

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, Illinois
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 21, at 11:00 AM

About Today's Readings: *"I am no longer in the world," Jesus says, for he has now ascended to the Father, "but they are in the world" (Gospel, Jn 17:11). That means that for "a little while," we, "the household of God," will still suffer "fiery trial" (Epistle, 1 Pet 5:10; 4:17, 12). Sometimes the little while may seem interminable, so we pray, "O King of glory, . . . uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth" (Collect) . . . and he will. Pentecost is coming! In the meantime, we are reminded that the Acts of the Holy Spirit will always also be the Acts of the Apostles—and their successors. Before the coming of the Spirit, it was necessary that one who had accompanied the apostles during all the time the Lord Jesus went in and out among them be added to their number (First Reading, Acts 1:21–22, 26).*

Music Prelude, Ringing of the Bell, Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1

R In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

R I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

C to you, O LORD, I will make music.

R Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

R Know that the LORD, he is God!

C It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

R Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

C Give thanks to him; bless his name!

R For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

C and his faithfulness to all generations.

R I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

C to you, O LORD, I will make music.

THE BAPTISM SONG *"Life Is Ours"*

1 Life is ours, a gift of Jesus,
life that blesses, life that frees us.
Children of the Father's pleasure,
we now share our Savior's treasure.

2 See this wonder in the making,
God Himself this child is taking,
As a lamb safe in His keeping,
His to be, awake or sleeping.

- 3 God His own doth tend and nourish,
in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them,
in His mighty arms He bears them.**
- 4 Miracle each time it happens,
as the door to heaven opens,
And the Father beams: "Beloved."
Heir of gifts a King would covet.**
- 5 Here we bring a child of nature,
home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter,
born again by Word and water.**

THE BAPTISM of Isla Grace Robinson

- 6 So then join in holy laughter,
both here now and he - re after,
Trust the promise! Hear the sending!
Sing a song of Life Unending!**

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Tune: "Children of the Heavenly Father" AGPS 80

(Sit)

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] 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 bought 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For 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? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

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

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Cares Chorus"

**I cast all my cares upon You,
I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet;
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon You.**

**I cast all my cares upon You,
I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet;
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon You.
I will cast all my cares upon You.**

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(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1–11

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

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

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.**

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

- 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.**

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- 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.**

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S TALK

LSB HYMN 728 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

- 1 **How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**
- 2 **"Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**
- 3 **"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!**
- 4 **"When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

- 5 **“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”**

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SERMON “Glory be to Jesus, In the Church and in Our Lives” John 17:1-11.

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3))

(Sit)

OFFERING

(Stand)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

P The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*

C **And also with you.** *(Colossians 3:1)*

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *(Psalm 136)*

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You
and saying: *(prayer by pastor)*.

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. *(Isaiah 6:3)*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. *(John 1:29)*

LORD’S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION are said by the pastor. (*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*)

P Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, (*John 1:29*)

C Have mercy on us.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. (*John 20:19*)

C And also with you.

(*Sit*)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Music during distribution

"Think About His Love"

Think about His love, think about His Goodness.

Think about His grace that's brought us through.

For as high as the heavens above

So great is the measure of our Father's love.

Great is the measure of our Father's love. *Repeat.*

Ending:

Great is the measure of our Father's love.

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"On Eagle's Wings"

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,

Who abide in his shadow for life

Say to the Lord, My refuge,

My Rock in whom I trust.

Chorus:

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,

Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you

And famine will bring you no fear.

Under His wings your refuge,

His faithfulness your shield. *Chorus*

You need not fear the terror of the night,

Not the arrow that flies by day;

Though thousands fall about you,

Near you, it shall not come. *Chorus*

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"I Love You, Lord"

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, oh my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. *Repeat.*
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POST COMMUNION DISMISSAL AND PRAYER

C Amen.

BENEDICTION *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His favor upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

THE CLOSING SONG *"Forever"*

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things;
His Love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn; His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever,

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever,

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