Sunday, June 02, 2019
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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OPENING LITANY

L: Christ sets before us this day life and death and calls for us to choose life that we and our children may live.
C: We accept life, so teach us to live.

L: Christ sets before us this day the challenge to seek peace and to pursue it.
C: We accept the challenge of peace, so enable us to pursue it.

L: Christ sets before us this day the call to be peacemakers;
C: to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a suffering world.

L: We gather to embody God’s love and desire for peace for all people;
C: to hear and give voice to creation’s cry for justice and peace.

L: We gather to name and confront the influence of evil within and among us;
C: to repent of our silence and complicity with the powers of chaos and death.

L: We gather to join with the oppressed and troubled people of the world in the struggle for liberation and peace;
C: to work for justice, healing and wholeness of life.

L: We gather to embrace the unity of God’s people and Christ’s church;
C: to make peace a reality.
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion’s help forever and our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come with all your loving-kindness, benediction shed within these walls today.

3 Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain; what they gain from you, forever with the blessed as they pray; and your fullest ever three and ever one: one in might and in your glory ever more with you to reign.

4 Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son, praise and honor to the Spirit, one in glory while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868
PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
L: Let us pray.
   Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in
   eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is
   among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives
   and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
   forever.
C: Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

The owners of a slave-girl who used her powers to tell fortunes threw
Paul and Silas into jail for “healing” her and, consequently, ruining
their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the
gospel to the jailer and his family.

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl
who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of
money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would
cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to
you a way of salvation.” 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul,
very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the
name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very
hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was
gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace
before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the
magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews
and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to
adopt or observe.” 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the
magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be
beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they
threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.
24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and
fastened their feet in the stocks.
25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

A: The word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 97

1 The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; 
   let the multitude of the isles be glad.  
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, 
   righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.  
3 A fire goes before him 
   and burns up his enemies on every side.  
4 His lightnings light up the world; 
   the earth sees it and is afraid.  
5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, 
   at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.  
6 The heavens declare his righteousness, 
   and all the peoples see his glory.  
7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.

For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

The LORD loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” with all who respond to this invitation.

See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.
Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God’s mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

[Jesus prayed:] 20*I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21*that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22*The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23*I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24*Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you
have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY  

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no prophecies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,

wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
al, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one holy passion filling all my frame;

stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
no angel vital, no opening skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling,
the baptism of the heav’n descend ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dimness of my soul away.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860
Music: MORCAME, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–1892
APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
   He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
   He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
   He descended into hell.
   On the third day he rose again.
   He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
   He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
   the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
   the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
   and the life everlasting. Amen
BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Brief Silence

Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
C: Amen
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting God’s promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

Brief Silence

A: Bless diversity in worship and ministry across all nations and cultures. Unite us in Christ and keep us faithful in our calling to show your love to the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Pour out over all the earth the water of life as a gift. Wash the wounds of creation and restore all living things to wholeness. Protect ocean habitats, river ecosystems, and wetlands. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Give a spirit of collaboration to leaders of the nations, so that all people know safety, security, and dignity. Heal victims of torture and liberate those who are wrongfully imprisoned or detained. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Come quickly to the aid of your people. Give wisdom and the gift of calm to military, prison, hospital, and hospice chaplains who stand as signs of your abiding presence. Refresh all who thirst for love, hope, or healing. (Especially, Linus Schnarr, Albert Schnarr, Lovella Neukam, Kathy Goss, Don Fuhrman, Linda Dudine, Sandy Schiller, Pastor Roberta Meyer, Evan White, and River Harbin.) Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Let your word fill our hearts and our homes. Bless all who teach us the faith: pastors and deacons, Sunday school and confirmation teachers, public theologians, mentors, curriculum writers, and publishers. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Hold all the saints in the grace of the Lord Jesus. Sustain weary souls with the promise that the morning star is coming soon to lead us into light. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Other intercessions may be added.
L: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
C: Amen.

PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat

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Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were
gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from
all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared with in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

may we share the presence of your love.
all creation shares this feast with you.
OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray.
Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.
1. Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
   the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

2. With praise and thanks-giving to God ever-living,
   the tasks of our every-day life we will face—

The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
our faith ever-sharing, in love ever-caring.

The fruits of this service in all who believe.
embracing God’s children, the whole human race.

The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
Then may all the living with praise and thanks-giving

to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.
BLESSING

L: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Working to Share God’s Love. Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME VISITORS: We welcome you to St. John’s Lutheran Church and we hope that you will enjoy our worship to God. Please take time to fill out a “St. John’s Ministry Notes” card that is located in the bulletin. Once you have filled that card out please place it in the offering plate. We hope that you will consider making St John’s your worshiping community.

NURSERY: St. John's loves having children in church, but we want parents to know that we do have an unmanned nursery available downstairs in our Education Wing if needed. The nursery is wired for sound so you can still participate in the service. Take the ramp downstairs which is located next to the upstairs restroom. The nursery is located on the left-hand side of the long hallway four doors down.

