



# Sunday, May 12, 2024

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Holy Communion

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May 12, 2024 • 9:00 Services

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#### WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### INTRODUCTION

*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!*

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

#### TRINITARIAN CHIMES

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, too the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

*God is Here! (Vs. 1,2,4)*

**ELW 526**

**GREETING**

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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 5:9-13**

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SUNG)**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: John 17:6-19**

The holy gospel according to Saint John, the seventeenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

*"The Plan"*

**Pastor Lillejord**

*A moment of silent meditation follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Jesus, the Very Thought of You (Vs. 1-4)***

**ELW 754**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR CELESTE MARILYN JONES**

Parents: Robert Hunter Jones and Alyxandra Christine Groth

Grandparents: Rob and Lynne Groth; Bette Lane

Sponsor: Laura Kelly

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## OFFERING

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

*The ushers will come forward and distribute the offering plates to the congregation.*

## OFFERTORY

### CONSECRATION OF THE OFFERINGS

*The pastor will invite the blessing of the offerings. The ushers will bring the bread, wine, and offerings they have received to the altar.*

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#### *We Are An Offering (Vs. 1)*

**ELW 692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.

Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours;

We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we have, all that we are,

All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you;

We are an offering, we are an offering.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE (SUNG)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY (SUNG)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion assistants in  
the sanctuary and at home will say:  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
and each person may respond Amen.*



*Those who would like to commune around the altar are invited to come up as the Communion music begins.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**Son of God, Eternal Savior (Vs. 1-4)**

**ELW 655**

*The assembly stands.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

**BEFORE YOU GO**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and  
    be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
    and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

***Go, My Children, With My Blessing (Vs. 1-3)***

**ELW 543**

**THE COMMISSION**

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

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