

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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## + HOLY COMMUNION SETTING NINE +

*It is appropriate to stand during prayer and when receiving the Eucharist during the Easter Season. The Easter emphasis is on justification: "Because of what God has done in Christ through the cross and resurrection, I am justified and can stand before him."*

### ORGAN PRELUDE

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending " (#435) arr. R. Dubois

### GATHERING

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### CATECHETIC MOMENT

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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Baptisms Celebrated this Month:

Hazel Conner, Elenora Lahoda, Melissa Anderson, Ruth Gummo, Kathryn Beamer, Pat Fedkenheuer, Sam Sandau, Chloe Giacomini, Sandra Beaupre, Alvin Fedkenheuer, Mariette Erasmus

**GATHERING HYMN**   Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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### GREETING

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THIS IS THE FEAST

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**P** We pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Acts

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about

to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. (*Acts 16:16-34*)

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM     *Sung*     Psalm 97**

The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.  
Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.  
Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,  
burning up enemies on | every side.  
Lightnings light | up the world;  
the earth | sees and trembles.  
The mountains | melt like wax  
before the Lord of | all the earth.  
The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples | see your glory.  
Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in  
false gods!  
Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.  
Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,  
because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.  
For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;  
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.  
You who love the | LORD, hate evil!  
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the  
hand | of the wicked.

Light dawns | for the righteous,  
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.  
Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,  
and give thanks to God's | holy name.  
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and to the | Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the begin-| ning,  
is now and will be forever. | Amen.

**SECOND LESSON**      A Reading from the Book of Revelation

See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. 20 The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen. (*Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21*)

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      Alleluia...

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel...

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also,

whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." (*John 17:20-26*)

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Rejoice, for Christ is King! **No. 430**

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### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to "*Hear us, O God.*" is "*Your mercy is great.*"

A Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A Pour out over all the earth the water of life. Wash the wounds of creation and restore all living things to wholeness. Protect ocean habitats, river ecosystems, and wetlands. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Give a spirit of collaboration to leaders of the nations, so that all people know safety, security, and dignity. Heal victims of torture and liberate those who are wrongfully imprisoned or detained. Bring just peace to Ukraine and to all that are torn apart by warfare and violence. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Let your word fill our hearts and our homes. Bless and guide all who teach us the faith: pastors and deacons, Sunday school and confirmation teachers, theologians, mentors, curriculum writers, and publishers. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Come quickly to the aid of your people. Give wisdom and the gift of calm to all chaplains as they offer signs of your abiding presence. Refresh all who thirst for love, hope, or healing. We

pray for: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystina Cuch, Colleen Dehmke, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Barry Michael, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Ron Sauer, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, John Watt, those we name aloud... and those we carry in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** We pray for your holy catholic Church:

- the National Church Council and national committee members
- the Southwest Area Leadership Team, pastors, people, and Rev. Dr. Tim Wray, Dean,
- Grace Lutheran Church in Rancho Cordova, California
- all church volunteers in our congregations
- Good Shepherd Lutheran, High River
- the students, faculty, leaders, and staff of the IELCO schools in Colombia
- the bishops, pastors and people of the Lutheran Church of Guyana, South America
- the pastors and people of the Reformed Churches in Canada and the pastors and people of the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches of Canada

For all these, hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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

**C And also with you.**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** “Feed My Lambs” N. Sleeth  
*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*  
*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (Easter) Pg. 64

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Pg. 199

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (Version I) Pg. 201

**THE FRACTION**

**P** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**C** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**P** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**LAMB OF GOD** Pg. 201

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please be seated. Assistants and those in need commune first.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us **No. 431**

Beautiful Saviour **No. 838**

**TABLE BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** (Easter) Pg. 65

*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

**BENEDICTION** Pg. 202

**SENDING HYMN**

Crown Him with Many Crowns **No. 855**

**DISMISSAL** Pg. 202

**P** Go in peace...

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Sonata #2 (Allegro and Fugue) F. Mendelssohn

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WELCOME to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today's servants or speak with the pastor.

WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS

Usher:	Nale Poromon, Mariette Erasmus
Lector:	Nale Poromon
Assistant:	Walter Anderson
Altar Guild:	Clarice Rasmuson, Jennifer Hanson
Refreshments:	Grace Karsten, Pat Fedkenheuer
Zoom Host:	Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Last Week	25 May 2025	Budget 2025
Current	\$ 2,425	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$ 0	
Building Fund	\$ 0	
Other	\$ 100	
Attendance	40	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	1 June	11:45 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments
Monday	2 June	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Tuesday	3 June	6:30 PM	S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support
Wednesday	4 June	10:00 AM	12 Step Program
		7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Friday	6 June	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	7 June	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship
		10:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
Sunday	8 June	10:30 AM	The Day of Pentecost

HLW BIBLE STUDY – will meet on Tuesday 3 June May 2025 for their June Luncheon at Passu Farms.

UNISON AT KERBY CENTRE celebrates Senior's Week 2-6 June 2025 with free presentations, activities, and more. RSVP is needed for some. See poster downstairs.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Highwood men and friends come and socialize on Saturday 7 June at 10:00 AM at Ace Casino Airport. Hear from our own Al Gummo on his life as a fireman.

BADLANDS PASSION PLAY – This is the 30th season of the Badlands Passion Play. Held every weekend in July with group discounts available. Purchase tickets now: online or by calling 403-823-2001. Details at <https://badlandsamp.com/> *The 4 July preview is sold out.*

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS	The Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-27	John 14:8-17, 25-27