HANDICAP SEATING: We ask that you please remember to reserve the shortened seating in the middle of the sanctuary for those who need them. Thank you.
HEARING DEVICES: St. John's offers "Hearing Devices" to individuals who need them. They are located in a basket in the Narthex. They have been updated and are ready to be used. The batteries are not in the device but are in the basket and need to be installed to use. If you wear a hearing aid you will need to remove it and put the ear bud directly into your ear. You are welcomed to bring your own ear buds. If you have any questions or need any help contact Linus Mann at 812-351-0612. Our Pastor uses a microphone but sometimes extra help is needed to help enhance your worship experience.

Those Serving TODAY June 2, 2019
Worship Leader: Carol Zehr
Acolyte: Tess Weisheit
Reader: Phyllis Harder
Ushers: Emily & Mallory Lents
Greeter: Martha Meyer

Those Serving June 9, 2019
Worship Leader: Pastor Catherine Burnette
Acolyte: Julian Bonner
Reader: Diann Zehr
Ushers: Mary Kate Hopf & Kylee Weisheit
Greeters: Steve & Mary Meyer

Sunday, May 26th
Church Attendance: 62
Current: $1,315.00 Goal: $3,314.00
Benevolence: $40.00 Goal: $221.00
Loose: $63.00
Lutheran Child & Family Services: $5.00
UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday June 2\textsuperscript{nd}  
10:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday June 4\textsuperscript{th}  
6:30 p.m. Cooperative Ministry meeting at Redeemer

Sunday June 9\textsuperscript{th}  
FOOD BANK SUNDAY  
9:00 a.m. Praise Team Practice  
10:00 a.m. Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: The Education Team is looking for individuals willing to teach Sunday School once every 4 to 5 weeks. This would be for preschool through fifth grade. We are also looking for a 6th - 12th grade teacher. Please contact Karla Brumfield 812-631-2072 or Liz Barker 812-630-9545.

CALL-EM-ALL: The Call-Em-All service now has the option to text or call people on the contact list. If you would like to opt in to the text service please indicate on the ministry notes card in the bulletin or text join to 1-866-520-4316. You will not receive text messages unless you opt in. If you are not currently enrolled in the Call-Em-All service and would like to be added please text join to 1-866-520-4316 and please include your name in the message. If you have any questions please contact Paula.
SUMMER SERMON SERIES: This summer Pastor Catherine will be giving a 9-part sermon series on some of the books of Dr. Seuss. You could call this sermon series “SEUSSOLOGY”. She is using a book entitled, “Gospel According to Dr. Seuss” by James W. Kemp, as the basis of her sermon series. We hope you can join her as she explores the theology of Dr. Seuss and looks at 9 of his famous children’s books. The series is as follows:

**June 9** – “Horton Hatches the Egg”
**June 16** – “Yertle the Turtle”
**June 23** - “The Cat in the Hat Comes Back”
**June 30** – Pastor on Vacation
**July 7** – “The Zax”
**July 14** – VBS Program
**July 21 & 28, August 4** – Pastor on last three weeks of Adoption Leave
**August 11** – “Horton Hears a Who”
**August 18** – “Green Eggs and Ham”
**August 25** – “Bartholomew and the Oobleck”
**September 1** – “The Sneetches”

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We have scheduled this year’s VBS for Friday July 12 – Saturday July 13. The VBS program will be Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. July 14th. Our theme this year is YEE HAW. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. We will also need lots of volunteers this year to help with the service project etc. Please text or call Liz Barker if you can help. (812)630-9545

DONATIONS FOR CRISIS CONNECTION: The Outreach Team will be collecting hotel or travel size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion and soaps. These items will be donated to Crisis Connection. Donations can be left in the Narthex. Thank you
FOOD BANK SUNDAY IS JUNE 9TH: Items that the Food Bank can use are: Peaches, fruit cocktail, pears, instant pudding, Jello, corn, peas, Spaghettios/Ravioli, carrots, canned potatoes, tuna, rice, flour, Hamburger Helper, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, cereal, macaroni-n-cheese, Ramen noodles, cake mix, chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup, canned chicken, vegetable oil, sugar, toilet paper, diapers size 3,4,or 5, toothpaste, razors, soap, shampoo, liquid laundry soap, feminine products, Kleenex, paper towels, dish soap, coffee, stuffing mix. Monetary donations are also accepted.

COMMUNION/VISITATION: St. John’s communion/visitation groups take communion and visit our shut-ins each month. If you or someone you know would like to be added to their list please contact W. Jean Hoffman, Larry, Carol, or Diann Zehr, Pat Weisman, or Pastor Catherine. Thank you.

PERSONAL CARE KITS: We have 51 personal care kits made up so far. If anyone would like to donate more items to make personal care kits, we will be accepting donations until the fall. Each kit contains the following items: one light-weight bath size towel (20”X40” to 52”X27’’) dark color recommended, two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. any brand, in original wrapping (no mini or hotel size), one adult size toothbrush in its original packaging (toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business size envelope, no plastic bags or wrap), one sturdy comb (no picks or fine toothed combs), one metal nail clippers. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2019-2021: If you have or know of a 6th or 7th grader interested in joining our 2019-2021 class that starts in the Fall please let Pastor know.
Working to Share God's Love

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