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Setting Three

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!

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

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

Gathering Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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Greeting

P. Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C. And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



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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.**

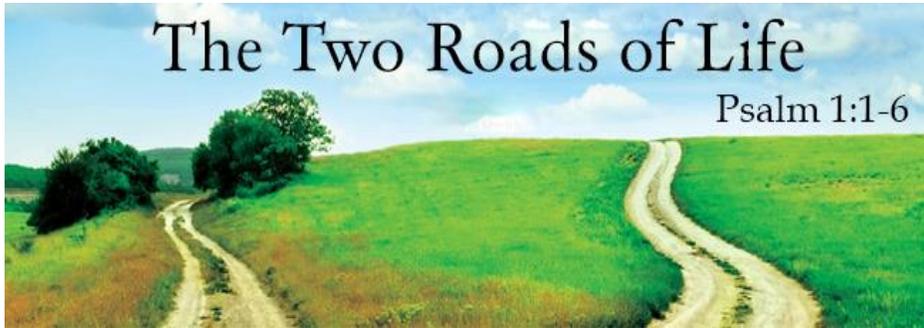
First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "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-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning 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." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

P. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.



Psalm 1

Spoken Responsively

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

**Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that ¹ do not wither; everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

**It is not so ¹ with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind ¹ blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way ¹ of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall ¹ be destroyed.**

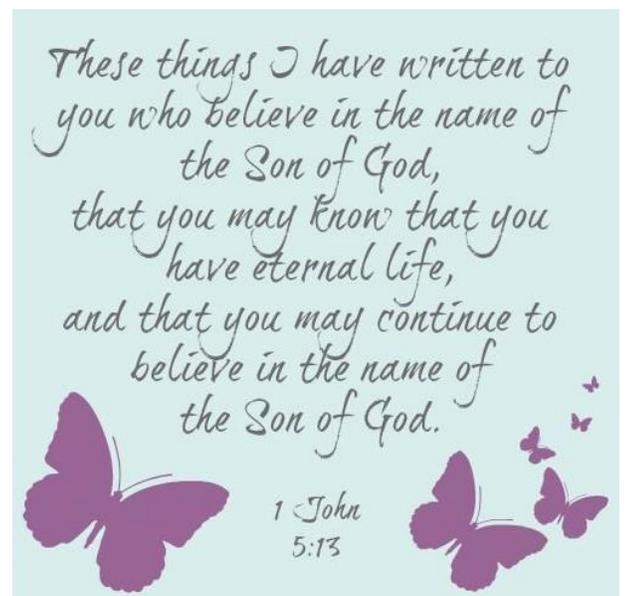
Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those 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. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I 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.

