# Seventh Sunday of Easter: Sunday after Ascension Day



May 21, 2023 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

# Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.

Prelude "Ave Maria" MaryAnn Hubbard
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Entrance 450 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"



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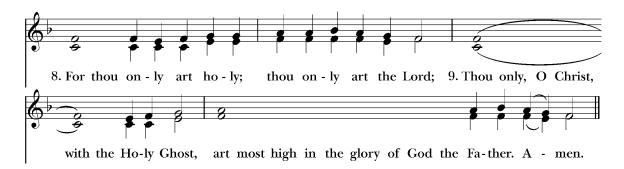
Priest Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

# Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 





# The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Lessons

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 'So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and they were gazing up toward

heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual Psalm 47

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you peoples; \* shout to God with a cry of joy.

<sup>2</sup>For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \* he is the great King over all the earth.

<sup>3</sup>He subdues the peoples under us, \* and the nations under our feet.

<sup>4</sup>He chooses our inheritance for us, \* the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout, \* the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

<sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises; \* sing praises to our King, sing praises.

<sup>7</sup>For God is King of all the earth; \* sing praises with all your skill.

\*God reigns over the nations; \*
God sits upon his holy throne.

<sup>9</sup>The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \* with the people of the God of Abraham.

<sup>10</sup>The rulers of the earth belong to God, \* and he is highly exalted.

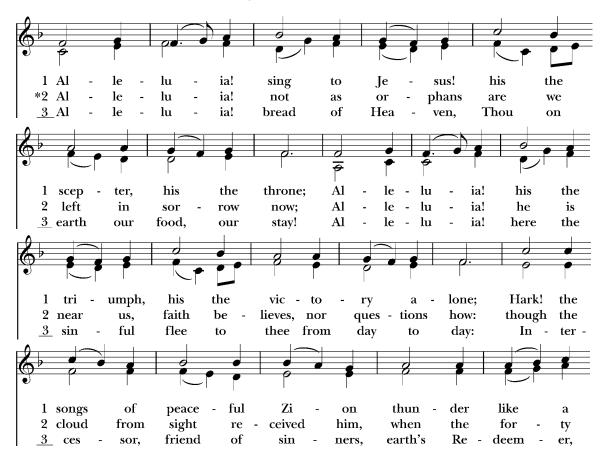
# Ephesians 1:15-23

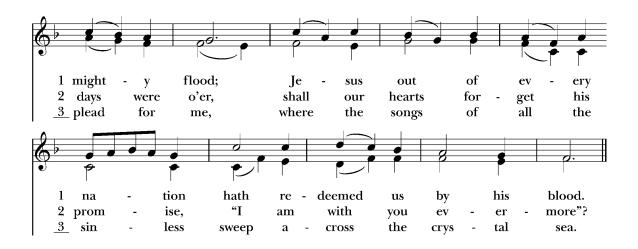
<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the

saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. People **Thanks be to God.** 

Sequence 460 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"





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Priest The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to his disciples,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** The Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

#### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People Caring God,

We thank you for your gifts in creation:

for our world

the heavens tell of your glory

for our land, its beauty, and its resources for the rich heritage we enjoy.

# We pray:

for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth, that we may use your gifts responsibly.

for those who work on the land and the sea, in city and in industry, that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation.

for artists, scientists and visionaries, that through their work we may see creation afresh.

#### Silence

We thank you for giving us life for all who enrich our experience.

# We pray:

for all who are deprived of fullness of life

for prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick, especially Lee, Ginny, Joana, Bruce, Ruth, Sue, Maggie, Matthew, Bob, Daryl, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Joyce and Jim.

for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your church,

for all who seek to bring life to others.

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.

Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;

may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

# Silence

God, Creator, bring us new life.

Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, strengthen and guide us.

God of peace, let us, your people, know that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.

Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. **Amen.** 

# The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

# Offertory

Doxology (Old Hundredth, Hymn 380 v. 3)

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

# The Great Thanksgiving

The complete text begins on p. 361, BCP

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

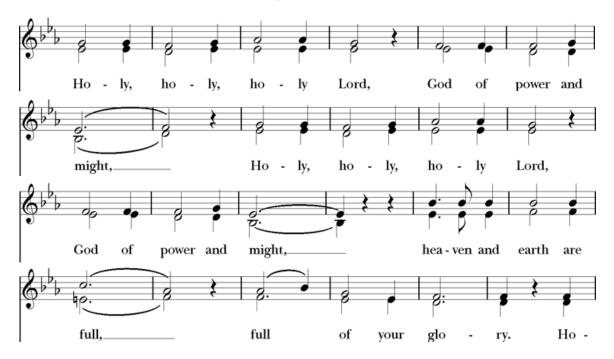
Priest Lift up your hearts. People We lift them to the Lord.

