

"All mine are yours,
and yours are mine"

John 17:10



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2021

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Jesus, Remember Me*

GATHERING SONG *When We Pray*

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "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—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 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 must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us 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 added to the eleven apostles.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those 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. And this is the testimony: 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, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Dick Hardy

Dear Lord, we thank you for the all of the blessings you have given us.

We pray that you will help us all, to build our faith - so we do not worry and fret about what may happen tomorrow, but understand that you will always be with us and comfort us today, tomorrow and every day. Help us to truly live the advice that Paul gave to the Church in Philippi, "The Lord is near, have no anxiety, but in everything make your requests known to God in prayer and petition with thanksgiving. Then the Peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and thoughts" and it will bring a quiet calm into our minds and hearts.

Help us to focus, not on what we have, or what we can get, but what we can give. Grant that what we do give may be given without expecting a pat on the back, and without seeking praise or reward. Help us to be a shining beacon for Christ's love and good news and to live our lives every day for you.

Serenity Prayer:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
The courage to change the things I can;
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen

Lord, we pray that you will bless the ministers in your Church – Make them diligent and fearless in bringing your good news of salvation to all.

We pray for those who need your healing hand. We especially pray for Ian Faleer and Family, May, Katy, Donna, Ellie, and Pr. Bishop. And we also pray for healing and comfort for all the folks on our prayer list.

And finally teach us how to make our lives a blessing by boldly going into the world in peace, having courage, holding onto what is good, honoring all men, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the suffering, and sharing the gospel

All these things we pray in your holy name, and all God's people said A-MEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] "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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for 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. I 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And 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. While 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. But 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. I 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. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

SERMON Pr. Charlie Woodward

OFFERING TIME

As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support, as we continue to maintain our property, our financial commitments to our staff, and our mission to the broader community. You are invited to take time either right now or after today's service to send your check to the church or to make your offering online.

OFFERTORY SONG *Kumbaya*

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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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG *Down to the River to Pray*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 nourish 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.

CLOSING BLESSING and CHARGE

SENDING SONG *Mission's Flame*

POSTLUDE *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*

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