

Seventh Sunday of Easter



May 16, 2021 | 9:00 a.m.

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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... “God gave us eternal life,” says the writer of 1 John, “and this life is in his Son” (5:11, NRSV). We gather to worship the Giver of life.

PRELUDE

P The Lord is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

P That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that believing you may have life in his name.

C **The Lord is risen!**

P He is risen indeed!

C **Alleluia!**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

ELW #655

INTRODUCTION

The gospel for Easter’s seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John’s gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus’ desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

CALL TO WORSHIP

P King of all the earth, Creator of the universe, Holy Triune God,
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.
Your law brings life, O Lord, and we meditate on it day and night;

C **Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

P You are a rich stream of living waters, and we would immerse ourselves in you;

C **Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

P You bring forth fruit in due season and establish the work of our hands;

C **Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

P Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life?

C **Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

P This is our God, the Holy One.

Come before him with thanksgiving and offer him our praise.

****CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P The Lord watches over our ways. *Ps. 1:6*
Let us put our trust in God's grace and confess our sins.

C **God, though you call us to delight in your teachings,
we can become cynical and full of doubt.
Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you.
Guard us and protect us from evil,
and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus' name. Amen.** *John 17:15, 17*

P In Christ Jesus, God has promised
to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other.
With joy, let us share that peace with one another. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" (vs. 1 & 5) ELW # 392

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

LESSON: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

PSALM 1

L ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C ²**Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

L ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C ⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C **‘For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

LESSON: 1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

from “The Message” Bible

In this reading the church hears Jesus’ words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God Loved the World”

(vs. 1, 2 & 5) ELW #323
(Alt. tune: ELW #434)

APOSTLES’ CREED

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C **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 Pilot,
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 THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

****OFFERING PRAYER**

P Jesus has made God known to us.
We already belong to God.
And so we dedicate these gifts to God's service
and to the glory of God's name.

John 17:6

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.**

****BLESSING**

P Jesus Christ has already given us
into the arms of a loving God.
Therefore go in the Spirit of peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" (vs. 1, 3-5) ELW #389

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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