

St Peter Lutheran Church
Worship 05-16-2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Click on the link for the bulletin to the service. This will allow you to follow along if you would like to. The videos contain different portions of the service that you can watch. The 'gathering' video contains the announcements, thanksgiving for baptism, opening hymn, and prayer of the day. The 'word' video contains the reading, children's message, gospel, sermon, hymn of the day, Apostles' Creed, and prayers. The 'sending' video contains the Lord's Prayer, blessing, dismissal, and sending hymn. You can prepare yourself for worship by lighting a candle to remind you of the presence of the Holy Spirit, or you can have a bowl of water in the vicinity to remind you of your baptism. Whether you are alone or with others, we hope that you can feel each other's presence, and the presence of God, as we worship together, even though we are not in the same building.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen. United in the life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of baptism, like rains that nourish our earth, like streams that remind us of your presence, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Song

Bless the Lord

Dani Bossler

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs,

appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.
⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Children’s Moment

Gospel and Message Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Hymn of the Day Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You. I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up. shinin' in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Apostles’ Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers

Held together in one body by the Spirit of Christ, let us pray for the church and the world, and all who are in need.

O God, your love sustains your people. To you, God of love and grace, we pray: Lord hear our prayer.

That the church be enlivened to be the body of Christ, That those in authority lead with wisdom, And that all the baptized be witnesses to your glory, we pray: Lord hear our prayer.

That wars between nations and violence within each population cease, That the leaders of nations enact justice for their people, And that all persons enjoy equal rights and respectful treatment, we pray: Lord hear our prayer.

That those with coronavirus be healed, That physicians and nurses be supported, That the vaccines be shared around the globe, And that future waves of the pandemic be averted, we pray: Lord hear our prayer.

That all people be fed and clothed, That refugees find a home, And that those who are sick and suffering receive wholeness and hope, we pray: Lord hear our prayer.

That at the end we join with all the saints in your everlasting kingdom, we pray: Lord hear our prayer.

O God, receive our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, ascended for us, and reigning in your glory now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Dismissal

Christ is risen! Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Sending Hymn**He is Exalted**

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him. He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.

Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign; heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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