

Sunday Worship
Bulletin
**Seventh Sunday
After
EASTER**

10:00 AM

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---- *Missouri Synod* ----

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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD!

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35



The Order of Holy Communion– Setting Three

TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS: The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at this congregation is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive into our mouths, not just bread and wine, but as our Lord promises His true Body and Blood “through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins”. If you are not a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you arrange for a time to speak with Pastor Riley if you are interested in receiving Holy Communion.

AS WE GATHER

On this final Sunday of the Easter season, the apostles are gathered to select as successor to Judas one who had been with them from the beginning to become a witness of Jesus’ resurrection. In the Epistle, John teaches us the Good News that God testifies concerning Jesus, the Son: “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life” (1 John 5:12). In the Gospel, Jesus, in His High Priestly Prayer, prays that all who have received His Word may be one and that His joy may be fulfilled in us. He sanctifies us together in the truth of His Word as we live as resident aliens in this world.

✠ PRELUDE

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ BAPTISMAL HYMN NO. **593**: *“See This Wonder in the Making”* (Sts. 1-2)

THE RITE of HOLY BAPTISM

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Theodore Abel Tourtellotte

Born December 6, 2017

Parents: John and Jenna Tourtellotte

Sponsors: Chella McClosky and Andrew Klinkowski

✠ BAPTISMAL HYMN NO. **593**: *“See This Wonder in the Making”* (Sts. 3-4)

✠ CONFESSIONS and ABSOLUTION

P: God who testifies Good News concerning Your Son:

C: We admit that we have turned from You. We have been led astray by our listening to the many voices spouting fake news in our world. Tune our hearts to Your voice speaking Good News about Jesus in Your Word. Forgive us, and heal us by Your love for Jesus’ sake.

P: "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."
Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all
your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

✠ PRAYER of the DAY

P: Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us
not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father;
for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

✠ FIRST READING: Acts 1:12–26

(Peter leads the apostles in choosing a successor to Judas.)

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a
Sabbath day's journey away. And 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. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together
with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all
about 120) and said, "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. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this
ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness and falling
headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And 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.) "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."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord
Jesus went in and out among us, beginning 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." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also
called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of
all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry
and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for
them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✠ THE GRADUAL *(Choir)*

✠ EPISTLE: 1 John 5:9–15

(Jesus the Son is the testimony of God that He has given eternal life to His people.)

If 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. Whoever 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. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:11–19 *(Jesus' High Priestly Prayer for His disciples)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While 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. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I 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. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

(Please Be Seated)

✠ HYMN of the DAY NO. **494**: *"See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph"*

✠ SERMON: *"The World and Us"* John 17:11-19

Offering

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS

Offertory: *"Nations, Clap Your Hands"*

(Please Stand)

✠ PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

O God, restore us to oneness among our family of believers even as You have restored us to oneness with You through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is Your Good News for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, grant to all servants of Your Word attentive hearts to listen to Your voice as they speak Your Word among people who do not yet know how much You love them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, help the leaders of the civil realm both here and around the world to follow paths of justice for all people, protect the weakest and poorest in every society, and practice honesty and integrity in all their affairs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, be with all people who suffer affliction of body, mind, or spirit. Grant that all people look to You and experience healing and wholeness according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, You have set the feast before us in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Grant that all who come and dine this day both here and throughout the world do so trusting Jesus' words that His body is given and His blood is shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, in Your beloved presence the saints rest from their labors awaiting the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Bring us together with all Your saints into the fullness of Your reign on the day that Jesus comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All glory, honor, power, and might be unto You, dear Father, who with Your Son, Jesus Christ, are living and reigning in communion and love with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and ever unto the ages of ages.

C: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God by heav'nly hosts adored, God of power, Lord of might, In Your glory infinite: Sing hosanna to the Lord; Blest is He, the Coming One. Sing hosanna, one and all; His eternal peace has won.

