**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 24, 2020 Bulletin**

**Welcome**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!**

**Prelude** *Rejoice the Lord is King* Arr. Ritter

**GATHERING**

**Gathering Hymn**  *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* ELW 393

**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**

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*10,000 Reasons*    WOV Choir

**A Word for Children**

**WORD**

**Reading: Acts 1:6-14**

6When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” 9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”
  12Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. 13When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

 1Let God arise, and let God’s ene- | mies be scattered;
  let those who | hate God flee.
 2**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;**
  **as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.**
 3But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
  let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.
 4**Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;**
  **I Am is that name, rejoice | before God! R**
 5In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
  you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;
 6**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;**
  **but the rebels shall live in | desert places.**
 7O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
  when you marched | through the wilderness,
 8**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai,**
  **at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.**
 9You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;
  you restored your inheritance | when it languished.
 10**Your people found their | home in it;**
  **in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor. R**
 32Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;
  sing praises | to the Lord.
 33**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;**
  **you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.**
 34Ascribe pow- | er to God,
  whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.
 35**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel,**
  **giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God! R**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Gospel: John 17:1-11**

1After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.
  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.”

The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you O Christ**

**Sermon** *Pastor Beverly Lange Donnella*

**Hymn of the Day** *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* ELW 403

**The Prayers** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Peace**

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

**Sending Hymn** *I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* ELW 860

**Dismissal** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**  *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*  Arr. Chesterton