P. Word of God. Word of life.

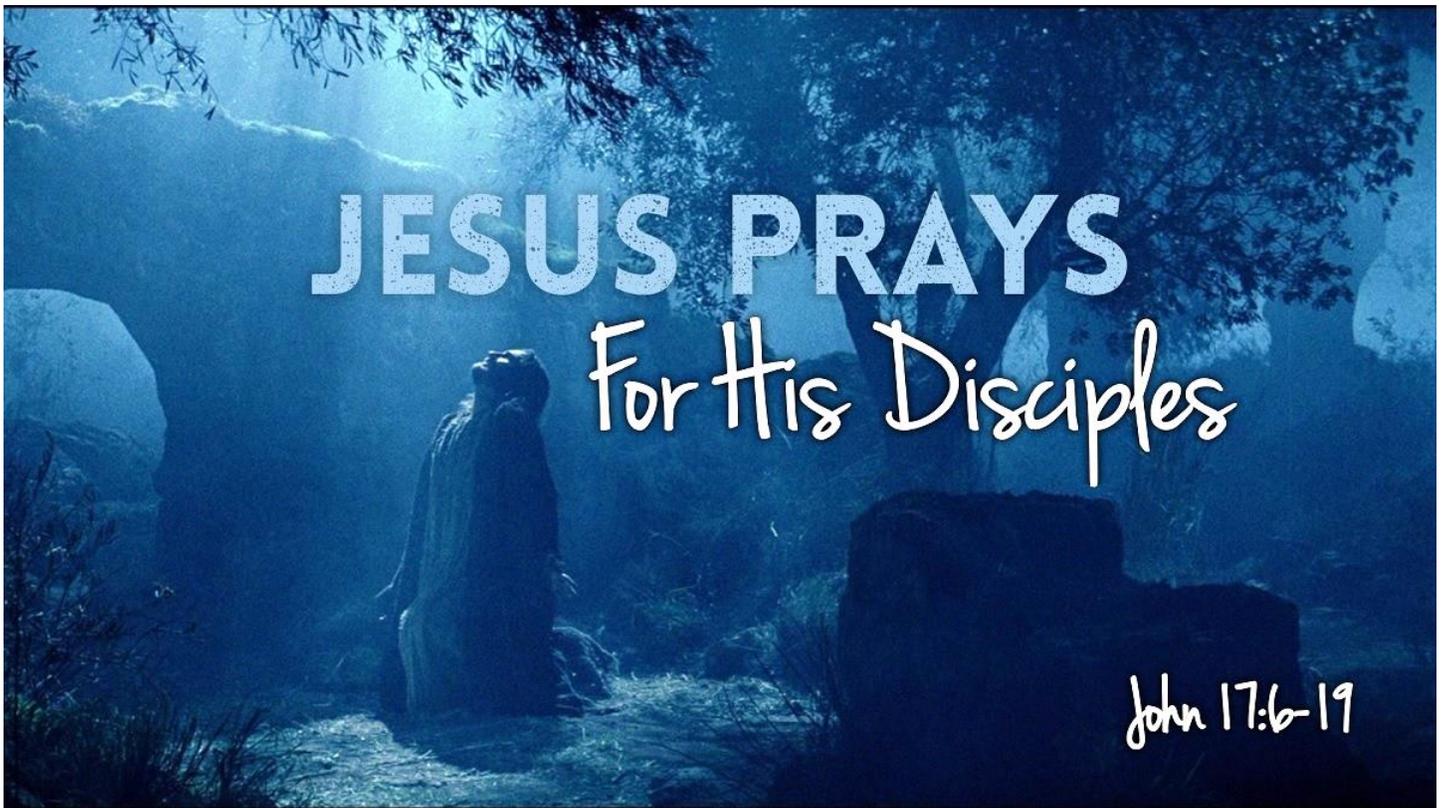
C. Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P. The holy gospel according to John, chapter seventeen.



Jesus prayed for his disciples, "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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for 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. I 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And 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. While 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. But 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. I 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. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

C. Glory to you, O God.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“The Life of the Party”

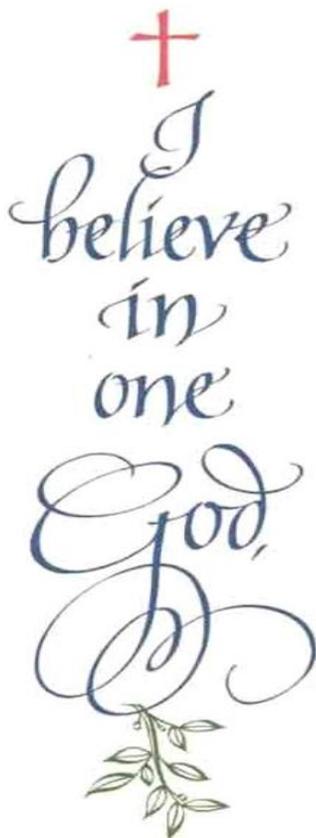
Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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Apostle's Creed



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

I believe 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, 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 of Intercession

- P. 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.



