

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Divine Service Setting Three
May 24, 2020

Hymn: #904 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” *Verses 1, 3 & 4*

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
 We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.
- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
 Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
 Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.
- 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
 Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
 Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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The Invocation

- P:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

The Confession of Sins

- P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C:** **Who made heaven and earth.**
- P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- C:** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P:** O Almighty God, merciful Father,
- C:** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

The Word of Absolution

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

The Collect for the Day

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. Amen

Reading of the day – 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.

¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

¹⁷ For 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?

¹⁸ And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

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

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

¹⁰ And 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.

¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

♪C: Thanks be to God.

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, dead and 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 life everlasting. Amen

Hymn: #427 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" *Verses 1, 2 & 4*

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

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Sermon - CHRIST AS OUR EXAMPLE IN SUFFERING

(Theology of the cross) 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

I. Our suffering is an imitation of Christ's suffering

- A. Remember the victory of the one who suffered with a purpose.
- B. We are privileged to suffer at the hands of the world as He did.
 - 1. The world may not kill us; but it displeases our trust and love.
 - 2. The world cannot understand how we can rejoice when we are condemned, because the world cannot understand our willingness by grace to imitate our Savior.

II. The Lord uses our suffering to prepare us for the end, as well as give us blessings and glory right now.

- A. Our place in the household of God will lead us to rejoice despite hardship.
- B. The suffering in this life is a proclamation of God's salvation.
- C. God's judgment strengthens us for the end. *Vs. 18*

Prayer of the day

Peace & comfort for the family of Lorraine, Aunt of Tammie Farnsworth

Successful cancer treatment for Kevin Eads, brother of Karri Funk

Good test results from MRI and successful follow-up hip treatments for Beth Hutches

Successful treatment for A-fib for Pastor Farnsworth

Situation of Corona Virus and Unemployment

The 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.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Hymn: #924 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

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Please keep the church office updated on prayers that have been asked to be kept on indefinitely and ones for continued healing or cancer treatments

Continued Prayers

Thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church and its congregation
Employment for those struggling to find a job

Healing

Frank Plumb
Walt Braudis
Glenn Cummings
Nancy Trathowen
Jean Cagnina
Gary Hamilton, father-in-law of Kori Hamilton

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Kathy Zimmerman
Kathy, daughter of Walt Braudis
Robert Petrosky
David Habeck, brother of Larry Habeck
Keith Stallings
Mercedes, grand-daughter of Nancy Christianson
Alan Sparks, and strength & comfort
Sammy Dunnehoo, brother of Felton Dunnehoo
Richard Steinbrueck
Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck
Tracie Danielle Rhodes, niece of Bill & Jackie Anton
Paul Braudis, brother of Walt
Bill, (w/brain cancer) uncle of Brian Littrel
Christy Jones
Bruce Zellmer, brother of Duane
Cheryl Ford
Cathy Nichols, mother of Cathy Wilson
Andrew Krauska, and God to bring him to faith, brother-in-law of Sally James
David Parkinson, brother of Betty Loraamm
Regina Goodwin, niece of Plumb's
Dan Bowdish, husband of Corinne Bowdish
Athlee Muehlnickel
Nancy Meyers, sister of Jackie Anton
Mike Kurtz
Priscilla Ritter, mother of Lynda Smith and grandmother of Rob Ritter
Lois Sutton, mother of Ruth Krause
Kathy Kane, sister of Ray Dempsey
Tom Meyferth
Glenn Turner, uncle of Tammie Farnsworth
Peggy & Larry Audler, cousins of Irv Dupre

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Matthew Albers as he is promoted to Major in USAF and assumes command in Sacramento, CA, son of Deb Albers

Xander Ritter as he is in Marine Basics

Logan Crouse as he is undergoing Army air borne training, great-nephew of Joan Crouse

Carson Crouse, (army) great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed in Georgia

Christian Lipke, serving in Kansas, grandson of Sandy Goode, brother of Lauren Lopez

Gavin Mattson, stationed in New Mexico, as he continues his para-rescue man training, grandson of Edith Mattson

Nick Dillon as he travels on an aircraft carrier in the Middle East, nephew of Kim Blomquist

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Aaron & Donna Hynick, Andrew, Jonah

Monday: Lynette Irani, Perin, Eric

Tuesday: Bonny Jacobi

Wed: Don & Gina Jaeger

Thursday: Sally James

Friday: Christy & Christine Jones

Saturday: Gayle Kelley, James

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday: Victoria Uribe

Monday: Genesis Vargas

Tuesday: Peyton Vasilakos

Wed: John-Luke Visnovec

Thursday: Christopher Webb

Friday: Wyn Westfall

Saturday: Taylor Winn