Seventh Sunday of Easter May 16, 2021

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Kyrie

- **P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession & Absolution

- Let us confess our sin to God:
 O Lord, great God, whom we behold in awe and wonder, who has kept covenant and steadfast love with your people from age to age,
- We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances.

 We have known in our hearts what is right, and yet we did wrong anyway.

 We have been fascinated by evil, delighted with pleasing ourselves, satisfying our desires, serving ourselves with pleasures.
- P O Lord, great God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
- We know you are a God who delights in goodness.

 Grant that we too might delight in goodness.

 We know you are a God who rejoices in peace and justice.

 Grant that we might be at peace with ourselves and each other.
- P O Lord, great God, grant that our hearts might be filled with a love of justice, with peace beyond understanding, with patience, with joy.
- These prayers we present to you, O Father, in the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and yet lives forever more.

 Amen.
- P Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from John 3: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."
- C Amen.

Opening Hymn #790

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



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Psalm

Psalm 27:1a, 4-5, 7, 10, 14

- P 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?
- P 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.
- P 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!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

Acts 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.
- Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 17:11b-19

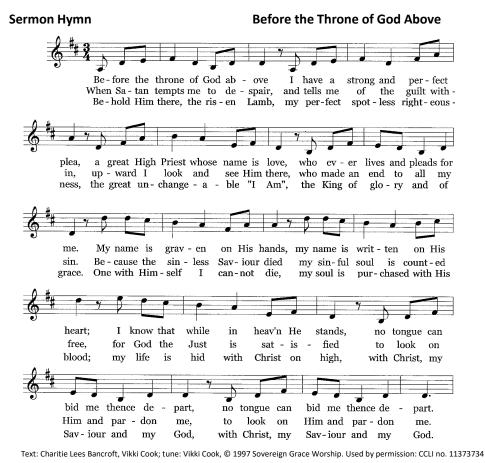
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

[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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Epistle



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.

1 John 5:9-15

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.

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life

of the world to come. Amen.

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
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

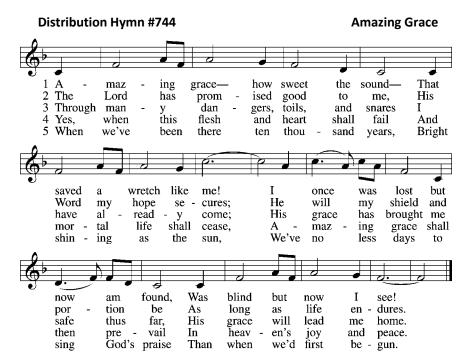
- 1 O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free, rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love; leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.
- 2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore; how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore; how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.
- 3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
 Love of ev'ry love the best:
 'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
 and it lifts me up to glory,
 for it lifts me up to thee.

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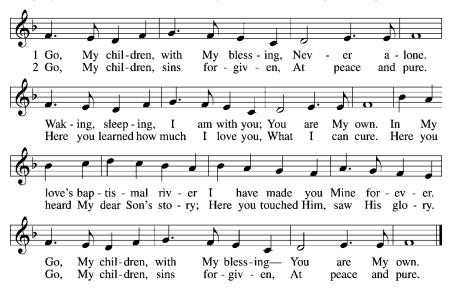


Nunc Dimittis

- P Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
 Which You have prepared before the face of all people;
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #922

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (sts. 1–2)



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Benediction

- C Amen.

Announcements

Today

- **Bible Study** 12:30 PM (Zoom). Please text Pastor Mueller if you have not yet attended and would like a Zoom invitation link sent to your email.
- Youth Confirmation 11:30 AM 12:15 PM
- Sunday Evening Prayer 5:30 PM

Tuesday

• Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group (6th-12th Grade) 6:30 – 8:00 PM Join us at church for Bible study, fellowship and fun from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Wednesday

• Zoom Bible Study (*The Screwtape Letters*) 7:00 PM. Contact Aaron for a Zoom invitation.

Thursday

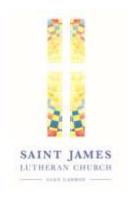
• Yoga Class: 7:00 PM Join us under the trees behind the church for all-levels yoga classes. Bring your own mat (or towel/blanket) and water bottle. No experience needed.

Saturday

Women of Faith Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study is preparing for a new study to start on Tuesday, May 25th. This study is based on the book "Man-Up: The Quest for Masculinity" by Jeffery Hemmer. If you would like to participate, please contact Cheryl via email cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org or call the church office 288-6120. The book cost is \$16.00.

MELHS is looking for **HOST FAMILIES** for International Students who are interested in attending Lutheran High for the 21/22 school year. If you are interested in finding out more about opening your home to a foreign student please contact Dr. Jay Krause at jay.krause@melhs.org.



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