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HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting Three

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



Sunday, May 16, 2021

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*Please stand as you are able.



GATHERING

Prelude

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ 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.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

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 our 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.

LET US PRAY

We ask your prayers for all these persons listed below, as well as for all those in need.

- For families and friends of those who have recently died:
Don Reigle.
- For those hospitalized or with other immediate needs:
Dee Hockenberry, Tom Rigel, Betsy Ann Klingler, Deb Kline, Shirley Schubert, Cristin Kwiterobich, Tom Dutrow, Karrie McCall.
- For those homebound, in care centers, or being cared for by others:
From our Family of God at Beaver: Denise Brouse, Deb Kline, Paul Lepley, Peg Shirey, Joan Snook. Also: Nancy (Weisen) Schug, Elton Walter.
- For those with ongoing needs:
Jackie Alters, Clinton Barnett, Stacy Boyer, Denise Brouse, Richard Bucher, Phyllis Coleman, Karen Ferrinjer, Donald Foltz, Patrick Fromm, Will Folk, Galen Goss, Bruce Hassinger, Dee Hockenberry, Charles Hufnagle, Ben Keiser, Guy Kerstetter, John Krause, Justin Krouse, Matt Kwitorovich, Grace Lauver, Evelyn Lepley, Tucker Lepley, Lois Martin, Tom Martin, Shirley Pheasant, Kurt Reichenbach, Shirley Rheam, Craig Ritter, Larry Sassaman, Terry Sassaman, Lindsey Shultz, David Ski, Noah Stetts, Irene Sweigart, Sam Sweigart, Pat Will, Alan Wolfe, Brian Wray, Crystal Wray, Madeline Wray, Laurie Zechman, Austin Zimmerman, Hunter Zondory, Chad, Donna, Gary, Jamie, Kathy and baby.
- For those with cancer:
Dawn Anspach, Marci Barlett, Dorothy Boyer, Thomas Burns, Mindy Callendar, Nancy Coder, Gabby Deadman, Steve Drake, Betty Drumheller, Jennifer Ebright, Mary Ewing, Jerry Fike, James Hackenburg, John Hollenbach Jr., Marcus Josey, Betsy Ann Klingler, Windy Kuntz, Audrey Zerby Lickenwalner, Dave Middleswarth, Ben Moyer, Doug Moyer, Shirley Schubert, Amber Shaw, Richard Shirey Jr., Sandie Snook, Rose Snyder, Rhonda Straw, Galen Wagner, Sherryl Wagner, Deb Wannamaker .
- For those in the military and recent veterans:
Jaycen Goodling, Christopher Lepley, Jordan Lepley, Terry Romig, Emma Shirey, Jake Thomas, Ty Wagner, Joseph Zerby.

Baby Bottle Boomerang — Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Lewistown will once again be holding its Baby Bottle Boomerang beginning on May 9, Mother’s Day and ending June 20, Father’s Day. As we did last year, we are encouraging folks to donate directly to them through their website at: www.cpcfornlife.org/baby-bottle-boomerang or by sending a check designated “Baby Bottle Boomerang Donation” to their office at 1130 W. Fourth St., Lewistown, PA 17044.

Lectors — Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a lector. By proclaiming the word of God, a lector serves a unique role in the liturgy. If you feel you have been called to this service, please notify the pastor.

Altar Flower Chart — The 2021 Altar Flower Chart is located in the narthex. Please note that there quite a few Sundays left to fill. Cost to have the church provide the flowers through Graci’s is \$50. If that cost is a bit much for you, you can opt to provide your own flowers.

***Gathering Song**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

***Greeting**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” 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 must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us 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 added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1



The LORD knows the way of the right-teous.



Psalm 1:6
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¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the
scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching | day and night. R**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment
comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

Altar Flowers — The flowers this morning are presented by Sharon and Howard Benner and Sue Nerhood to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of their dear mother, Kathryn Narehood. The flowers are a joyful symbol of the resurrection of Christ.

