
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 28 & 29, 2022

DISPLAYING THE UNITY

AS WE GATHER

The Early Church realized that there should be twelve apostles, as they carried on the ministry our Lord gave them. So they replaced Judas with Matthias. Their names are even inscribed in the foundations of the perfect new Jerusalem in John's vision in Revelation. There, Jesus identifies Himself as "the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13). There is no other; He is perfectly united with the Father. Because of our imperfect condition, however, our Lord prays for our oneness with Him, "so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me" (John 17:23). Today, we ask God to help us display the oneness and love that we have received from Him, rejoicing with the psalmist, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

PREPARATION

HYMN

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 133, adapt.

P Behold, how good and pleasant it is

C when brothers dwell in unity!

P It is like precious oil on the head,
C like the dew on the mountains.

P For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
C life forevermore.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 17:26

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.

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.

P In Holy Baptism, we were united in the Body of Christ, the Church. He continually asks the Father that “the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” He gave His life so that nothing shall separate us from the uniting love of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Thanks be to God!

WORD

HYMN *Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise LSB 946*

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation

C **but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father;**

P for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"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. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(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. ¹⁹And 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.) ²⁰"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.'

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning 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.”²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias.²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”²⁶ 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.

EPISTLE

Revelation 22:1–20

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

⁷“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me,⁹ but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

¹⁰And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.¹¹ Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

¹²“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 14:18

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

C I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:20–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰[Jesus said:] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they

may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

O Blessed Spring

LSB 595

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Our Lord has ascended and now fills all time and space, both with us here and also at the Father's right hand. As we anticipate our joining Him in eternity, let us bring Him our petitions for the needs we have this day.

For leaders of the Church, that they have courage to proclaim the Gospel to the world around us in every circumstance, and that they seek God's guidance in their work as we confess our faith in the one Savior of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For leaders of the nations, that God would guide them in the ways of peace; for all international relief agencies, that they are able to meet the needs of refugees due to human and natural disasters; and for all who work to discover ways to use God's creation for the good of all, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For those who tend fields and flocks, who minister to the sick and dying, and who go in harm's way to order society and to ensure freedom, that God would protect and guide them, using them for the nourishment, health, and concord we need each day, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For those near and dear to us with problems of health, welfare, sorrow, unemployment, or other concerns, [*especially...*], that God would provide healing, consolation, and relief as fits His gracious plans for them, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the Church around the world and for ourselves, gathered here around Word and Sacrament as a family of faith, for the families of each congregation, and for every individual of faith, that the unity we share as members of the Body of Christ would show forth in our forgiving and loving one another in Jesus' name, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

- P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the death and

resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is one God with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

OFFERING

While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!

OFFERTORY

Create in Me

LSB 956

1 *Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

Text: Psalm 51:10–12
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SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father,

everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

PAX DOMINI

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray *LSB 623*

Wide Open Stand the Gates *LSB 639*

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart *LSB 641*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN

When Peace, like a River

LSB 763

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

Justin Asbury	Cory Jeffers	Jaron Berner
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Mission Prayer

Remember God's work in His Church as you pray:

- in thanksgiving for those who pray continually for those who serve where spreading God's Word is difficult or dangerous.

Bible Readings

From Lutheran Service Book Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, 5/29	Numbers 14:1-25; Luke 18:18-34
Monday, 5/30	Numbers 14:26-45; Luke 18:35–19:10
Tuesday, 5/31	Numbers 16:1-22; Luke 19:11-28
Wednesday, 6/1	Numbers 16:23-40; Luke 19:29-48
Thursday, 6/2	Numbers 16:41–17:13; Luke 20:1-18
Friday, 6/3	Numbers 20:1-21; Luke 20:19-44
Saturday, 6/4	Numbers 20:22–21:9; Luke 20:45–21:19

Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m. **No Bible Class this weekend

Wednesday Bible Study—@ 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Handicapped Accessible Service—May 12th @ 10:00 a.m.

**A video recording of the service will be posted on Facebook and YouTube. **

Voters' Meeting—June 1, 7:00 p.m.

@ St. Mark's Church, Sanctuary

Voting items on the agenda:

- 2022-2023 Budget
- Church Ceiling Project
- Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School Association Membership

Memorial Day Service

Steeleville American Legion Post B.B.K. 480 is again having the annual Memorial Day service at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30 in the Steeleville City Park. Everyone is invited to attend. You may want to bring lawn chairs. Please remember our military veterans and all current service men & women.

Thank You

Thank you to Linda Stegmann, Jeryl Wedemeyer and Janet Becker for your help in serving the funeral luncheon for the family and friends of Darlene Dierks.

Wish List

Items on this list are above and beyond what the budget allows for.

- Church Ceiling Repair & Painting
- Building & Maintenance Savings.

Help Needed—4th of July Float

Beginning June 2nd at 6:00 p.m., your help is needed to work on the float for this year's 4th of July parade. The float is located in Ernie Koch's garage. If you have any questions, call Bill Stegmann at 618-534-0646.

Help Needed—Summer Camps

We are offering 3 weeks of Summer Camps for ages 3 and up. We could use some help with serving simple lunches for these lunches.

If you are unable to help, we could also use donations of small bottles of water, Capri Suns, or individually wrapped snacks. If you are able to help or have questions, please call the church office.

The weeks of the Summer Camps are: June 6-10—Nature/Stem Camp; June 20-24—Art Week; July 11-15—Fun in the Sun. The deadline to sign up for the first week is Wednesday, June 1. You can get a registration form @ www.stmarksteeleville.com.

Sack Lunch Wednesday

We are bringing back our Sack Lunch Wednesdays this July. We could use donations of small bottles of water and/or Capri Suns. We will also need volunteers to help serve the lunches. Call the church office for more information.

Rummage & Bake Sale

Friday, June 3 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

Saturday, June 4 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

St. John Lutheran Church Parish Hall Chester, Illinois

Keeping the Faith ~ One Verse at a Time (well....two verses at one time...this time 😊)

Now what???

Graduations have started.... And ended.....

Changes are coming quickly.....

College.....Military.....Workforce.....Move away.....Stay home.....Commuter.....

For some, these decisions have been made for some time now, for others this thought process is just beginning to get VERY REAL! Still for others these decisions, along with daily life decisions, fall into the category of everyday life.....

Good advice..... *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24*

No matter what job/school you choose do it with all of your heart.

Warning..... *Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6*

Things to remember each day.... who you are studying, working and living your life for!

Your worth is found in our Savior, Jesus Christ, NOT in the eyes and hearts of men!

Doing your best does not include being prideful and arrogant!

Be humble, He sees you even when no one else does!

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2nd Thursdays

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

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We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.