

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

9:30am Worship

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

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

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

*** Gathering Hymn #732**

“Borning Cry”

*** Greeting p. 147** *P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.***

*** Kyrie p. 147** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

*** Glory to God p. 148**

*** The Prayer of the Day (all pray)** **Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

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.”

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading – Psalm 1

L:1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

C:² but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

L:³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

C:⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

L:⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

ALL⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

*** Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*** The Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:11-32**

¹¹ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Hymn #595 (vs. 1 & 2)

"Jesus Loves Me!"

The Sermon

**"The Parables of Jesus"
Part 3 – "The Lost Son"**

(sermon text: Luke 15:11-32)

Pastor William Shields

* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

The Hymn of the Day #779

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound"

Offering

* **Offering Response #186**

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

Prayers

* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **C: 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.**

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn #840**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements:

Altar Flowers
Given by
Louise Thompsen and Family
In memory of
Hilda Fredrickson Hard

Vacation Bible School
**Please turn in your
registrations**

**Baby Bottle Collection
begins today,
May 12, Mother's Day.
Bottles are in the back of church.
Please sign the sheet when you
take a bottle.**

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Tues. 5/14	7:00am Jr. High Study 10-12 Prayer Shawl 3:30pm Council Meeting
Wed. 5/15	6:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00am Sr. High Bible Study No Pastor's Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Group No Choir Practice
Thurs. 5/16	No Pastor's Study
Sat. 5/18	7:00am Gideon's
Sun. 5/19	Pentecost 9:30am Worship/ Comm. Pastor Norm Femrite preaching Coffee Fellowship No Sunday School

Pictorial Directory!

Have you made your appointment yet?
You can do so today, the available times are
in the back. Photo dates are:

Tuesday, June 4th & Wednesday, June 5th
2:00pm – 8:36pm

If you need to submit a photo, you may email to
the office or bring in a photo and we can copy it.
You may schedule family pictures, just remember
you will need 2 time slots for more than 6 people.

If you can spare 3-4 hrs. one of those days to help
check people in, there's a sign-up for that in back.

Ladies Departed since Mother's Day 2023

Helen Dalton 5/1/23
Lois Markiewicz 8/13/23
Diane Wampler 8/27/23
Judy Diers 11/11/23
Eva Coats 12/30/23
Linda Kloc 1/21/24
Mary Hull 3/2/24

Sunday School Teachers 2023-24

Preschool/Kind. – Lisa Shields, Ava Kyle, Dawn
Muehlschlegel, Gay Kyle
1st & 2nd – Marilynne Kloster & Joanne Sheldon
3rd & 4th – Jennifer Jaques & Ian Eklof
5th - 8th – Don Kyle

Pentecost
Sunday May 19
Please wear red.