Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 24, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.
Livestream Service from

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Welcome to Grace!

We're glad you've joined us as we assemble “virtually” to be encountered by the Word of God in this service. We believe that God is at work here to create and sustain faith in God’s promise of love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We use a rich, traditional pattern of worship that dates back to the early days of Christianity. We recognize it comes with a bit of a learning curve, but we’re convinced that it’s worth the effort. Don’t feel like you have to get everything the first time. We’ll “carry” you until you get a feel for it.

Worshiping remotely via, Live-streamed services are of course not the same as worshiping in person. But there are a few things you can do at home to enhance the experience. First, before the service begins decide to prepare yourself for worship by finding a suitable space. Turn off the television, radio, and stereo. Tune in ahead of time so that you are settled by the time the service begins. We will have the live-stream up at least ten minutes before the start of the service.

Dedicate this time to the service as you would if you were attending in person. Even if our gatherings are only “virtual,” we can be confident that God is truly in our midst when we gather in Christ’s name.

Key to the order of service:
Regular type: spoken by a leader
**Bold type: spoken by the people**
*Regular Italics: sung or chanted by a leader*
**Bold Italics: sung or chanted by the people**
*Small Italics: liturgical directions*
☩ indicates that the sign of the cross may be made

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Hymnal)

As We Gather: 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.
Prelude

Welcome

*The assembly stands.*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.*

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.*
Gathering Hymn

*Rise, O Sun of Righteousness*

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1. Rise, O Sun of righteousness; with your might creation bless. 
   Shine upon your church today.
2. Rouse our hearts from slumber deep; may your word within us leap. 
   Give us voices to proclaim.
3. Gather in your scattered flock; give us water from the rock. 
   Bless the unity we share.
4. Burst the bars of stubborn pride; make the heavenly pathway wide. 
   Raise us up from sin and death.
5. Honor, praise, and glory be to the holy Trinity! 
   May your gracious will be done:

   showing all your gentle way. Have mercy, Lord. 
   Praises to your holy name. Have mercy, Lord.
   In our shepherd’s loving care. Have mercy, Lord.
   With your Spirit’s living breath. Have mercy, Lord.
   Make us one, as you are one. Have mercy, Lord.

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.
Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.
Canticle of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 3 Sing with all the people of
God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
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.

The assembly is seated.

Word

Children’s Sermon
Caitlyn Reinders

First Reading
Acts 1:1-14

Today’s reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord’s conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

[Luke writes:] 1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After 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. 4 While 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.”

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 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.” 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 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.” 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and
James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Let God arise, and let God’s enemies 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 presence of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry 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!
5 In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
6 you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.
7 O God, when you went forth before 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.
9 You 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.
32 Sing 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.
34 Ascribe power 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!
Second Reading

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

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God’s grace will strengthen and guide us.

12 Beloved, 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. 13 But 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. 14 If 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. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8 Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10 And 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. 11 To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Processional

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I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!

Gospel

John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.
After 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, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Recessional

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The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Chris Repp

The assembly stands.
1 Lord, who the night you were betrayed did pray that all your
church might be forever one: help us at
every eucharist to say with willing heart and
soul, “Your will be done.” Oh, may we all one bread, one
you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one
pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one
one unbounded love; more blessed still, in peace and

2 For all your church on earth, we intercede; Lord, make our
too, Good Shepherd of the sheep, back to the
one with all your church above one with your
closer, each to each, we plead, by drawing all to
faith your saints confessed of old, and to the church still
saints in one unbroken peace, one with your saints in

3 And hear our prayer for wand’rers from your fold; restore them,
every eucharist to say with willing heart and
soul, “Your will be done.” Oh, may we all one bread, one
you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one
pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one
one unbounded love; more blessed still, in peace and

4 So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, may we be
Nicene Creed
With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became
truly human. 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.
Prayers of Intercession
Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need

Each petition concludes:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer

The prayers conclude:
With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet those with them with a sign of Christ’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words. If you are alone, you may speak a word of peace to the screen, knowing that others are doing the same. If you are attending using your Facebook account, you may type in a greeting of peace at this time so that others may see it.

After the Peace, the assembly is seated.

Thanksgiving

Offering
An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

During this time, we invite you to continue supporting the work of the church by giving online at http://glccu.org/donate. You may also mail checks in to the church.

Offertory
Amazing Grace
arr. Christine D. Anderson
Eileen Herrstrom, handbells

The assembly stands as the offering is brought forward.
Offering Verse

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God,
our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,
but you make of them an abundance,
just as you do with our lives.
Feed us again at this table
for service in your name,
in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen
Thanksgiving for the Word
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.
Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.
Sending Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter,

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our

4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent;

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter,

his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the

sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith be

food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to

tent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your

his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the

victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful

believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight re-

you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of

footstool, heav’n your throne. As within the veil you

victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful

Zion thunder like a mighty flood: “Jesus

received him when the forty days were o’er, shall our

sinners, earth’s redeemer, hear our plea where the

entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on

Zion thunder like a mighty flood: “Jesus
out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.

hearts forget his promise: "I am with you ever-more"?
songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.
out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."
Announcements

Dismissal
Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Worship Support
The ministry of the church is carried out by all of its people, and Christian worship is a communal activity of the whole assembly. We give thanks to the following for their worship leadership and support today.

Presiding Minister: Pastor Chris Repp
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To the glory of God and in celebration of their anniversary

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