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With readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter*

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(with scripture readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter)

WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down your pew. As it's passed back to you, remove the completed form, and place it in the offering plate after noting those sharing your pew. Then after worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.

LBW - Green Hymnal **WOV** – Blue Hymnal

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C O Mighty God, you raised your Son from the grave on the third day, defeating the power of death forever!

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior, we praise you for your glorious resurrection victory, and, like the disciple Thomas, we confess you as our Lord and God!

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C O Spirit of power and might, guide us by your Word, that we may know the Lord, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: "The Church's One Foundation"

LBW 369

WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our sins, and hear the forgiveness of God.

C Like the apostle Peter, O Lord, our faith has sometimes wavered. There are days when we confess by our words and our lives that "You are the Christ, the son of the living God!" There are days when we are ready to walk on water with you. But then have come also those days when we have denied you by our words and our lives. Forgive us, Lord! Restore us to fellowship with you and one another!

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P When Jesus Christ arose triumphant from the grave, he did not come back to take revenge on those who had persecuted him, nor on those who had disappointed him. He came to restore them. To

the disciples, huddled together in a locked room, He came and said, "Peace be with you." To the people of Jerusalem, he sent his apostles with a message of mercy and forgiveness. To Peter, who had denied Him three times, He gave the chance to confess Him three times. And He restored Peter to his call as a servant and apostle in His kingdom, saying to him, "Feed my lambs." These same words of restoration are for you! All your sins are forgiven. Come, be an apostle in Christ's kingdom! His peace be with you!

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep your Father's promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then {the apostles whom Jesus had chosen} 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 acquired 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 The Word of our Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 133 (Read responsively by half verse)

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SECOND READING

Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through 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. ³No 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. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And 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.” ¹²“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one 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!

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C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

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 The Gospel of our Lord

C Thanks be to God

SERMON: "CHRIST'S COMING"

SONG: "Shall We Gather at the River"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH - Apostles' Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Holy Father, you tell us to ask for what we need in Jesus' name and you will answer. Let us be prayer warriors for the sake of the church and the world, that we would devote ourselves to a regular time of prayer and devotion. Help us to hear your wisdom in our lives and to faithfully follow our Lord Jesus Christ in all we do. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all creation, gather your people together from the four corners of the earth to be one in Christ, just as you and the son and the Spirit are one. Help us to set aside things that create divisions in the Body of Christ such as jealousy, anxiety, privilege, and false teaching. Pour out your healing Spirit on your holy Bride, that all who believe would live together in faith and mutual care. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy One, guide and protect our military service personnel as they serve our country and keep us free from tyranny. Keep them safe from harm and bring them home safely when their mission has been completed. Watch over families while their loved ones are away from home. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving Lord, you are the healer of all our ills. Bring us to the newness of life you have promised us through Jesus Christ. Put an end to disease, chaos, and catastrophes that plague human life. [We pray especially for ...] Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

- L** I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea.
- C** The Lord is my strength and my song; he has been my Savior.
- L** This is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.
- C** Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
- L** Who among the gods is like you, O Lord? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?
- C** In your mercy you led forth the people you set free; you guided them in your strength to your holy habitation.
- L** You will bring them in and plant them on the mount that is your possession.
- C** The place, O Lord, you have made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have prepared. The Lord shall reign forever and ever.
- L** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
- C** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

CLOSING SONG: "Bind Us Together"

WOV 748

BENEDICTION

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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CONGRATULATIONS to **Nathan Ross**, who graduated from the University of Iowa on May 14th. He plans to enlist in the army. His parents are Shawn & Shannon (Johnson) Ross, grandparents are Vernon & Jane Johnson.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!

Jeff Anderberg 5/28

Kendra Steinhorst 5/28

Sophie Koehnke 5/28/06

Lorene Roser 5/29

Alicebeth Wittwer 5/30

Mary Loomis 6/1

Vernon Johnson 6/2

Doug Springborn 6/2

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

Rick & Joyce Schmidt 5/28/83

Mike & Marti Valasek 5/29/76

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WATCH BULLETINS AND WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.

1. June 5: VBS Planning meeting after worship. If you're able to help, please come and join us in making this year's VBS a huge success.
2. June 18: Church family picnic at Franklin Township Park at 4pm. The picnic will be in place of the Saturday evening service.
3. July 4: FLC will once again have a float in the parade. We'll need members to both ride and walk, and lots of candy donations to hand out.
4. July 11-14: Vacation Bible School, Theme "Rainforest Explorers".

If you are able to help in **anyway** with these 3 events, please let Jo Boehmer know.

Sunday 5/29: Join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Monday 5/30: Memorial Day! Remember those who died for us.

Tuesday 5/31: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; food distribution, 12-2pm.

Thursday 6/2: Lydia Circle Bible Study, 1pm. All women are invited.

Saturday 6/4: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 6/5: Communion Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

With Sincere sympathy,

Charles Jones, Wanda Bernhardt's brother passed away Tuesday.

May the promise of God's resurrection bring comfort to the family.

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Harold Hintzsche had back surgery, is home and praying for returned strength.
- Chuck Schindler has had surgery, he is well and is home.
- Wanda Smith, Elda Bruning's sister, has a spot on her lung and just recently had a stroke.
- Jason Gorski, nephew of Dan & Janelle Pahnke and Chris, Gary Steinhorst's cousin are fighting cancer.
- Charmaine Massey for physical therapy to help strengthen her lungs.
- Madeline Bramm who had a brain bleed in December.
- Justin Mielke to have clear answers about his health.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Abby (Pahnke) Bohn, Jamie Wittwer, Laura Block and Rachel Ash.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden, and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities.
- Situations in Ukraine and Myanmar and all effected by this.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.