

# *Salem Lutheran Church*



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## **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 24, 2020 GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **GATHERING SONG**

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

ELW 388 Verses 1 & 2

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain:  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood



**GOSPEL: John 17:1-11 (MSG) Version**

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**ALL: Glory to you, O God**

<sup>1-5</sup> Jesus said these things. Then, raising his eyes in prayer, he said:  
Father, it's time.  
Display the bright splendor of your Son  
So the Son in turn may show your bright splendor.  
You put him in charge of everything human  
So he might give real and eternal life to all in his charge.  
And this is the real and eternal life:  
That they know you,  
The one and only true God,  
And Jesus Christ, whom you sent.  
I glorified you on earth  
By completing down to the last detail  
What you assigned me to do.  
And now, Father, glorify me with your very own splendor,  
The very splendor I had in your presence  
Before there was a world.  
<sup>6-12</sup> I spelled out your character in detail  
To the men and women you gave me.  
They were yours in the first place;  
Then you gave them to me,  
And they have now done what you said.  
They know now, beyond the shadow of a doubt,  
That everything you gave me is firsthand from you,  
For the message you gave me, I gave them;  
And they took it, and were convinced  
That I came from you.  
They believed that you sent me.  
I pray for them.  
I'm not praying for the God-rejecting world  
But for those you gave me,  
For they are yours by right.  
Everything mine is yours, and yours mine,  
And my life is on display in them.  
For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world;  
They'll continue in the world  
While I return to you.  
Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life  
That you conferred as a gift through me,  
So they can be one heart and mind  
As we are one heart and mind.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **MESSAGE**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 OF INTERCESSION**

#### **PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. All: **And also with you.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

## **SENDING**

#### **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, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **A MOMENT OF SILENCE, REFLECTION, AND THANKSGIVING**

*America the Beautiful by the United States Marine Band*

#### **DISMISSAL**

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

#### **TODAY'S LECTIONARY READINGS**

**PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

++++++ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER LIST++++++

**We Salute Our Country's Veterans** by remembering and honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and to those who have served in the past and presently in the Armed Forces. We THANK YOU for your service!

**Geraniums for Pentecost** ~ Plants are \$3.05 a pot. Please contact Lynn Cox to purchase a plant and if you would like your plant delivered. We have 20 plants available.

**Our Daily Bread Casseroles** ~ Pickup for casseroles is June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Lenten World Hunger Project** runs till the end of May. We've now purchased 25 pigs and there's time if you would like to send one or more to help our global brothers and sisters support their families.

**DEMD Synod Ministry Fund** is collecting donations to help our sister congregations who are facing financial need during this crisis. If you would like to write a check rather than donate online, you may send your donation to Salem and we will write one large check to the Synod by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Each dollar donated up to \$100,000 is being matched. Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Over \$12,000 was donated toward the goal.

**The Stitches** are looking specifically for green colored and yellow colored beer bottle tops for one of their Fall Craft Fair crafts. They also appreciate your crafts you may be creating in this time of being at home. And, would you keep in mind the yard sale as you clean closets, garages and basements? Lynn Cox and Ruth Phoebus are the contacts.

**Holy Trinity Sunday Service, June 7, 2020** with ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be online at 10:00AM through the DEMD Synod website. A link will be shared for worship on this Sunday that we may worship as one as the body of Christ across the world.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Pr. Dick Kiesling, The family and friends of Mary Davis, The family and friends of Stephen Smith, Kimberly, Karen, Donna Miller, The family and friends of Mr. Mauer, Laura Riley, Judy Newsome, Phil Kulinski, Vicky Carter, Amanda Evans Deel, Bruce Greer, Susan Whitacre, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Sandy Barthel, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Thelma Preisinger, Steve Sussan, Kathi Fuller, Bill & Sherri Stout, Julie Stout, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret and Jerry Shank, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman, Austin Phoebus, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Lennard Beecher, Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Siloa Lutheran Church, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Kevin Kolb, Carolyn Lynch, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

*Please contact Lynn Cox or Pastor with updates concerning the prayer list.*

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