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## THE 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**Welcome to Worship!** In this world, we will face suffering, whether it is persecution, sickness, or any other trials and difficulties. But we have a God who suffered beside us, and because Christ has done this, we have hope that the glory of Christ will one day be ours, too!

A **Nursery** is available at **9:00 A.M.** below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium. The Nursery is not staffed at this time.

All **Sunday School Classes and Bible Classes** are suspended at this time. Visit our website at [www.immanuelseymour.com](http://www.immanuelseymour.com) for online resources for children and adults.

**Cell Phones:** Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.

**Holy Communion will be** offered in all services. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. An usher will dismiss your row to move forward to the person serving the host, which will be dropped into your hand, and then to the person serving the individual cup. You may then dispose of the cup and return by the center aisle, keeping appropriate distance from those in front of you.

**Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

### + DIVINE SERVICE I +

**THE PRELUDE:** "Awake My Heart with Gladness" – Wilber Held

**THE HYMN:** "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Hymn 487

- 1        Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
          Of triumphant gladness!  
          God has brought His Israel  
          Into joy from sadness,  
          Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
          Jacob's sons and daughters,  
          Led them with unmoistened foot  
          Through the Red Sea waters.
- 2        'Tis the spring of souls today:  
          Christ has burst His prison  
          And from three days' sleep in death  
          As a sun has risen;  
          All the winter of our sins,  
          Long and dark, is flying  
          From His light, to whom is giv'n  
          Laud and praise undying.
- 3        Now the queen of seasons, bright  
          With the day of splendor,  
          With the royal feast of feasts  
          Comes its joy to render;  
          Comes to gladden faithful hearts  
          Which with true affection  
          Welcome in unwearied strain  
          Jesus' resurrection!
- 4        For today among His own  
          Christ appeared, bestowing  
          His deep peace, which evermore  
          Passes human knowing.  
          Neither could the gates of death  
          Nor the tomb's dark portal  
          Nor the watchers nor the seal  
          Hold Him as a mortal.
- 5        Alleluia! Now we cry  
          To our King immortal,  
          Who, triumphant, burst the bars  
          Of the tomb's dark portal.  
          Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
          Of triumphant gladness!  
          God has brought His Israel  
          Into joy from sadness!

#### THE INVOCATION

P    In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.    **C Amen.**

P    If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C    **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

#### THE CONFESSION

P    Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

#### **THE ABSOLUTION**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

#### **THE KYRIE**

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C** Amen.

#### **THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast of Victory!"**

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (We pray together) **O** King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**THE WORD OF THE MONTH:** (We speak together) **"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me."** - John 10:14

#### **THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26**

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) For it is written in the Book of Psalms, 'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and 'Let another take his office.' 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 men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord,

who know the hearts of all, show 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 numbered with the eleven apostles.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**THE GOSPEL: John 17:1-11 C: (Sing) Glory to You, O Lord.**

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one." L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (Sing) Praise to You, O Christ**

**THE HYMN: "Alleluia, Sing To Jesus"**

**Hymn 821**

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.



4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

**THE SERMON: "Beside Christ"**

**THE NICENE CREED:**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS**

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER AND WORD'S OF OUR LORD**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

9:00 - Before 1<sup>st</sup> Distribution: **"Amazing Grace"** Distribution Hymns: **623, 728, 617**

**623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.

## 728 How Firm a Foundation

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed, For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie, My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply. The  
flames will not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove My sov' reign, eternal, unchangeable love; And  
then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn, Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

## 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union Nor despise this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

## THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CLOSING HYMN: "God Bless Our Native Land"

Hymn 965

- 1 God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night.  
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.
- 2 So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies; On Him we wait.  
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

## THE POSTLUDE: "This Joyful Eastertide" – David Schack

**Preacher:** Vicar Ronchetto **Liturgists:** Pastor Blumenberg & Pastor Bloch

**Lector:** Pastor Rodriguez **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Soloist:** Kelly Beavers

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