

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

Trinity Lutheran Church + McPherson, Kansas

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10:15 AM



*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!*

## GATHERING

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### WELCOME

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, we give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

### GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

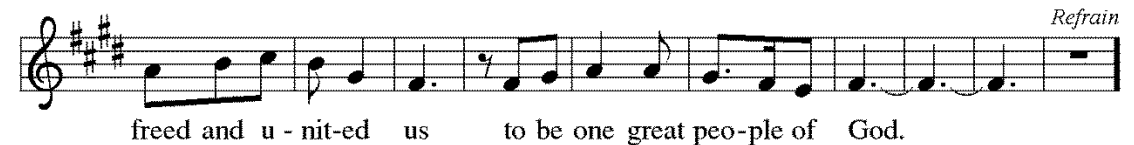
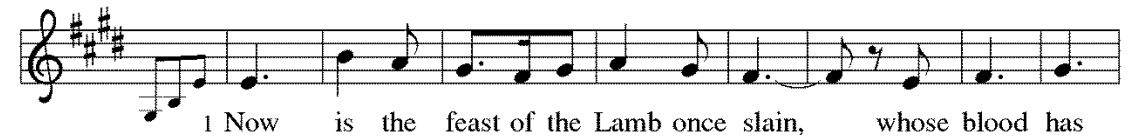
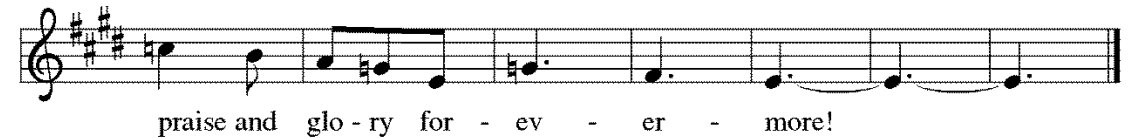
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Now the Feast and Celebration"*



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glo-ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

**WORD**

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

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*In the days between Jesus’ ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas’s treachery and death.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

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*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.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

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**GOSPEL READING**

*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 According to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**John 17:6-19**

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The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“I Come With Joy”*

**ELW 482**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 again 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

*Following each prayer petition the response will be:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

## MEAL

### GREETING OF PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Worshipers are invited to introduce themselves and greet one another with a gesture of peace, saying these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

### OFFERING

#### OFFERING HYMN

*“That We May Be Filled”*

Not as we ought but as we are a - ble, we  
of - fer our thanks as we come to your ta - ble. Through  
Word and Spir-it bless us; through bread and wine re - fresh us that  
we may be filled, that we may be filled with love.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should in all times and places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

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.*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup; carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

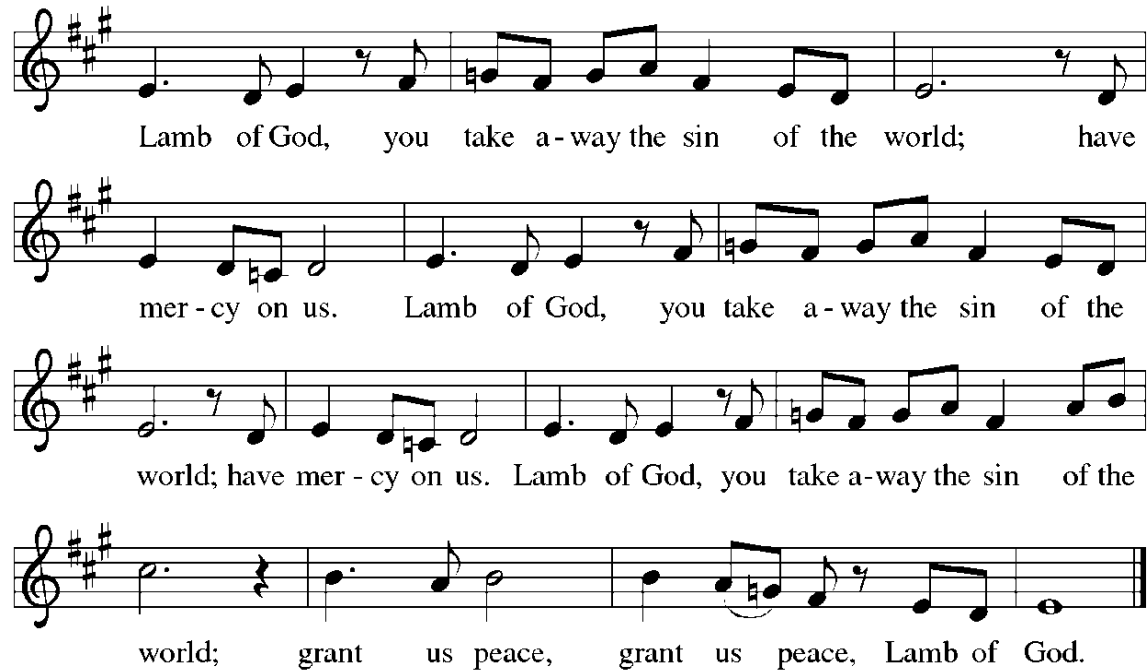
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

**Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!**

## COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.**

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## SENDING

### BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”*

ELW 393

### DISMISSAL

God is here!

**Spread the Word!**

Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

**Thanks be to God.**

### SENDING MUSIC



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## I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for-giv-en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di-vi-sion  
 4 The Spir-it of the ris-en Christ, un-seen, but ev-er  
 5 To-geth-er met, to-geth-er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je-sus to re-call in  
 fed, the new com-mu-ni-ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend-ship bet-ter known, a-  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com-mu-nion bread, in Christ's com-mu-nion bread.  
 strang-ers now are friends, and strang-ers now are friends.  
 live a-mong us here, a-live a-mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo-ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
 2 The ho-ly ap-os-tol-ic band up-on the Mount of Ol-ives  
 3 To whom the shin-ing an-gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up-on the  
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the  
 5 O ris-en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac-



ring: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ, by a road be-fore un-  
 stand, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers  
 sky?" Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they  
 sky." Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! "Here-after Je-sus you shall  
 cord: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! You are, while end-less ag-es



trod, as-cends un-to the throne of God.  
 see their Lord as-cend in maj-es-ty.  
 say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-  
 see re-turn-ing in great maj-es-ty."  
 run, with Fa-ther and with Spir-it one.



lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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