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The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 12, 2024  
9:00 am

Prelude: "This Is The Day Medley

Alabae, Alabre

Announcements

Processional: "I Am The Resurrection

Ray Repp

*Refrain:* I am the resurrection and the life  
He who believes in me will never die  
I am the resurrection and the life  
He who believes in me will live a new life.

I have come to bring the truth  
I have come to bring you life  
If you believe, then you shall live. *Refrain*

In my word all men will come to know  
It is love which makes the spirit grow  
If you believe, then you shall live. *Refrain*

Keep in mind the things that I have said  
Remember me in the breaking of the bread  
If you believe, then you shall live.

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant:*

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.**

**Gloria**

**Jackie Conte Hymes**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you who take away the sins of the world have mercy on us;**

**Have mercy on us; have mercy on us.**

**You who are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ**

**with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen... Amen... Amen... Amen**

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 1

1 Happy 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 his law day and night.

3 They 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.

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

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## The Second Lesson: 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.

The Word of the Lord

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual Hymn: “Great and Wonderful”**

**Wiley Beveridge**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (17:6-19)

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Nicene Creed (Stand)

**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 worshipped 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

*Deacon:* Today we thank God that the Christ who ascended is with us, visible in the lives of the people. Let us pray for all these people, and for the life about us, saying: O God, holding the world with love, hear our prayer.

O God, in the resurrection and ascension of your Son, you have drawn us nearer to yourself. Together with your Son may we be together also with all the people of the world. O God, holding the world with love, **hear our prayer.**

Transform your church with love. Transform people and communities, groups and governments. Cast out fear with love. Turn us over and around by the Spirit of your Son. O God, holding the world with love, **hear our prayer.**

We ask your blessing and guidance for all who serve your church especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Douglas, our bishop, for

Hugh and Jim, our priests, Kevin our Deacon, for St. Paul's Lutheran church and their Pastor Anne, and all who minister in the Lord's name; O God, holding the world with love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace in our world, for Joe, our President, for Ron, our governor, for the leaders of all nations and for all in authority. O God, holding the world with love, **hear our prayer.**

On this Mother's Day we praise and thank God for our mothers, grandmothers and all women who have been motherly influences in our lives. We ask a special blessing on all expectant mothers. O God, giver of love, **hear our prayer.**

For all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially those who serve in areas of unrest, and for all who live in war-torn countries, that You will keep them in your gracious care, and strengthen them to face the perils that beset them. O God, holding the world with love, **hear our prayer.**

Center all the scattered, and call them together with your love. Hold us together, or we will be lost. Awake us, or we will fall asleep in dangerous places. For the lost and helpless, for the sick and suffering, especially those listed in our bulletin, and all whom we name at this time, we *pray*. O God, holding the world with love, **hear our prayer.**

We remember all who have died to this life, that they may be born to a more abundant life in you. O God, holding the world with love, **hear our prayer.**

Fill all the places of the world with your great love. Give us the joy of the spirit of Jesus. Make us glad in this sad world. O God, holding the world with love, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* O God of mercy, we have your promise that we are loved. Hear our prayers for all the world, hungering for your love, the love of your Son without end. **Amen**

Children's Entrance: "He's Got The Whole World" Traditional Spiritual

The Peace

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Offertory: (*The people may sit*)

Offertory Song: "Hail Mary"

Michael Brian

Presentation of Gifts (*Please stand as the gifts are brought forward*)

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A (Stand)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

*(Here a Proper Preface is said)*

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:

**"Holy, holy"**

**Jackie Conte Hymes**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord. Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Holy, holy, holy  
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes, blessed is he who comes,  
Blessed is he who comes, comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest

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.

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 Celebrant 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.

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**



*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Celebrant 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

*Celebrant:* Alleluia ! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia !**

### The Communion

All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

*Please stand or kneel at the rail.*

*The priest will place the Sacrament in your outstretched hands.*

Communion Hymn: "Isaiah 49"

Carey Landry

I will never forget you, my people

I have carved you on the palm of my hand. I will never forget you

I will not leave you orphaned. I will never forget my own.

Does a mother forget her baby?

Or a woman the child within her womb?