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Through the justifying blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross, You reconcile us to Yourself and enable us to approach Your holy presence as Your forgiven children.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, unite us with all Your people on earth to be a holy nation, a royal priesthood, a people belonging to You. For to You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ WORDS of INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

✠ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

(Please Be Seated)

At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, you will pick up a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray.

HAND CHIMES: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

DISTRIBUTION HYMN NO. **821**: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

✠ POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son to reconcile us to You, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this eucharistic feast. As we have shared in the benefits of our Savior's death, may we now go forth to share His life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

✠ CLOSING HYMN No. **696**: "O God, My Faithful God"

✠ SILENT PRAYER

✠ POSTLUDE

SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP

TODAY:

Lay Assistants – Paul Brose & William
Schneeloch

Lay Reader – Vicki Riley

Director of Music – Jeff Windoloski

Altar Care – Jane McClure

THE FLOWERS in the chancel this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth Fogg from her husband, David and in loving memory of Edwin (Farmer) Sienkiewicz from Sally Sienkiewicz and children. Also on the Baptism Font in honor of Theodore Abel's Baptism from Meme & Dziadziu, Auntie Lexie and Godfather Andrew.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:12–26, 1 John 5:9–15, John 17:11b–19

Our Great High Priest Preserves Us in the Name of His Father

On the eve of His Passion, Christ Jesus intercedes for the disciples as their merciful and great High Priest. He prays that His Father would protect them "from the evil one" and preserve them in His Name (John 17:11–12, 15). Along with His prayer, Christ Himself comes to the Father by His self-sacrifice upon the cross, thereby consecrating Himself for the sake of His disciples, "that they also may be sanctified in truth" (John 17:19). To that same end, He speaks to them in the world and gives them His Father's Word, that is, Himself. His apostles, in turn, have written these things "to you who believe in the Name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). For "this life is in His Son," Whom He has given by His Word, and "whoever has the Son has life" (1 John 5:11–12). By this apostolic testimony, disciples are gathered together "with one accord," as one Body in Christ, "devoting themselves to prayer" and waiting upon the Lord in "the upper room" of His Church on earth (Acts 1:13–14).

Stephen Ministers Care

When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others.

We need Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis. Will you consider serving in this way? For more information, please contact Paul or Patti Brose at 562-6599, Dan Provost at 977-1525 or Pastor Riley.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: Sunday, June 10th at 8:30 a.m. Save the date for celebrating mothers and fathers. This breakfast is a no-charge breakfast to honor the special place they have had in our lives. All are invited to the special event. Please invite your friends and family. Tickets will be issued to keep a head count for the event. If you can help in anyway or for questions please see Gary Wolfe at 568-0325.

2018 ALTAR CARE: A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer for those who are willing to volunteer to clean our church altar. If you are unable to do a full month, two weeks would be fine. All are encouraged to help with the task. Training will be provided if needed.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet located in the foyer to host a coffee hour after church. This activity is wonderful way to share in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please see Linda Slozak or Erika Slozak if you have any questions.

RADIO MINISTRY: There are many Sundays coming up that are available for sponsorship. Please help in the continuing outreach mission project of our Radio Broadcast of Sunday morning Worship. Broadcasts can be heard each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WHYN (560 AM). The cost for the program is now \$125 per week. If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast (or a part of a broadcast) in memory of or in honor of anyone please call the church or sign up on the sheet outside the office door.

2018 ALTAR FLOWERS: The flower book pages for the New Year are now in the book. The cost for each bouquet is \$21.00. We can do up to three bouquets per Sunday. If anyone would like to have flowers for a particular Sunday, please sign up in the flower book located in the church foyer or see Jane McClure (562- 0492). Please make checks payable to St. John's FLOWER FUND.

MEMORIAL DAY WORSHIP will take place at St. John's Cemetery at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 28. Those who died in service to our country will be remembered as will those who died during the past year. Everyone is welcome. There are offering envelopes at the church or mark an envelope with St. John's Cemetery Association.