

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

** All who are able may stand; congregation reads bold print*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **Give Me Jesus** African American Spiritual
Lincoln Wright, piano

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ of the son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from Slavery into freedom. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew your lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever **Amen.**

*** GATHERING SONG** Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! ELW 393



A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
“You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
sky.” Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty.”
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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*** GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

READING

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

A reading from I Peter the 4th chapter.

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.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10,32-35



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- ¹Let God arise, and let God's ene- | mies be scattered;
let those who | hate God flee.
- ²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;**
as the wax melts before the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.
- ³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.
- ⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;**
I AM is that name, rejoice | before God!
- ⁵In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;
- ⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;**
but the rebels shall live in | desert places.
- ⁷O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,
- ⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,**
at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.
- ⁹You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.
- ¹⁰**Your people found their | home in it;**
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.
- ³²Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth; sing praises | to the Lord.
- ³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;**
you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.
- ³⁴Ascribe pow- | er to God, whose majesty is over Israel;
whose strength is | in the skies.
- ³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel,**
giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** GOSPEL**

John 17:1-11

The holy Gospel according to John the 17th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON : “From Here to Eternity”

Pastor Lowell Nelson

*HYMN OF THE DAY

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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Vs. 1, All

Vs. 2, Men

Vs. 3, Women

Vs. 4, All

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diancance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Hear us O God.
Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen lord.
Amen.

OFFERING

MUSIC OFFERING

Like A River Glorious
Breezy Winkle & Sheri MacDonald, flutes
Lincoln Wright, piano

James Mountain
Arr. Brent Olstad

*** OFFERING RESPONSE Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>MEAL</i> God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ</p>

*** DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

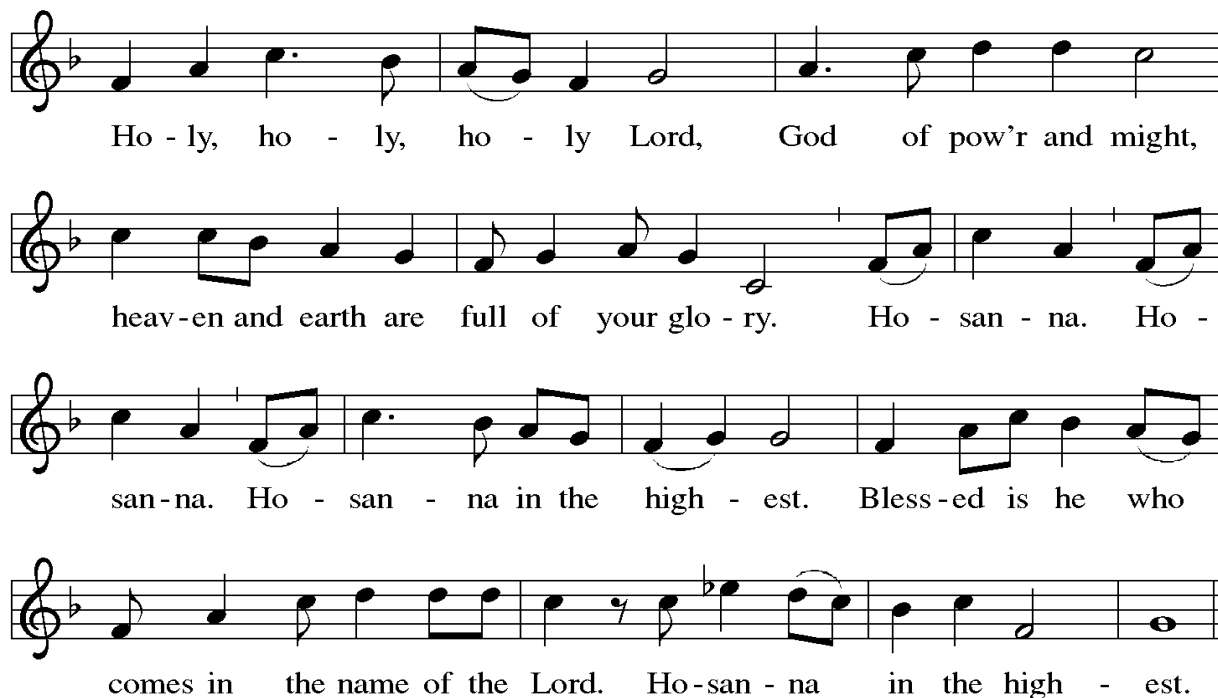
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy....

*** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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**

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

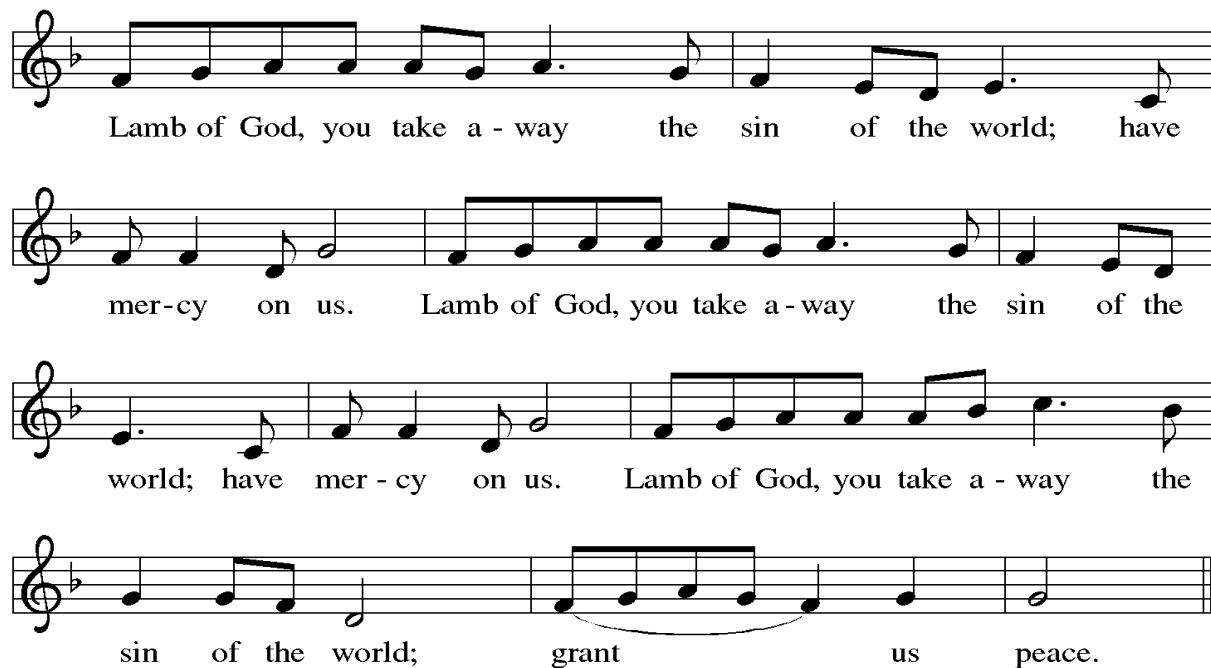
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION

Communion is served in two ways. The pastor will distribute the host wafer (gluten free in small dish,) indicate your preference

Dip the wafer in the wine-filled chalice or take pre-poured wine "red" or grape juice- "white" from the tray .

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

* BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus's name.**

Amen.

***BLESSING** God of all, who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace, servie the Lord

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Marche Heroique

Edwin LeMare

Lincoln Wright, organ

Health Issues

Brent Saunders
Joan McGinnis
Pam McGinnis
Emerson Morris Heather's friend
Mike Umland Kennedy's friend son
Jill Nelles-Voss
Bertha Graunke's friend
Barb Coulter Susan Farrington's aunt
Ellen Pierce Heather Burgett's friend
Bill Frank McGinnis Bro
Bob Beach Glen Johnson's friend
Jackie & Mike Strosnider Farrington' friend
Rona Dorothy Steven's friend
Paula Skladany's daughter
Jim Johnson Saunders' friend
Kelly Truitt's friend
Lynn Valerie Kennedy's sister
John Anderson Jerry Graunke's bro-in-law
Joanne Seduski's Friend
Bill and Patty Coulter Farrington's Cousin
Jenny Kokol Marilyn Flanders friend
Ken Mulzer Flach's friend
Linda Wenner Susan Farrington's friend
Erika Mark Kennedy's friend
Toni Lusk Hainy's friends
Susie Bradstock Clark's friend
Jerry & Pat Baggett Saunders' friend
Larry & Joyce Vetch Hainy's friends
Pastor Roger Noer Keith & Kristy's friend
Charles Dan Nelson's friend
Wes Topping Linda Truitt's friend
George Joan McGinnis' cousin
Jaren David Corral Kennedy's friend's brother
Jean Berthod Sylvie's father
Marilyn Flanders
Ron Flanders Marilyn's brother
Sara Flanders
Krystin Flanders
Scott Farrington
Susan Farrington
Frances Emerson
Starr Zane Mary Sue's friend

Special Intentions

Germaine Truitt's friend
Mike Besemer
Donna Doug Bessemer's sister
Jorie & Lester Westphal

Cancer

Megan Strasser Dane Chavers friend
Mike Shanklin Dan & Diane Nelson's friend
Susan Hamm
Jeff Bell Nelson's friend
John Shanholt Nelson and Kennedy's friend
Chuck Vandenberg Spraker's brother-in-law
Karen Flach's daughter
Ted O'Sullivan Kennedy's friend
Mona Irvin Farrington's friend
Kirsten Wampler Dan Nelson Sister
Jason Graunke Jerry's nephew
Mary Anderson Jerry Graunke's sister
Eileen Hovey Dan Nelson's friend
Pat Moran Grace Farrington's friend
Bruce Mallory Skladany's friend
Joe Marotta Kennedy's friend
Peter Townsend Truitt's friend
Jane Kennedy's friend
Julie Miron Sharon Kittle's sister
Gabriel Jacob's friend
Nicholas Teknos McGinnis family member
Ruth Mueller Flach's friend
Jamie Smith Nelson's friend
Steve Boccieri Bessemer's friend
Sheila Ellis Bob & Dian Flach friend
Paul Skoog Nelson's friend
Tom Dan Nelson's friend
Debbie Chevalier Pam McGinnis' Best friend
Mary Lewison McGinnis friend
Ellen Murphy Bill Murphy's friend
John White Jan Murphy's friend
Joel Lassman Nelson's friend

Recovery

Paul Campbell
Jeff Mary Sue's friend

Home Bound

Jean Bente