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The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 13, 2018



Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. Psalm 1:1-3

AS WE GATHER

Good news versus fake news. What is the difference? Whether from false teachers, Internet bloggers, social media users, misguided co-workers and fellow students, or even the news media itself, our experience of daily life can be overwhelmed by fake news: information that is misleading, unhelpful, or simply not true. We must be especially aware of this in matters concerning Jesus, faith, and forgiveness. God has testified this Good News concerning His Son, Jesus: “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life” (1 John 5:12). In the face of so much fake news, take heart! Jesus—His incarnation, life, death, resurrection, and ascension—is God’s final word of Good News

PRELUDE

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build #492
Please stand for the last verse

Pastor: We begin in the name of the Father, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Lord, as we reflect on Your mercy, we realize anew our need for Your forgiveness. We confess our many sins and repent of our loveless words, actions, and thoughts. Create in us clean hearts, gracious Lord, and put new and right spirits within

us, that we may know the fullness of Your love and reflect it in thankful lives.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY (Psalms 51:15, 70:1, 95:1-7)

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips,

People: ♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: ♪ **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

Pastor: The Lord has enlightened us in the true faith.

People: **O come, let us worship Him.**

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

People: ♪ **For He is our maker.**

VENITE

♪ **O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our
salvation. Let us come before His presence with
thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him
with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, and He made it,
and His hands form-ed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the
Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Please be Seated

FIRST READING Acts 1:12-26

(Peter leads the apostles in choosing a successor to Judas.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE 1 John 5:9-16

(Jesus the Son is the testimony of God that He has given
eternal life to his people.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

O God, restore us to oneness among our family of believers even as You have restored us to oneness with You through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is Your Good News for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, grant to all servants of Your Word attentive hearts to listen to Your voice as they speak Your Word among people who do not yet know how much You love them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, help the leaders of the civil realm both here and around the world to follow paths of justice for all people, protect the weakest and poorest in every society, and practice honesty and integrity in all their affairs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, be with all people who suffer affliction of body, mind, or spirit, Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl, Mike Albano, Sondra Johnson and Linda Everett. Grant that all people look to You and experience healing and wholeness according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, in Your beloved presence the saints rest from their labors awaiting the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Bring us together with all Your saints into the fullness of Your reign on the day that Jesus comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All glory, honor, power, and might be unto You, dear Father, who with Your Son, Jesus Christ, are living and reigning in communion and love with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and ever unto the ages of ages.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

HYMN Draw Us to Thee

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THE MESSENGER

May 13, 2018

WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and “Like” us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl, Mike Albano, Sondra Johnson and Linda Everett

LAST SUNDAY’S OFFERING: \$1,143.00

MAY PASTORS: May 20 Pr. Loesch, May 27 Pr. Trost

LUMMA MEETING: Wednesday, May 16th at St. Matthew's in Lee's Summit. Registration is from 9-9:30. The ingathering will be for family size hygiene products and cleaning products for three food pantries (Immanuel is one). The program will be 'Meet Rev. Steve Andrews' the new Associate Pastor of St. Matthew's who oversees the Family and Youth Ministry. He will speak on the challenges we face in the current culture. Reservations for lunch are due on May 13th. Let Rosalyn know if you would like to attend.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, May 20th **"Functional Atheist No More!"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Christians like to think of themselves as following the first disciples. That's uncomfortably true. The first disciples had trouble believing the promises of Jesus for their daily lives. Too often we do too. On Pentecost the Spirit of the risen Lord Jesus gave the first disciples faith like they had never had before. Today the same Spirit is ready to do the same for us. (Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* on stations KCMO (AM 710) at 8:00am, KCCV (FM 92.3) at 8:00am, KCCV (AM 760) at 8:30am, and KCCV (FM 101.5) at 8:30am.