

In abundant love you have given yourself to us. In abundant gratitude we lift our offerings of love to you! Transform these gifts by your Spirit's power... To proclaim and share your love in the world!

OFFERTORY: Sing as gifts are brought forward to the altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. ~ We Share in Our Lord's Presence ~

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.And also 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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

The body of Christ given for you ... eat of the bread

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

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The blood of Christ shed for you ... drink of the cup

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*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.

*BENEDICTION

~ We Are Sent to Serve ~

*CLOSING SONG: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" - ELW 547

- Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
- With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL:

- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Welcome to worship at Messiah Lutheran!

At Messiah, it is our desire to glorify Christ as we nurture our faith, share Christ's love, and teach His Word. May you feel our Lord's presence today, as we offer our praise and thanksgiving through song and prayer!

Moe-ssíah's Sunday Morníng Blend

10:30 AM Facebook: Livestream 10:30 AM worship on Messiah's Facebook page. You can "check in" via the Breeze app on your phone.

11:00 AM Radio Broadcast: *Tune in on WILD 102 to listen to the morning worship service pre-recorded at Moe Lutheran.*



+ Today, Messíah's Livestream is sponsored by Messíah Lutheran Church.

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Announcements

Week at a Glance	
<u>Sunday, May 16 w/Communion</u> NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am: Worship Service w/The Bell Choir	<u>Sunday, May 23</u> NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am: Worship Service w/Adult Praise Band
10:30am: FB LiveMonday, May 176:30pm: Adult Praise Band PracticeTuesday, May 185:30pm: Council MeetingWednesday, May 199:30am: Naomi Circle.3:30pm: 4-6th Grade Youth GroupNo 7-12th Youth GroupThursday, May 203:30pm: Girl Scouts Meeting in Library6:30pm: Adult Praise Band Practice	10:30am: FB Live <u>Monday, May 24</u> 1:00pm: 10-12 th Grade Free Grab'n Go Lunch – Bring Lots of Friends <u>Wednesday, May 26</u> No Youth Groups

<u>ADDRESS</u>: If you did not receive the letter in the mail last week inviting you to attend the special meeting, please update your address by calling or emailing the church office.

NEWSLETTER: The Newsletter will now be set up to go out on the 1st day of every month. **The deadline to submit articles is now the 28th.** You will notice a change to the email format as we will now be using Mailchimp. It will be more streamlined, interactive - with clickable links - and feedback reports. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter, you will find an unsubscribe link at the bottom. There will still be a newsletter mailed out to our homebound members.

NAOMI CIRCLE MEETING: Wednesday, May 19th at 9:30am. In the Fellowship Hall. *New members Welcome!*

<u>NEXT CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE with PRAISE BAND</u> leading the music is on Sunday, May 23rd for 10:30am Worship Service!

SENIOR GRADUATES RECOGNITION SUNDAY is being planned for Sunday, May 30th at 10:30 am Worship Service! Parents of Seniors, PLEASE MARK THIS DOWN on your calendar!

MOE-SSIAH DAY CAMP: August 2, 3, 4 & 5, 9am -3pm.Registration is \$30/child with \$60 max per family. Free t-shirt included with registration! Materials coming out soon! Join us for a fun and faith filled week.

<u>TIN CUPS OFFERING</u>: Donations will go towards the Moe-ssiah Summer Day Camp which will be August 2-5!

SPRING CLEANING: The quilters are replenishing their supply of <u>sheets</u> and <u>fabric</u>. Donations can be left at the church office or put them on the shelf just off the Sunday school wing. The Bell Choir will have their <u>annual rummage sale</u> in August. As you go through your household items, please hold them for us. We will take anything except clothes. We will ask for the items right before the sale. Watch for further information.

<u>PLEASE DONATE YOUR PRINTER CARTRIDGES!</u> There is a box below the church mailboxes with a list of the empty Printer, Copier and Fax Cartridges/Toners/Drums etc., that we could return to raise church funds.

SARAH WAHLBERG SCHOLORSHIP APPLICATIONS: Picked up at the church office or can be found on the Messiah Church website at *messiahroseau.net* under the Resources tab.

The application deadline is July 1, 2021 for returning students!

"LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER": If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, we would love to pray for you! You can be placed on the confidential prayer chain by reaching out to Messiah's Prayer Chain Coordinator, Mary Olson (218-463-2364). To make a request for prayers during worship, fill out the prayer request form found on the table in the narthex and turn in to the church office. *If you have any questions, please feel free to ask either Mary, Deacon Joanne, or Pastor Dave.*

Worship Service Sunday, May 9, 2021 Attendance: 85; Offering: \$5,951; Direct Debit: \$600

Worship Servers for Sunday, May 16th Communion: Carolyn Sabourin Eileen Carter Reader: Jodie Janzen Greeter: Bonnie Delmore Sound Booth: Paul Grafstrom Council Rep: Bonnie Delmore Counters: Jon/Bonnie Hagen

Worship Servers for Sunday, May 23rd

No Communion Reader: Carol Guy Greeter: Keith Okeson Sound Booth: Marty Trangsrud Council Rep: Keith Okeson Counters: Bill/Sue Jennings

Summer worship schedule

We are planning to maintain the current Sunday worship times through the summer: 8:30 AM worship at Bethel 9:15 AM worship at Moe **10:30 AM worship at Messiah**