Annual Meeting — Welcome to the annual meeting of the congregation. At this meeting we will elect new officers, pass the budget, and vote on constitutional amendments. If you have not already done so, please help yourself to a copy of the budget, and the 2020 Bulletin of Reports. We hope that you have had ample time to look over the proposed updates to our constitution.

Office Closed — The church office will be closed Tuesday, May 18.

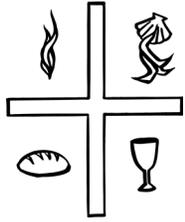
Altar Candles — Anyone who has served on Altar Guild knows how messy the wax is to clean off the linens, candle sticks and fixtures. The Worship & Music Committee has purchased new Liquid Candles for the altar and lectern and we are looking to take up any donations to help offset the cost. The candles burn on a special liquid that is scent-free and cleaner to burn. If you are willing to make a donation, please use the “Special Offering” envelopes and mark “Altar Candles” on the outside. Thank you in advance for your support.

Summer Clothing Donations — If you have summer clothing that you would like to donate to our monthly Clothing Closet giveaway, please see Linda Sassaman.

Red for Pentecost — We will celebrate Pentecost on May 23. As we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles in the form of flames, let us **wear red** to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are also asking for donations of **red geraniums** to decorate the sanctuary.

Seeking Graduates — If you have a family member that will be graduating or has already graduated from high school or college, please let Sara know. We will honor your graduate in the next newsletter. Please provide a photograph and brief biography.

Online Giving – Tired of forgetting to bring your envelope to church? You can also donate online through PayPal by clicking the “donate” button on our homepage. You can also ask Amazon to donate a portion of your purchases to Beaver Lutheran Church by logging into Amazon Smile. Thank you for your generosity!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Remember to please wear a mask and maintain six feet between individuals, couples or family groups while on the premises. Children under two and those with trouble breathing should not wear masks and should maintain as much social distance as possible.

Communion – Please help yourself to a worship kit containing your bulletin, a copy of Taking Faith Home, and a “Communion Kit”. At the appropriate time we will lower our face coverings and commune sitting in our seats. First the wafer found on the top of the juice cup, and then the cup. Immediately following communion, please return your face coverings and deposit the empty cup into the bag and seal it. These bags can be disposed of in the waste receptacle. *There are gluten-free wafers available.*

Livestreams – You can join us for worship as always on Zoom and now on **YouTube Live**. To watch on YouTube, simply use this link which will bring you to our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_nvclBmC3TpwwM3NNKbulA then you can select the Live Sunday Worship video. (Remember to subscribe to our channel so you can get updates on new videos!)

Midweek Meditation with Pr. Jim – Sundays are a wonderful time to re-center ourselves on God, but when Monday comes, all our various responsibilities and anxieties so often push God back to the sidelines. You are invited to join Pr. Jim on Thursdays on YouTube for a time of recentering with scripture and prayer. These prerecorded videos will be posted by noon each Thursday and you can watch them at your leisure. You can find them here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_nvclBmC3TpwwM3NNKbulA (Remember to subscribe to our channel so you can get updates on new videos!)

Sing for Joy — We have once again begun to sing our praises in the sanctuary! To promote better ventilation, windows and doors will be open. Please maintain social distancing and continue to wear a face covering. We will be singing the first verse of our hymns.

⁶For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R

Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: 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.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel

John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th Chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] 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. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Jim Vitale

***Hymn of the Day**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; fr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659-1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1902-1968

***Prayers of Intercession**

Hear us O God,

Response: **your mercy is great.**

***The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please offer one another a socially distant sign of Christ's peace.

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.

Text: Somerset C. Loopy, 1855-1932
Music: IN BABYLONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlides en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude



SENDING

Benediction

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*Sending Song

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:

MEAL

Please be seated.

The Great Thanksgiving

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

The Great Thanksgiving continues .

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the king-
dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion

Please remain seated and commune together.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Prayers After Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to
conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nour-
ish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our
risen Lord.

Amen.