

Seventh Sunday of Easter
(May 24, 2020)

† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR †

Greeting & Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

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- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.
- ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!
- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo;
And in its conquest His might did show. Refrain
- 3 The angel said to them, “Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there.” Refrain
- 4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won.” Refrain
- 5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

Confession and Absolution

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

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

Exhortation

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- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

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

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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.**

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Introit

Ps. 100:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 101:1

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will make music.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will make music.

Kyrie

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C **Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

C To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy,
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

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.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For 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? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When 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, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶“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. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For 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. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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C 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.

Children's Message

- 1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

Sermon

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Offering

Armed Forces Sunday Responsive Prayer

L: Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who gave or who continue to sacrifice so much in the defense of our freedom to be faithful.

R: We remember the great courage and selfless service of so many throughout history who have answered the call to serve. We remember their honorable sacrifice for the freedom of others. Comfort the families who mourn the loss of loved ones. Comfort also those who suffer permanent injuries as a result of serving our nation in the military.

L: We remember with thankfulness the millions of Americans who give so generously of their life and labor in times of national conflict, particularly the family members of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

R: We are grateful for the devotion and sacrifices of military families. Grant us the resources and willing hearts to support them.

L: Lord, You prayed earnestly for Your disciples, that they would be kept in Your name, filled with joy and sanctified in Your Word of truth.

R: Keep our chaplains in Your name. Fill them with the joy that comes from knowing You have defeated sin and death. Sanctify their ministry in Your Word of truth.

L: Gracious Lord, we ask for Your strength for our chaplains who serve in the wounded-warrior wards and in our military hospitals as they provide pastoral care to hurting and wounded veterans and their families.

R: Lord, mend the wounds of all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Grant their physicians knowledge and wisdom as they seek the best treatments for patients' suffering.

L: God of mercy, grant patience and insight to our chaplains who serve in all branches of our armed forces. Only through Your sustaining love can they move out daily with confidence and joy. These and all things we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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**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.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

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**P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
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.**

Closing Hymn

“God Bless Our Native Land”

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- 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!

**Those Serving In
The Worship Service Sunday Morning
May 24, 2020**

Preacher Rev. Michael Redeker
Liturgist Rev. Joshua Schmidt
Organist Marilyn Smith
Videographer Glacia Peck

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Announcements

May 24, 2020

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - The church office will be closed Monday, May 25th, for Memorial Day.

SUMMER HOURS FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE, 8:00am - 3:00pm. If the door is locked during this time, please ring the bell on the right-hand side of the door and someone will let you in.

FIRST COMMUNION, SUNDAY, MAY 31st - This is the *first* class to be communed under the “Battle Ready Program,” and God has found a way to make this year very special and very unique. We will be having two services (one at 8AM and the other at 10:30AM—*both live streamed*). With the “Safer At Home” recommendations these services we will only have the communicants families in attendance (our goal is to have less than 50 people, so please RSVP to the office).

PRINCIPAL, STEVE HOBUS - has accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran in Atchison, Kansas.

AD HOCK COMMITTEE - has been formed to determine the needs of the school principal and preschool director position.

FOOD PANTRY -We need anything and everything! Vegetables, rice, and complete meals in a box, spam, canned chicken, peanut butter, soups, saltine crackers, powdered milk, cereal, toilet paper, and toothpaste. We will continue to be open for those in need even through the stay at home order. Thank you for being a blessing to others!!!

MESSIAH’S RADIO MINISTRY-Pastor Redeker’s sermons can be heard on Sunday mornings at 8:30am -9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. If you would like to be a sponsor for this ministry contact the church office, 970-245-2838.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR-Listen to The Lutheran Hour message each Sunday morning at 9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station.

ONLINE GIVING - Click online giving on the front page of our website www.messiahlutherangj.org to set up reoccurring offering or a onetime donation.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT- “...casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7). We have a Father in heaven - and He really cares for us and loves us. That is the basis of generosity, because such knowledge spells the end of anxiety and worry, which is where tight-fisted greed comes from.

(from the LCMS Stewardship website) -The Board of Stewardship

URGENT NEED COMMUNION SETUP AND CLEANUP -The Holy Communion signup sheet is in need of people to help in setting up and cleaning up of communion. Set Up is needed for the months of August, and October. Clean up is needed for the months of June, September, November and December. Please prayerfully consider helping. We are more than willing to train or help in anyway. Our thanks to those who have

previously given generously of their time in service to our Lord. Contact Laura Ryden, 970-241-0438 for more information.

