



EASTER 7

May 21, 2023

Welcome to St Paul's Lutheran Church! If you are visiting today, we are delighted that you're here to share in the Good News! If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER BEDS- thank you to all who have adopted a flower bed to care for this season, they look beautiful! Please be sure to pull weeds as they enjoy all the sunshine and rain!

PENTECOST PICNIC GROUPS- if you are interested in participating the Pentecost picnic groups, please RSVP to Pastor Stefanie at pastorstefanie@stpaulsokc.com or sign up in the narthex.

WEBSITE UPDATES- please send your pictures of SPLC groups and/or activities (WOW, mission trips, choir/bell performances, youth nights etc.) to articles@stpaulsokc.com for our website.

SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Paula Schopflin
Ushers: Terry Mock, Patti Spain, Mike Thompson, Keith Kilpatrick & Luke Green
Children's Message: Carolyn Lewis
Altar Guild: Janet Miller
Communion Assistants: Janet Miller **NEED 2**
Video assistant: Tracy Caine
Acolyte & Crucifer: Viktor and Pippa Teske

PRELUDE: Ron Wallace

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! He is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*
Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sin, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ we have received his forgiveness. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: #660 *Lift High the Cross*

Refrain: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory!

The Lord be with you.
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.

Leader: *Let us pray.* 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**

FIRST READING Acts 1:6-14

6So when they had come together, they asked him, “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.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God!

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered;

let those who hate him flee before him.

²As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;

as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

³But let the righteous be joyful;

let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

⁴Sing to God; sing praises to his name;

lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds-his name is the Lord-be exultant before him.

⁵Father of orphans and protector of widows

is God in his holy habitation.

⁶God gives the desolate a home to live in;

he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

⁷O God, when you went out before your people,

when you marched through the wilderness, Selah.

⁸the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain

at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;

you restored your heritage when it languished;

¹⁰your flock found a dwelling in it;

in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel according to **John 17:1-11**

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁷After Jesus had spoken these words, 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

HYMN

Carolyn Lewis

At The Name of Jesus

SPLC Adult Choir

Stefanie Rowinski

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken vs. 1, 2 & 4

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God!
He whose word cannot be broken formed you are his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?
With Salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Savior, since of Zion's city through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures, all their boasted pomp and show,
solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know.

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 OF THE PEOPLE:

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for your single-minded commitment to your Father's will. May we be free from distractions of envy or self, that we might walk the way of the cross and know the power of your risen life. *(Brief silence for personal prayer.)*

To you, Lord Jesus, treading boldly on the path of suffering, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for your resurrection is a revelation to the whole world. As you revealed yourself powerfully to so many, reveal yourself now as the hope for our world. *(Brief silence for personal prayer.)* To you, Lord Jesus, going beyond the limits of our understanding, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for in your ascension you are crowned King of kings and Lord of lords. As we worship you on your heavenly throne, prepare our hearts for the coming of your Spirit. *(Brief silence for personal prayer.)* To you, Lord Jesus, who will come back in the same way you went up into heaven, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

COMMUNION:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

THE 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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

THE BLESSING

May the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Ron Wallace

SENDING

Go in Peace. Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.