

Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

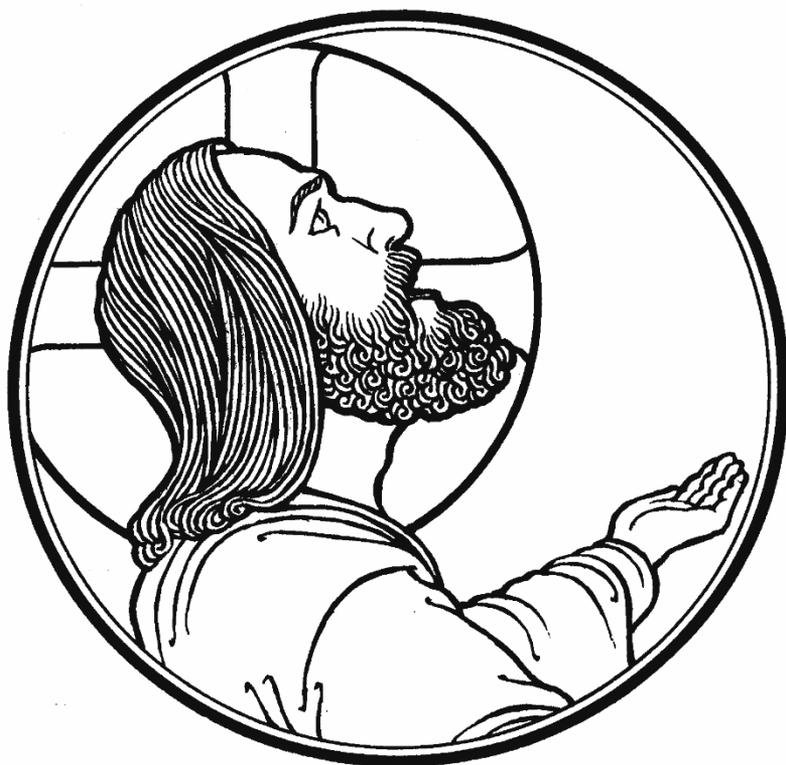
- The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod -

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

Reverend Chad Schopp, Pastor

Divine Service III

Hymn: *Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious*

LSB 495

Confession and Absolution

Exhortation (p.184)

Kneel or stand as you are able

Corporate Confession (p.184)

Stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie (p.186)

Gloria in Excelsis (p.187)

Collect of the Day

P 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

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“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. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(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. ¹⁹And 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.) ²⁰“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.’

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 men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show 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 numbered with the eleven apostles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 (LSB 1) (responsively by whole verse)

Epistle: 1 John 5:9-15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that 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 that you may know that you have eternal life.

¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia (p.190)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 17:11-19

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (p.191)

Sit

Office hymn: *O Love, How Deep*

LSB 544

Sermon

Offertory (p.192)

Announcements

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (p.194)

Sanctus (p.195)

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

The Words of Institution (p.197)

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei (p.198)

Sit

Distribution of the Sacrament

Hymns:

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LSB 590

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

LSB 699

Stand

Nunc Dimittus (p.199)

Post Communion Collect (p.201)

Benedicamus & Benediction (p.201)

Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*

LSB 644

Announcements

Remember in our Prayers:

- Letta Ebben
- Megan Nuemann

Please remember to sign the Guest Register at the end of the pews.

Pastor Schopp has accepted a call to serve Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSF) as an Admissions Counselor. His last Sunday Service will be May 30th.

Bethlehem -St. John Members: There will be a farewell get together for the Schopp family at St. John on Sunday, May 23rd after 10:30 worship service. Please come for fellowship and to thank Pastor for all he has done for us over the last 2 years.

LWML has an area wide plant sale for Missions. It is held at Christ Abbotsford May 21 & 22 from 9am -3 pm. We will take our donations over on Thursday. Please have your plants, bulbs, indoor and outdoor offerings here before NOON on Thursday May 20th. They will be transported for you. Labels will be a great help. Thank you. All money earned will go to the mission projects of the LWML.

St. John Lawn Mowing: We are in need of volunteers for lawn mowing!! The signup sheet with the 2017 lawn mowing schedule is on the library table in the narthex. Be sure to sign up now to get the week you want. If you wish, you can sign up with a group and arrange to have someone else mow. If you choose sign- up together with another person and pay someone else to mow we have a person who will mow at a reasonable price. Contact Pete VanDerLeest or Mike Thompson. Thank You.

St. John would like to enter a float in the Edgar Parade, Sunday, June 20th, we will be needing volunteers to help pass out water. If you are able to help, there is a sign- up sheet in the narthex, or you can call the office 715-352-2888.

Bethlehem – St. John Thrift Sale will reopen with Edgar Rummage sale days Thursday, May 20 to Saturday, May 22.

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

Teaching Points

Epistle: Greek for "letter." The New Testament contains 22 epistles written by Saints Paul, Peter, John, and others, that were addressed to Christian churches scattered throughout the Roman Empire. The second reading in the Divine Service is usually taken from one of these epistles.

From the Small Catechism

The Lord's Prayer: The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we _____ those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our _____, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we _____ them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.