

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

*As you*  
**SENT ME**  
*into the world,*



*so I have*  
**SENT THEM**  
*into the world.*



John 17:18, ESV



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## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

9:45 am - Sunday School & Bible Classes for All Ages

3:30 pm - Slovak Service

Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB #493

A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.

Alleluia, alleluia!

And with His faithful foll'wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To them the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"

Alleluia, alleluia!

"This is the Savior," thus they say;  
"This is His glorious triumph day!"

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

"You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky."

Alleluia, alleluia!

"Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty."

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Invocation and Psalm 47

*Pastor* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* Amen.

*Pastor* Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

*People* For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.

*Pastor* He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.

*People* **He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

*Pastor* God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

*People* **Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

*Pastor* For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!

*People* **God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.**

*Pastor* The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.

*People* **For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!**

*All* **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.**

## Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

*Pastor* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

*People* **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our  
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

*Pastor* Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.  
We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have  
done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our  
whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly  
deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son,  
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that  
we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your  
holy name. Amen.**

*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.**

**Hymn Of Praise****A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**

LSB #493

**Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**First Reading: Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

*Pastor*

This is the Word of the Lord.

*People***Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23**

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*(Church Choir)*

**“We Believe”**

*by Matthew Hooper, Richie Fike, Travis Ryan*

**Holy Gospel: St. John 17:11b-19**

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

*People* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And 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. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

*Pastor* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

*All* I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## Hymn Of The Day

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

*LSB #525*

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

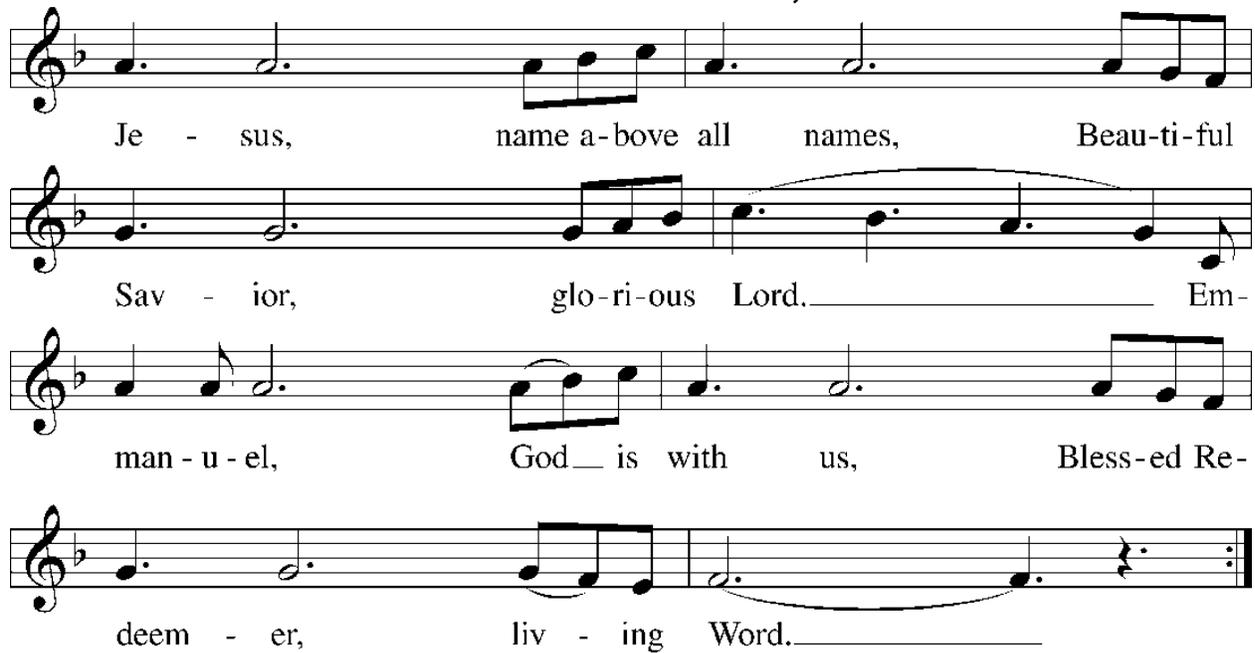
Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of all.

## Sermon

St. John 17:18-19

“THE HEART OF JESUS”

## Hymn

Jesus, Name above All Names *LSB #970*


Je - sus, name a - bove all names, Beau - ti - ful  
Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em -  
man - u - el, God is with us, Bless - ed Re -  
deem - er, liv - ing Word.

## Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

## Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

*All* 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

*Pastor* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

*Pastor* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven *LSB #477*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim  
For the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.**

**Alleluia, Christ is risen!**  
**Death at last has met defeat:**  
**See the ancient pow'rs of evil**  
**In confusion and retreat;**  
**Once He died, and once was buried:**  
**Now He lives forevermore,**  
**Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,**  
**Whom we worship and adore.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Glory be to God on high:**  
**Alleluia to the Savior**  
**Who has gained the victory;**  
**Alleluia to the Spirit,**  
**Fount of love and sanctity!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia**  
**To the triune Majesty!**

**Preacher** ..... Pastor Roland Syens  
**Officiant** ..... Pastor Nolan Astley  
**Organist** ..... Anne Forler  
**Church Choir** ..... Jennifer Massicotte (*Director*),  
 ..... John Rickert (*drums*), Philip Massicotte (*bass*)  
**Acolytes** ..... Cole Tiegs (*8:30*), Mercedes Bauer (*11:00*)

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers today we give thanks for the blessings of home and family and particularly ask God to **ble<sup>s</sup>s moms** everywhere and fill them with strength, fulfill their calling with love and peace. We rejoice with our music director, **Jennifer Massicotte** who celebrates her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday today. We also remember those of our congregation who look to the Lord for **healing and strength**, asking the Lord to grant mercy and peace according to His good will.

**Coffee hour** will take place in the library this morning. Come and enjoy some yummy treats with your coffee while you visit between early service and Bible class. We invite you to browse and have a look at the new library space. We have many resources on a variety of topics for all ages. We have many DVDs to borrow, too.

## Today's Education Hour...

**Bring those stuffed animals** to the Basement at 9:45 to participate in our Sunday School Special! Thanks Cheri, Heather & Val for leading us.

**Prayer Pals** will be given for the month of May – tape the “salmon coloured” paper somewhere for daily use please!

**Adult Bible Class** will continue to work through Ephesians 5 and the practical direction God gives to His people as they seek to live as His children in this world. Grab a coffee and join the discussion beginning at 10 am in the parlour

## Coming Events...

**Sunday School Staff** will meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 15** in the Church Library.

**Monday Evening services** resume again on **May 21 at 7:00 pm.** Join us.

**Prime Time** will be celebrating May with movement! Join us **Thursday May 31 at 12:30** for a time of food and fellowship followed by a time to get up and move! We will be exploring simple ways to work on mobility, strength, and balance. Lenora will also share about her favorite sport! Please sign up in the parlour by May 29.

**Baby Bottles for Marillac Place** fundraiser is being sponsored again by the Board of Missions from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day! Please pick up a baby bottle from the narthex, fill it with change, any time until **Sunday, June 17**, and when it is full return it to the church. Marillac Place provides a safe home for women between the ages of sixteen to twenty-five who are pregnant, who have a child in their care, or who are attempting to regain care of their child. Thank you for your support.

**Book Review**..If you are interested in writing a brief book review or making a recommendation about a book, video or bible study resource that you have enjoyed from our church library, please send it to Heather Schein (rschein@rogers.com). We are looking for people's recommendations from all ages! Just simply write the title of the resource and tell us why you liked it.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	107 & 212			
<b>Nuer Attendance:</b>	26		Total 345	('17 – 281)
<b>Communion Attendance:</b>	92 & 163		Total 254	('17 – 256)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 27	Staff: 13	Total 50	('17 – 45)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 49	Staff: 1	Total 50	('17 – 43)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 7	Staff: 2	Total 9	('17 – n/a)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 7	Staff: 1	Total 8	('17 – 5)

**Thankoffering:** In honour of **LINDA ZIMMERMAN-REMPEL & OTHERS WITH MAY** birthdays to Missions from Tim Rempel. With thanks for successful heart surgery for his sister **AUDREY** to the Unified Church Budget from Ray & Marg West.

**Memorial:** In memory of **LAM DIING** to the Nuer/Sudanese Ministry from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In memory of **EARL MILLEN** to the Sunday School from Bob & Jean Schmitt. To the Unified Church Budget from Charles & Jean Simpson.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday May 14 to Sunday May 20, 2018

<b>Tuesday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> ..... 6:30 p.m.
	Sunday School Teachers, <i>Church Library</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... 9:00 a.m.
	Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
	Board of Young Peoples, <i>Church Library</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
	Board of Worship, <i>Conference Room</i> ..... 7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> ..... 9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i> ..... 9:30 a.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Centre</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Nuer Bible Study & Youth Time, <i>Panel Room</i> ..... 2:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Day of Pentecost</b>
	<b>Holy Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>8:30 a.m.</b>
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> ..... 9:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i> ..... 9:45 a.m.
	YABS, <i>Conference room</i> ..... 9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i> ..... 9:45 a.m.
	<b>Holy Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Nuer Language Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>2:00 p.m.</b>	



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Thursday, May 24

Sunday, June 3

Sunday, June 10

Sunday, June 17

at 10:00 a.m. - refresher

at 12:15 p.m. - full training

at 9:45 a.m. - refresher

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**All Training Sessions will be held in the Church Library.**

Training can also be done on the Plan to Protect® website. Please contact Janet Cumby for more information.