



Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023, 10am

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the entry hall's offertory plate when you leave today. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

PRELUDE: *Voluntary on Lord, You Give the Great Commission*
-- *Simon Peberdy*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

We stand

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BAPTISM INTO CHRIST

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P HOLY GOD, MIGHTY LORD, GRACIOUS FATHER: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

BY THE WATERS OF THE FLOOD you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit.

BY THE BAPTISM OF HIS OWN DEATH AND RESURRECTION your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMAND, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

TO YOU BE GIVEN PRAISE AND HONOR AND WORSHIP through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast _____ of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



<i>Women and Girls</i>	1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
<i>Men and Boys</i>	2. Pow - er rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
<i>Women and Girls</i>	3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
<i>Men and Boys</i>	4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
<i>All singing</i>	5. For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free _____ to be peo - ple of God.	<i>Refrain</i>
hon - or, _____ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.	<i>Refrain</i>
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:	<i>to Verse 4</i>
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.	<i>Refrain</i>
gun his _____ reign. _____ Al - le - lu - ia.	<i>Final Refrain</i>

Final Refrain



This is the feast _____ of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

We sit

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks Be to God!**

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35 (Read responsively by whole verse)

¹Let God arise, and let God's ene- | mies 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 pres- | ence of God.**

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry 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!

⁵In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prison-
ers | into freedom;**

but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth be- | fore 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.**

⁹You 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.**

³²Sing 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.**

³⁴Ascribe pow- | er 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 Is-
rael,
giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be
God!**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

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

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks Be to God!**

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

¹After 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, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal

life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ!** (*spoken boldly*)

We sit

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Patrick W. Riddle

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission ELW 579*



NICENE CREED

P 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 THE FAITHFUL

After each portion of the prayers:

P Hear us, O God, **C** your mercy is great.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We sit

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *A New Commandment* -- Roy Crabtree, 1973.

*Choir A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.*

We stand

OFFERTORY SONG

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYER

P Let us pray:

C **Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.**

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and phrasing slurs.

P 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, 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. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

C 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.

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for Others.

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.

P 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.

P 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 glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

THE 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.

We sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Lamb of God*

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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.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup* ELW 492

We stand

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

C **Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

PRAYER

L Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

L The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

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DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C **Thanks be to God.**

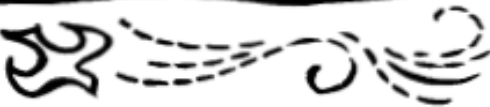
POSTLUDE: *Voluntary on Alleluia! Sing to Jesus -- Henry Coleman*

A very important word during Easter is **alleluia**.
Alleluia is a word that expresses **joy**, **thanksgiving**, and **celebration**.

Welcome to worship.

Today is the seventh Sunday of Easter.

Circle today's date on the calendar.

EASTER DAYS						
Sun.	M	T	W	Th	F	S
EASTER DAY						
2 nd SUNDAY of EASTER						
3 rd SUNDAY of EASTER						
4 th SUNDAY of EASTER						
5 th SUNDAY of EASTER						
6 th SUNDAY of EASTER						
7 th SUNDAY of EASTER						
PENTECOST						

Number of days since Easter Sunday:

Number of days until Pentecost:

Add the two numbers plus one for today to find the total number of Easter days.

___ + ___ + 1 = ___

this week

Look for red clothing to wear to church or red flowers to bring to worship next Sunday for Pentecost.

