

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love - we are God's people.

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

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ELW indicates that hymns or liturgy are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship-red hymnal

PRELUDE

Welcome, Announcements, Celebration Bank
(money given to Human Concerns Fund)

We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

ELW Hymn 556

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie


Refrain




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **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.

We Listen to God's 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 1

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C: **Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C: **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L: Therefore, the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C: **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

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

P: The Gospel according to John the 17th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

SERMON TEXT**John 17:6-19**

[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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Unified Church—Possibility or Oxymoron?”

Pastor Pete Hagglund

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ELW Hymn 650

We Respond to God's Word

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(unison)*

**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.**

(Please Stand)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

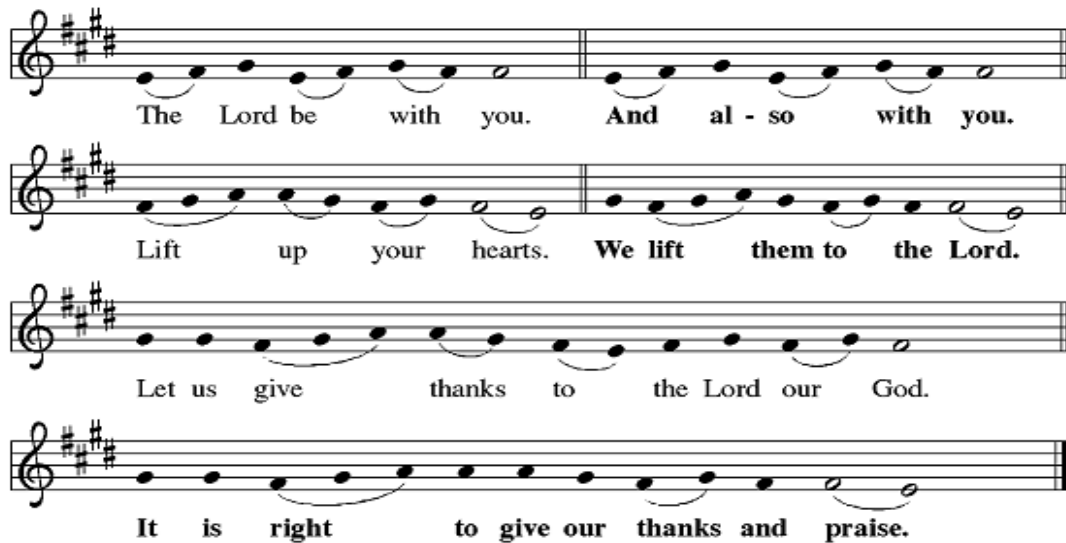
Each petition concludes:

P: God of Grace,

C: hear our prayer.


We Share in the Holy Meal

(Please stand)



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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

(Please be seated)

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION BY INDIVIDUAL GLASSES

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to commune. Children who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing. You will be given a wafer. The glasses of dark liquid are wine; the middle ring is juice. There is a bowl of water if you would like to remember your baptism.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW Hymn 471

(Please stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord, God, you gave your Son, both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the Godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING *(unison)*

C: **May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

ELW Hymn 855

THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Lector: Carlene Woodside
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Greeters: Sharon Martindale
Missionary Support: New dates now available for May-August!
Altar Flowers: Mel & Judy Craven- Happy 60th Anniversary!
Remember in prayer: Barb West, Eleanore Benninghoven, Marion Chaddock

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A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right.
There are Kids Celebrate children's bulletins available for youngsters
who'd like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week.
Ask our usher for help.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship
hall following the worship service. We would like to
get to know you and offer our friendship.

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today: **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Church Life
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service
Happy Mother's Day!
Monday: **6:30 p.m. Property meeting**
Wednesday: **7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal**
Thursday: **6:00 p.m. Executive Committee**
6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting
Saturday: **8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast**
Next Sunday: **Day of Pentecost**
8:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

NEW PASTOR MISHA!

After a long search, the Bethany Call Committee is delighted to announce the official election of our new pastor, DaMisha McFarland-Pollock. The soon-to-be Pastor Misha and her husband, Bruce, are wonderful people who will bless our church family and we are very excited to welcome them and to begin our shared pastor partnership with Messiah Lutheran. We are grateful to Misha and Bruce for choosing to join us, to our friends at Messiah for their warmth, flexibility, and hard work figuring out all the details in calling our new shared pastor, and especially to God for so abundantly answering our prayers.

CHURCH OUTREACH DONATION

Church Outreach will be conducting a different donation each month to help area food pantries. May donations will be canned Fruits and Soups! Thank you, everyone for your generosity!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers will be needed for this year’s vacation bible school! VBS will be held June 10-14 from 9am-Noon at Messiah Lutheran Church. There will be a form provided in the May issue of the Chimes if you would like to volunteer or have a child/grandchild that would like to attend. Please call Messiah Lutheran for any questions you may have.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are going to be updating our Church Directory soon to keep current for 2024. If you have changed phone numbers, moved recently, or have an email address you would like to update, please send it to the office. You may call the office with this information, leave a note on the office desk, or email us at bethanyburlington@msn.com.

WEBSITE OVERHAUL

The church is looking for someone to do a complete overhaul of our website so that it is easier to access/view on a cell phone. If you, or someone you know, are website tech savvy, please contact the office @ 319-752-3621 during office hours. Thank you!

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