

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Pastor Don Short

Seventh Sunday after Easter

May 16, 2021

## **THE 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.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,  
The keeper of the covenant,  
The source of steadfast love,  
Our rock and our redeemer  
**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

Fountain of living water,  
**Pour out your mercy over us.**  
**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**  
**Rebuild what we have ruined**  
**and mend what we have torn.**  
**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**  
**Make us alive in the Spirit**  
**to follow in the way of Jesus,**  
**as healers and restorers of the world you love.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Amen**

***Gathering Hymn--Christ Is The King!~ELW #662***

Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice;  
brothers and sisters, with one voice  
let the world know he is your choice.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Oh magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the way disciples followed then.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let love's all reconciling might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

So shall the church at last be one;  
So shall God's will on earth be done.  
New lamps be lit, new tasks begun.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### READINGS

#### **A reading from Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) 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 throughout 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.**

Thanks be to God.

#### **Let us read Psalm 1 responsively**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup> **but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

<sup>4</sup> **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup> **for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**A reading from 1 John 5:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God<sup>z</sup> have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup> 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.**

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Al-le-lu-ia! Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.**

**The Holy Gospel according to *John 17:6-19***

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘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.

**This is the Gospel of our Lord.**  
Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

### **Hymn of the Day~~Christ is a-live! Let Chris-tians sing!~~ELW #389**

Christ is a-live! Let Chris-tians sing.  
The cross stands emp-ty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with prais-es ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall nev-er die.

Christ is a-live! No long-er bound  
to dis-tant years in Pal-es-tine,  
but sav-ing, heal-ing, here and now,  
and touch-ing ev-'ry place and time.

In ev-'ry in-sult, rift, and war,  
Where col-or scorn, or wealth di-vide,  
Christ suf-fers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where e-ven hope has died.

Wom-en and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spir-it, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
re-vealed in Je-sus, freed for all.

Christ is a-live, and comes to bring good news to this and ev-'ry age,  
till earth and sky and o-cean ring  
with joy, with jus-tice, love, and praise.

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## **APOSTLE'S 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Hear us O God ....

**Your mercy is great.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### ***OFFERATORY HYMN***

186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

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.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of love,

You call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~~ELW pg 152**

**The Lord be with you.**

And also with you.

**Lift up your hearts.**

We lift them to the Lord.

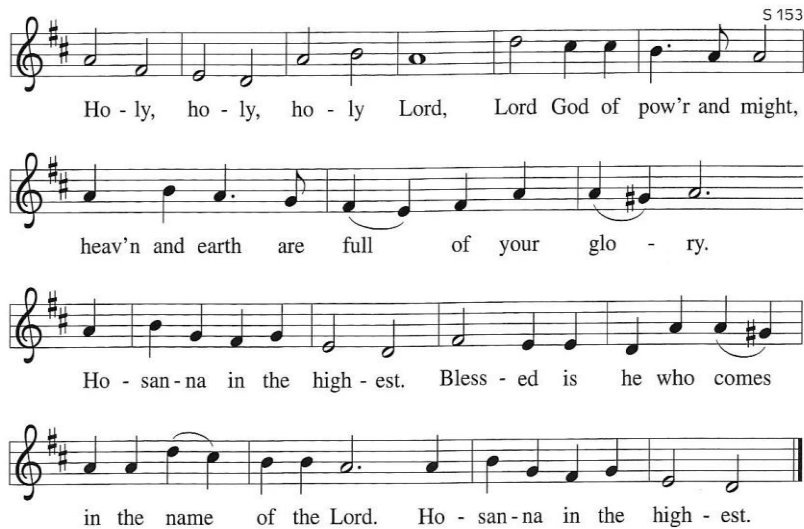
**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

*Hymn of Thanksgiving*

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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.

## WORDS OF INSITUATION

### 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**

### *DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION*

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**God of steadfast love,  
 At this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.  
 Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us  
 new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
 Amen.**

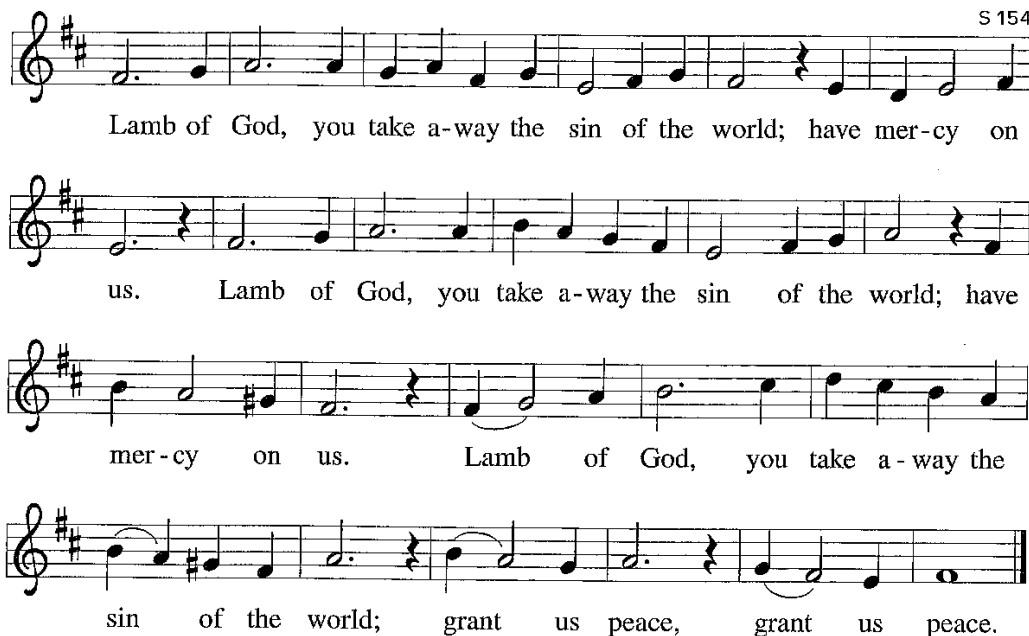


## POST COMMUNION HYMN

### Communion

*The assembly may be seated. Music may accompany the communion, and may begin with:*

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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.

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## BENEDICTION

May the Lord Bless you and keep you  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## SENDING HYMN~~On Our Way Rejoicing~~ELW #537

On our way re-joic-ing glad-ly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has con-quered;  
Van-quished is the foe.  
Christ with-out, our safe-ty; Christ within our joy;  
who, if we be faith-ful, can our hope de-stroy?

On our way re-joic-ing; as we for-ward move  
Hear-ken to our prais-es, O blest God of Love!

On our way re-joic-ing glad-ly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has con-quer-ed;  
Van-quished is the foe.  
Christ with-out, our safe-ty; Christ within our joy;  
who, if we be faith-ful, can our hope de-stroy?

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Hear-ken to our prais-es, O blest God of Love!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**May 19:** Confirmation at 3:30; please confirmation students get your sermon notes into the pastor.

Confirmation meets May 19 at 3:30. This is the final confirmation class.

**May 22:** Pentecost vigil in the parsonage backyard. Please come dressed for the weather and bring your own chair and a stick for roasting marshmallows for s'mores. Masks are not required but are recommended for those who have not been vaccinated.

**May 23rd:** Pentecost Sunday Worship at 10 am. Please wear red. We will confirm three people into full membership in our congregation: Alizah Jahns, Audrey Jahns, and Mason Russell. Please come and share in their joy of confirmation.

**May 30th:** Casual Sunday and Noisy Offering for Lutheran Disaster Response.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Go in peace. Share the Good News. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God**

**Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday**

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27' 16:4b-15

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