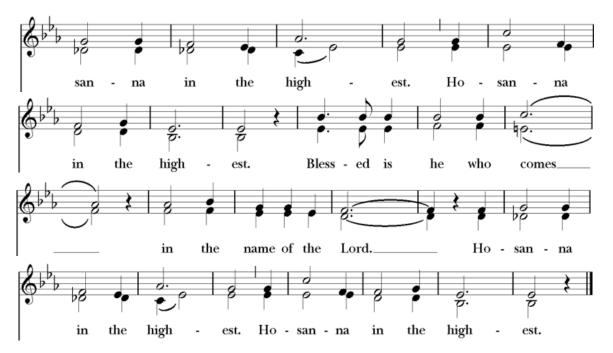
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





Then the Priest continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Priest is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Priest continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

The Priest continues through the Invocation, then says

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and People

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken and silence is kept. Then may be said

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### Invitation to Communion

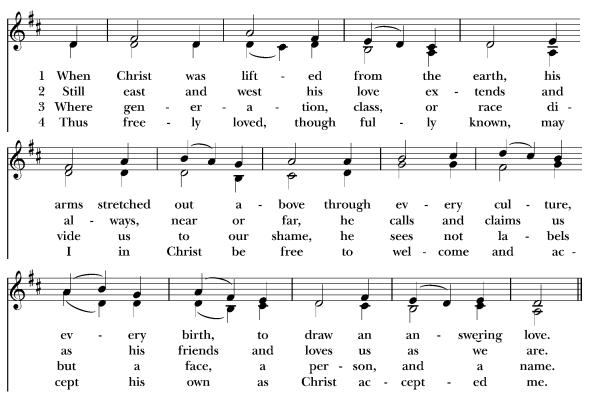
A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Optional Prayer for those who cannot receive

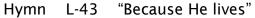
Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

# **Hymns During Communion**

Hymn 603 "When Christ was lifted from the earth"



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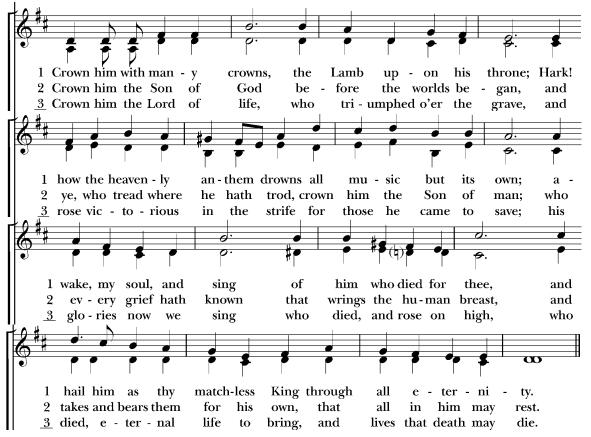
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#### After Communion, all say

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest bestows the blessing





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The Deacon (or if no Deacon, the Priest) dismisses the People.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

# **In Our Prayers**

LARCC: Administration Ministries at St. Paul Lutheran Church

For Healing & Convalescing: Lee Harris, Ginny French, Joana Jackson, Bruce Connon, Ruth Kapala, Sue Linke, Maggie Lamb, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Daryl Hebert, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Joyce and Jim Gilmet

Homebound: Shirley Carr

Birthdays: Michelle Rosbeck (21)

Military: Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham,

John Hartman

**Cycles of Prayer:** Diocesan: St. Elizabeth's, Higgins Lake, Grace Church, Ludington, and for William Fleener, Jr., Chancellor of the Eastern and Western Dioceses. Anglican: Church in the Province of the West Indies

# The Flowers At The Altar

Given to the Glory of God and In Memory of Jay & Carol Young by The Young Family

#### **Announcements**

# THANK YOU

Thank you to The Rev. LaRae Rutenbar for being here this morning and leading us in worship.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

If you are interested in having flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for God's goodness, please call Sonya Titus at (989) 354-6031.

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

2023 Scholarship Applications are now available. Please contact the church office (989-356-0576) if you would like a copy (available to be picked up, mailed or emailed). **Deadline to apply is July 1, 2023.** 

#### CAMP CHICKAGAMI

Summertime is almost here and that means Camp Chickagami will be open for campers! Programs for children & youth, families and adults are available. Brochures can be found on the table in the back of the church. Information is also available at www.campchickagami.org. If you have a child, grandchild, or neighbor child who might be interested in attending summer camp, please contact Bronwyn Woolman at 989-356-1045. Camp is fun!!



# Future Worship Schedule

#### Sunday, May 28

8 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

# Sunday, June 4

8 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

# Sunday, June 11

8 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

# Sunday, June 18

8 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

#### Wednesdays, May 24, 31 and June 7, 14, 21, 28

12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud 1:00 pm - Bible Study/Rev. Bruce Michaud

# **Readings for May 28**

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23

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Trinity organized in 1864 and our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a "National Jubilee Center," we reach out to many in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

In "Eucharistic hospitality," we invite all persons to the Lord's Table. Please join us there, and then, next door after the Service for refreshment and fellowship. We are delighted that you are here, and would be delighted to meet you.

# The Vestry

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