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.**

- 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.**



The Peace

- P. Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

- C. **And also with you.**

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*

Benediction

P. May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

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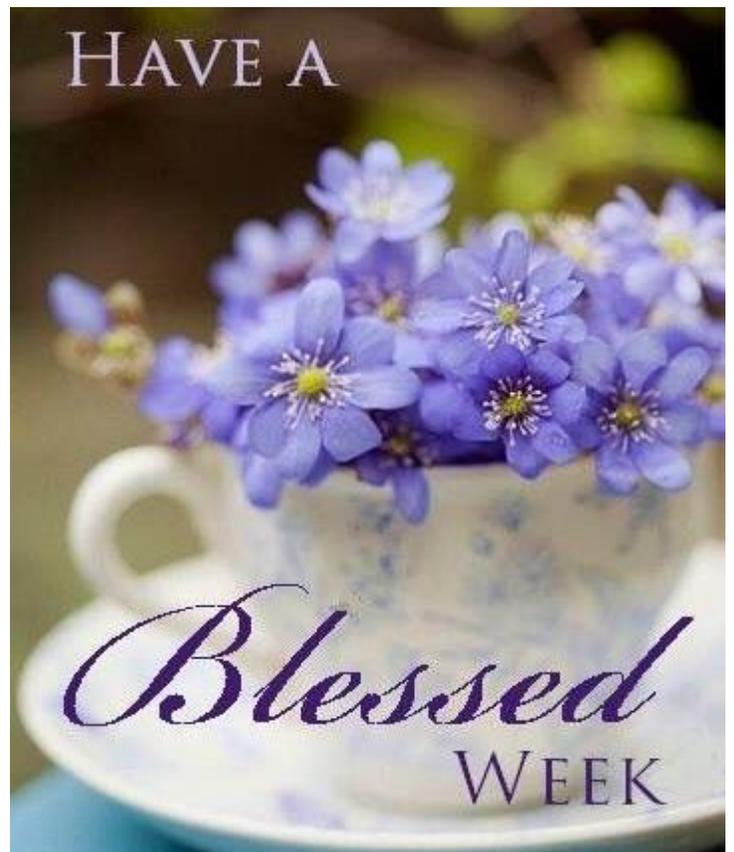
Dismissal

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.





Do you have a TREASURE in your house that is basically taking up room???? Well, do I have a GREAT opportunity for you! Back by POPULAR demand, is the Relay for Life Fundraiser!

Saturday, May 22nd from 4-6 pm (following the Shredding event from 9 am-Noon)

We will have a Reverse Raffle; tickets are \$5 each and only 75 tickets will be sold. Numbers will be drawn one at a time and eliminated until the last 2 numbers are on the board. First place is \$50, second place is \$10.

We will also have a Silent Auction! Bids will be accepted on a sheet of paper in front of each item, and you will be able to see the current highest bid. Please donate your no longer needed treasures. Interesting, varied items are encouraged. You can bring you auction items to the church beginning Wednesday afternoon, May 19th.

We will also have Barbecue sandwiches with donated BBQ from Ole Time Barbecue! Chips & a drink will be included for \$5. Donations of individually wrapped baked goods will be greatly appreciated.

The MAIN event for the Garner Relay for Life will be held at Lake Benson Park on Saturday, July 31st from 10 am to 10 pm. This is no longer an overnight event. I will still need walkers for this event to walk each hour.

And as usual, there are Luminary and Tribute Torch forms available on-line. The American Cancer Society is encouraging all team donations to be given electronically, except at the Lake Benson event when cash and checks will be freely accepted. Please let Alecia Harrison know if you need assistance securing a luminary or torch for your loved ones!

Document Shredding Day

The Men's Club will again sponsor our Annual Document Shredding Day on Saturday, May 22nd from 9 am – Noon. Once again, proceeds from this event will be used for Camp Agape Scholarships and other charitable projects as determined by the LOL Lutheran Men's Club.



Altar flowers this week are given by Sylvia Lambert in loving memory of Jack Lambert.



Candles for the month of May are also provided by Sylvia Lambert in memory of Tommy and Tessie Painter

