

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 16, 2021

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: The Easter season culminates in the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus; He prays for us, for our faith, for our unity, and for our mission of faith to the world. With Ascension just behind us, this prayer reminds us that Christ continues to address us and to speak on our behalf before the Father. He prays for our unity, for our endurance, and for our faithfulness. We still pray for these things every Sunday. His work is not complete in us, and He is still at work in us and through us.

PREPARATION

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” *LSB* 493 vs 1-4 & 6

**A hymn of glory let us sing
New hymns throughout
the world shall ring
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with His faithful followers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**To them the shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
This is the Savior!" thus they say;
"This is His glorious triumph day."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**"You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"Here after Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O risen Christ ascended Lord
All praise to You let earth accord
Alleluia alleluia
You are while endless ages run
With Father and with Spirit one
Alleluia alleluia
Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us come before God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hid, and confess our sins in the name of Him who died and rose again to give us forgiveness and life.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

People: I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. I have not honored my Lord's name as I should; my worship and prayer have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and my love for others has failed. There are many whom I have hurt and many whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I have sinned against God and against my brothers and sisters. There is no health in me. Except for the promise of Christ, I could not hope for reconciliation and peace. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, O Lord, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all

your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: Psalm 27:7*

Pastor: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple. For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock. For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

(Please stand)

GLORIA PATRI (sing)

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE (sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast” LSB 155

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength
and honor, blessings, and glory are His**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to
God and the Lamb forever. Amen**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**For the Lamb who was slain has
begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (sing) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You chose Your servant Matthias to be numbered among the twelve apostles. You also chose us by the calling voice of Your Word and the saving water of our Baptism. Keep us as Your faithful people, whom You have chosen and set apart for Your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *Acts 1: 12-26 ESV*

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And 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. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "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. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And 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.) "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.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning 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." And they

put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 John 5:9-15 ESV*

If 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. Whoever 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. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sing)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 17: 11-19 ESV*

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While 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. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I 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. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED Apostles Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Man is Ever Blessed” LSB 705 vs 1-4

The man is ever blessed

Who shuns the sinners’ ways

Among their counsels never stands

Nor takes the scorners’ place

But makes the Law of God

His study and delight

**Amid the labors of the day
And watches of the night**

**He like a tree shall thrive
With waters near the root
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live
His works are heav'nly fruit**

**Not so the wicked race
They no such blessings find
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff
Before the driving wind**

+ SERMON +

“Our Praying Saviour”

Text: John 17: 11-19 (The Gospel Lesson)

Sermon Theme: Our Saviour is praying for us!

Sermon Goal: That each and everyone present understand
that Christ is interceding for us!

Outline: Our Savior is praying for us

1. He is praying for our protection.
2. He is praying for our unity.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: You promised, O Lord, not to abandon Your people but to guard, guide, and lead us. Send us Your Holy Spirit to guard us in Your truth, guide us through Your Word, and lead us to fulfill the purpose for which You send us forth in the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You chose Matthias to be part of the company of the apostles. In Baptism You chose us to belong to You and to be Your people in Christ. Continue to call through Your Word and incorporate those called into Your Church by Baptism and faith, that we may have many partners in witness before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You sent Your Son to unite us to You. Give to Your whole Church unity of faith, unity of heart, and unity of mission. Bless the ministry of all pastors and church workers, and raise up those who will speak Your Word in the days to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You saw a world in need and refused to abandon us to the forces of our own destruction. Continue to speak love, peace, unity, and justice to every place where war, violence, and fear afflict the nations. Bless our own president and all elected and appointed leaders even as You bless the leaders of every people and every place for the sake of the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You sent Your Son to be tempted in every way like us. Guard our hearts against temptations, keep us in the day of trouble, and rescue us from the pit of despair. Use us to reach out to the poor

and needy with the love of Christ and the resources of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Our Savior bore the wounds of a people sick with sin and death. Help us to trust in You in every need of healing for our bodies and for our hearts. Hear us who pray on behalf of all the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying, *especially* May all who cry to You in their need know Your healing and grace as their comfort and their joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Your Son set His Table and fed His apostles with His own flesh for the life of the world and His blood shed for the forgiveness of their sins. Bless us and our communion in the body and blood of Christ today that what we receive with our lips we may keep faithfully in our lives to the day of Christ's coming again. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and even our very selves, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your Holy Church in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Matthias, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

(Please stand)

SANCTUS (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna,

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might graciously fill all things.

Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His body and blood.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**All: 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.**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” LSB 741 vs 1-4

**Jesus Christ my sure defense
And my Savior now is living
Knowing this my confidence
Rests upon the hope here given
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought**

**Jesus my Redeemer lives
Likewise I to life shall waken
He will bring me where He is
Shall my courage then be shaken
Shall I fear or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead**

**No too closely I am bound
By my hope to Christ forever
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found
Grasped it and will leave it never
Even death now cannot part
From its Lord the trusting heart**

**I am flesh and must return
To the dust whence I am taken
But by faith I now discern
That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide
In His glory at His side**

(Please stand)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Leave us not orphans of Your love, O Lord, but
continue to protect and lead those whom You

have redeemed. As we have come to Your Table and received Your own gifts of life and salvation, send us forth as instruments of that life and salvation to the world around us. Grant us the Holy Spirit, that we may recognize Your voice in the Gospel and proclaim Your Gospel without fear; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Draw Us to Thee” *LSB 701 vs 1-5*

**Draw us to Thee,
For then shall we
Walk in Thy steps forever
And hasten on
Where Thou art gone
To be with Thee, dear Savior.**

**Draw us to Thee,
Lord, lovingly;
Let us depart with gladness
That we may be
Forever free
From sorrow, grief, and sadness.**

**Draw us to Thee,
O grant that we
May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way
Lest we should stray
And from Thy paths be driven.**

**Draw us to Thee,
That also we
They heav'nly bliss inherit
And ever dwell
Where sin and hell
No more can vex our spirit.**

**Draw us to Thee
Unceasingly,
Into Thy kingdom take us;
Let us for e'er
Thy glory share,
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Bill Switter, Elder

Jim Bumgarner, Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Closed until May 24th

If you need anything, April will be available through church email (mthopeluthchurch@yahoo.com) or her cell phone 734-536-4108

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Spring Tea. It was a huge success.

GAME NIGHT AT MT. HOPE

Sick of being at home? Need some socializing?

Want to join us for a Monthly game night?

If you are interested, Please let Sally Trout know.

Mt Hope Preschool Registration

Know a 3 or 4 year old?

Please contact Jackie Fults at 313-213-0912 or

Pick up a flyer on the Bulletin table.

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Attendance

Sunday May 9th

9:30 am 45

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Ronald & Frances Ladach – May 20th

Birthdays

Shirley Ripke – May 18th

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Zoey Stover, April's oldest daughter, tested positive for COVID-19, feels fine just has to quarantine.

GAYLE FRENCH, Tests last Sunday (2nd), tests on Monday (3rd) and surgical procedure Wednesday (5th) Faith, Strength, Patience and "Good Results"

DAVID VanZandt, friend of Glenn Cairns, David was injured in a car accident;

DIANE BROWN, Sandy Cairns sister, suffering from back pain

Dan Chambers, April Stover's Father, Healing after bad fall.

Family of Cebert Clarke, Mrs. Griffin's 52 yr old Nephew, called to his eternal home.