In the world as one

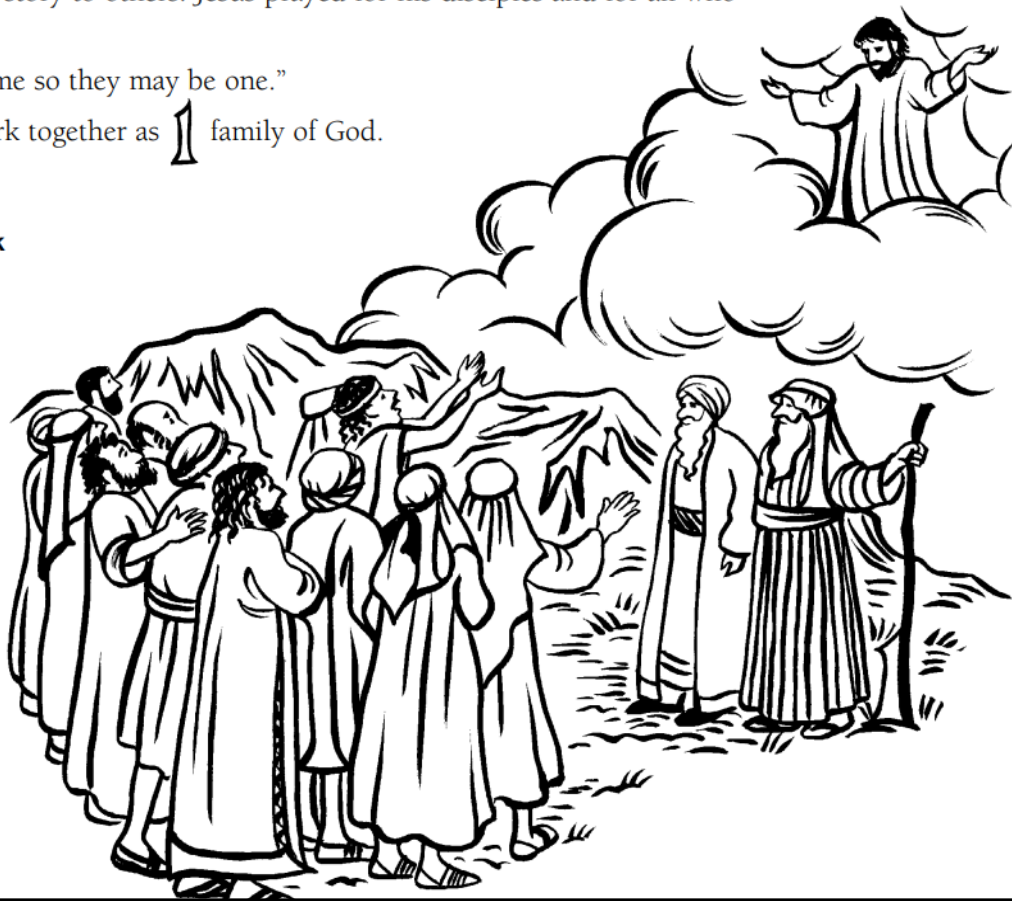
John 17:1-11

Last Thursday marked 40 days after Easter, the day of the Ascension of our Lord. The disciples knew they needed to carry Jesus' story to others. Jesus prayed for his disciples and for all who would follow him:

"Father, protect them in your name so they may be one."

Jesus wanted his followers to work together as **1** family of God.

Find the number **1** seven times in this picture, one for each week of the Easter season.



Make us all one
as a family of God.
Amen

Christians say a *creed* to tell what they believe about God.

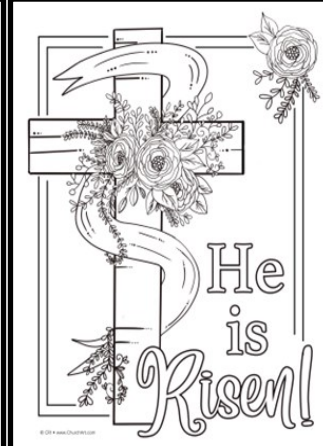
Listen as everyone says the Apostles' Creed in worship to hear the words: "On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven."

Draw pictures below to make your own creed. What will your pictures tell about God?

I believe in God who made all things.

I believe in Jesus who died and rose again.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who is with me all the time.



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WORSHIP: *Joyfully proclaim the Word of God*

LEARN: *Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God*

WITNESS: *Boldly share the Word of God*

SERVE: *Humbly and enthusiastically respond to the Word of God*

SUPPORT: *Gladly give our time, talent and treasures motivated by the Word of God*

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