HOLY COMMUNION SET UP AND CLEAN UP FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES OF 2020 -need volunteers. Our thanks to those who have previously given generously of their time in service to our Lord. Contact Laura Ryden, 970-260-6766 for more information.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 9:45am- 1:00pm	Divine Service/8 th Grade Graduation/Facebook Live Adult Bible Study /Zoom Communion Per Sign Up
Monday	----- -----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off Church Office Closed
Tuesday	9:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Office Staff Meeting Sr. High / TBD Board of Evangelism
Wednesday	8:00am 7:00pm	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline Young Adults / TBD
Thursday		
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
Saturday		
Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 10:30am	Divine Service/First Communion/Facebook Live Adult Bible Study /Zoom Divine Service/First Communion/Facebook Live

Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List.

Messiah's Prayer List
Newly added prayers are italicized

- ✠ **Continued health and healing for** Ralph Bickel, Crystal Bishop, Mary Ann Bradshaw, Chad Brunner, Peter Chaney, Dick and Lucy Clemmer, Connie Gustad, Tammy Joseph, Lonni Karly, Neal Kaspar, Emogene Kukuk, John Lewis, Sandy Lowther, Dominick Lucero, Allan Merit, Carol Nerverve, Glacia Peck, Dale and Illona Rennels, Jack Rider, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauger, Karen Skoog, Gerry Thiebaud, Joe Walsh, Philip Wegner, Kemitt White and Marilyn Yoder.
- ✠ **Fighting serious diseases** for Elmer Ackermann, Marion Anderson, Sharon Breshears, Jim Brewster, Lonna Bruner, Denise Currie, Mel Ertz, Courtney Grieger, Misty Hannah, Corrine Johnson, Steve Kaskus, Shane Larsen, Anna Marie Mautz, John Moseman Sr., Melani Perschbacher, Marilyn and Ralph Seeley, Allyn Seter, and Thane.
- ✠ ***A Member undiagnosed with lung problems.***
- ✠ **Continue to fight cancer:** Ginny Asmus, Ralph Bickel, Karen Caldwell, Tyler Clemmer, Ronda Covington, Sandi Goetz, James Hamleton, Les Hawkins, Leslie Hendricks, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, Roy Joseph, Chuck Magner, Bob Michels, Marshall Mead, Patrick Pfaltzgraff, Amy Poulin, Susie Russell, Loretta Siilata, Marva Simpson, Ted Skogen, and Sue Stepanek.
- ✠ **Serving in the military:** Jack Ammon, Brian Carbone, Mitchell Connell, Taylor Hibberd, Brenden Jarvis, Dain Lewis, Karen and James Moore, Nicholas Powell, Caleb Schmidt, and Brandon Waples.
- ✠ **Messiah Lutheran members:** *Michael and Claire Pacini, Ross Pacini, Jon & Carol Palmer, Tyler Palmer, Jennifer, Mackenzy and Waylon Panter, Eloise Paris.*
- ✠ **Messiah Lutheran faculty and staff:** *Mary DeBerard, Marlena Diedrich, Amelia Everhart, Jayme Hagedorn, Steve Hobus, Kathy Hollatz, and Lonni Karly.*
- ✠ **Messiah Lutheran Church/School youth:** *Cheyenne, Grayson, Hans, Karson, Miles, Morgan, Scarlett, Shepard, Vivienne and Wade.*
- ✠ **Mavericks of Messiah:** *Continue to strengthen our campus ministry outreach.*
- ✠ **Our sister congregation:** *Grace Fellowship Church, Gypsum, CO, and Rev. Austin Kraft.*
- ✠ **Missionaries:** Rev. Brian, Amanda, and Ezra Gauthier to Panama and Vicar Ben, Grace, Larson, and Hollen Vanderhyde and their 2-year mission to Sri Lanka.
- ✠ **Celebrating wedding anniversaries** this week: Ryan & Gina Bossow, 13yrs., Ed & Sue Morris, 41yrs., George & Inge Townsend, 55yrs., Art & Carol Peterson, 63yrs.

If you know anyone who is probably not receiving our online communications, do your best to fill them in.

*Our most recent updates will be on our Facebook Page:
Lutheran Church and School of Messiah*

These next few months are going to be tough for everyone.

But, we will get through it together by the grace of God.

**If you or someone you know is in Spiritual,
Physical, or any other need:**

We are here for you.

Pastor Redeker: (314) 608-5538

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