Yet, even if these forget, yes, even if these forget,

I will never forget my own

**Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors** (*as needed*)

*Following the communion of the people, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers come forward and are commended for this ministry with the following words:*

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*Celebrant:* We who are many are one body,

**People:** **Because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

**Closing Hymn: “Make a Joyful Noise Unto The Lord” Charlotte Gaus**

**Make a joyful noise unto the Lord**

**All ye, all ye lands**

**Serve the Lord, the Lord with gladness**

**Come before His presence with singing**

**Know ye that the Lord He is God**

**It is He that hath made us**

**And not we ourselves**

**We are His people and the sheep of His pasture**

**Enter into His gates with thanksgiving**

**And into His courts with praise**

**Be thankful unto Him**

**And bless and bless His name**

**Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, thank you, Jesus (Praise God)**

**(sing 4 times)**

**Hallelujah, glory hallelujah (Praise God)**

**(sing 4 times)**

**The Dismissal: Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude: “This Little Light of Mine” African American Spiritual

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine  
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, NO! I’m gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel, NO! I’m gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel, NO! I’m gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.

Don’t let Satan (PUFF) it out. I’m gonna let it shine  
Don’t let Satan (PUFF) it out. I’m gonna let it shine  
Don’t let Satan (PUFF) it out. I’m gonna let it shine  
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.

Shine it all around the church! I’m gonna let it shine.  
Shine it all around the church! I’m gonna let it shine.  
Shine it all around the church! I’m gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.

Let it shine ‘till Jesus comes....

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**Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.**

## Announcements

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Wednesday Contemplative Services:** During the summer, the Contemplative Worship Services will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays in St. John's church sanctuary at 7:15pm.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church:** St. Paul's will move their Sunday worship to St. John's beginning Pentecost Sunday, May 19 with combined worship and fellowship together after the service.

**Prayer Chapel:** The Chapel is open for anyone wishing individual prayer. Everyone is welcome to go to the Chapel after communion to receive prayer with a member of The Daughters of the King. Prayer requests are held in strict confidence.

**Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed!** The Thrift Shop is looking for volunteers to work the front desk. There are two shifts – Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm or 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Please contact Caroline Barnett if you are interested. (727) 459-3650.

To make a donation to St. John's, via Faithstreet, scan the QR code below:



**Wednesday Morning Bible Study – 10 am in the Parish Hall:**

Our bible study meetings begin at 10:00am every Wednesday. See Bob Courdway if you have any questions.

**Episcopal Migration Ministries:** Those who want to financially support these efforts can donate online (link is in the enews).

**Deadline for submission of articles for the bulletin is Tuesday, 3pm for the following Sunday bulletin.**

**Pray for the sick:** James Bernard, Gerry Boone, Barbara Bowdoin, Sally Brown, Bruce Cates, The Most. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Ann D'Alessandro, Graham Dunn, Kristy Foltz, John Genevie, Nan Lanham, Mark Lelekacs, Kimberly McMillan, The Rev. George Razee, Eric Rummler, Nancy Sawyer, The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, Deborah Smith, Kitty Smith, Chrissy Stroup, Sandy Walton, and Bonnie Zwigaitis.

**Pray for the homebound:** Elin Buchanan, Shirley Dunaway, Margarita Lopez, Hortense McGregor and Frank Sahms.

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*M*  *ther's Day*  


## Weekly Schedule

### **Thrift Shop Hours**

Tue., Thu & Sat. 9:30 – 3:30

### **Retirees**

2nd Monday of the month

### **Hand Bell Choir** – Church

Sanctuary

Tuesdays 6 pm

### **Voice Choir** - Choir Room

2nd Floor Adm. Bldg

Tuesdays 7pm

### **Wednesday Morning Bible**

**Study – Parish Hall**

Wednesday 10 am

### **Men's Cursillo Grouping**

Parish Hall

Thursdays 7:30 am

### **Fiber Art** – Parish Hall

Thursdays 10 am



**Diocese of Southwest Florida**  
**The Rev. Douglas Scharf, Bishop**

**St. John's Mission Statement:**  
*To love, to serve, to grow in Christ*

**Church Staff**

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