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Seventh Sunday of Easter † May 13 & 16, 2021

P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

SPECIAL MUSIC *Oh, Worship the King* -Bells

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for 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 must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two,

Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us 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 added to the eleven apostles.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

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!

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

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.

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

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

⁶**For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: 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, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *For the Beauty* -Bells

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I

have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word,

and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent

me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, Love, How Deep*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

A Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need especially we remember those in our hearts and minds. Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Joyful, Joyful* -Bells

BENEDICTION

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!

POSTLUDE

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This week please hold in prayer: Karl & Oneta Wiechers, Mary Lou Zwiebel, Rick Ford, Paul Mowery, Juanita Clausen, Karen Fruth, John Castello, John Sharpe, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

Second Graders & Graduates

We will present our 2nd graders with their Bibles; and then we will recognize our high school graduates during the service next Sunday, May 23, at 9:00 am. PLEASE make every effort to be here for this!

Pentecost

Sunday, May 23, is Pentecost! Remember to wear RED on that day!!! (Thursday night worshipers could wear red on May 20!)

BIBLE STUDY: Next weeks readings are: First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21, Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15. Please join us weekly on Wednesday at 6:00 pm on Zoom. We discuss the texts for the upcoming Sunday. Some

guiding questions are: what sticks out, what are you noticing, and what is challenging you in this text. We have a lot of fun and learn some, too! We would love for you to join us! You can join host Carey Plummer and Pastor Janine Shearer a little before the hour by entering the following information on the Zoom page: Meeting #817 3901 3743 and Password: church12. No need to be a Bible scholar!! Just have your Bible handy!!

GENACROSS STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE: There were 109 stuffed animals donated to Genacross to use for their "Pet Store"! Bears, lambs, kittens, dogs, fish, birds, and tigers are some of the animals that will start being adopted by the residents of Genacross Lutheran Services. Thank you for your generous giving! Denise Etzler/Andrea Van Gilder.

JOIN US in reading the New Testament in chronological order in 2021! This week's readings are:

May 16: Luke 9	May 20: Luke 13
May 17: Luke 10	May 21: Luke 14
May 18: Luke 11	May 22: Luke 15
May 19: Luke 12	

Our Caring Corner ministry for May is highlighting the Community Pregnancy Center (CPC) Women's Health Resource. The agency offers pregnancy support, post-abortion support, parenting classes, ultrasounds, pregnancy needs, and many other services for individuals who find themselves facing an planned or unplanned pregnancy.

We encourage our congregation members to purchase items that are needed. They can be dropped off at the Caring Corner located next to the overflow area in the sanctuary. Specific items that are needed are:

Diapers (sizes 2-6)	Crib sheets	Receiving blankets
Baby wipes	Onesies	Burp cloths

As always, you have the opportunity to also give monetarily. It is easy to contribute monetarily. Simply mark the amount you would like to give on your offering envelope or insert a note if you mail your offering to Emanuel.

Offering

If you are interested, you may sign up for Simply Giving through Vanco by contacting treasurer Julie Kohout, or send your offering to Emanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 501, Napoleon, OH 43545. **Please do not send cash in the mail!**

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**PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AS YOU LEAVE CHURCH
PLEASE EXIT THE SOUTH DOORS FACING DOLLAR GENERAL
IF YOU USED THE ELEVATOR EXIT THROUGH THE ELEVATOR**

Plan of Return

We look forward to being in person for worship again soon!

Here are some reminders as we dream and move forward:

- Masks, distancing and hand hygiene are key!
- Get vaccinated when you can! If you need help registering, call the office M-Th 9-5 and we will help!
- If you have symptoms, stay home!
- Worship will be available online as well as in person.
- The HVAC has been set up and it is running continuously. When the fan is on the air is turned over frequently and goes through a filter as well as a UV light that was installed specifically to kill covid and other germs.
- Keep in mind that not everyone is vaccinated. This includes those who choose not to be vaccinated and those under age 16.
- Weddings and funerals will follow these worship guidelines.
- The Plan of Return team (Pastor Janine, Carey Plummer, Joe Kohout, Joe Knepley, Barb Hoffman, and Phyllis Kloos) will continue to meet to advise council when we move to the next phase.

PHASES

Phase 1:

Orange or April 29

- Masks required the whole service over mouth and nose
- Every other pew* used along with balcony distancing and overflow seating
- Stay home if sick
- Enter through North door or Elevator, exit through South door or elevator

Phase 2:

- Plan from Phase 1 remains
- Soloist can sing unmasked 9ft away from others
- Final hymn can be sung by masked congregation (with time for folks to leave before if uncomfortable with communal singing)
- Meetings of more than 10 people can happen- still masked and distanced

Phase 3

(we are far from this)

- Pass offering plate
- Handshakes for peace
- Coffee hour/potlucks
- Congregation sings all the hymns.
- Choirs return

When appropriate

- Doors unlocked during day
- Contact tracing list replaced by checking cameras
- Enter/Exit any door
- Soul Food- Fall start is goal

Why Now?

- We followed Bishop Daniel Beaudoin's guidance to "hold steady" in January and again in March. He invited us to dream forward in March and to connect with our Health Department. They have approved our plan.
- Anyone 16 and older who wants to be vaccinated can be, which adds an extra layer of protection.
- Henry County spread is happening mostly in small, unmasked gatherings. We are committed to masking, which keeps us safer.

*Every 3rd pew was used previously. We are shifting to every other pew. Pews are 5.5ft apart. Sit at an angle from the person in front of you to achieve 6ft distance.