

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



† DIVINE SERVICE †

OPENING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

(LSB 728)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

T **WORD** T

INTROIT

Ps 100:1-5 (antiphon: 101:1)

- P I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will make music.
- C **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!**
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- P Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- C **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- P For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.
- C **Glorify be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will make music.

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READINGS Acts 1:12-26 *(The Lord chooses Matthias to become an apostle)*

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Great Is the Lord"
Andrew Wulf, Alto Sax

(Smith, arr. Pethel)

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

(We suffer as Christians)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

(Jesus prays for his people)

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

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

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

(LSB 653)

SERMON

"Jesus Prays for Our Protection"

(John 17:1-11)

Pastor Cory Rajek

APOSTLES' CREED

Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

OFFERING

We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our "Building Together in Faith" gifts.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Guard Your people, O Lord, and grant us unity of faith and singleness of heart as we come to You in prayer.

Brief silence

P Lord, You have delivered the saints from fiery trial and raised up the martyr from the darkness of death to everlasting life. Give us courage, that we may give bold witness to the truth in our own day and proclaim Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You have compassion upon all who suffer. Give grace to the sick, to those with mental illness, to the dying in their last hours and to those who grieve. Hear us especially for _____ and those we name in our hearts before You. Grant them patience in their afflictions, and deliver them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You are the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Bless those who teach, those who learn and especially those who graduate this year. Be the hope of those whose plans have been disappointed, and guide all graduates in the pursuit of Your Word and truth, that they might live honorable lives in worthy vocations, and glorify You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You have given us Your own Son as our Savior and Redeemer. He has set His table among us in the presence of our enemies, that we might be fed upon the body of Christ and drink His blood. Guard the unity of this table, that we would confess Him with one voice and receive this blessed Sacrament with one faith, and hear our prayers for all for whom gathering has been made difficult. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P These things and everything else You know that we need, grant to us, Father, for the sake of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Father, We Thank Thee"

(LSB 652)

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“WE GAVE
OUR TODAYS
IN ORDER
THAT YOU
MIGHT
HAVE YOUR
TOMORROWS.”
—•—

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 24 – THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER In Jesus’ final appearance to the eleven disciples, He tells them that they will be His witnesses, witnesses of His resurrection. Not only will they be witnesses in familiar places such as Jerusalem and Judea, but they will also be witnesses in Samaria, a foreign land where these Jewish disciples did not care to travel. And finally, the disciples will be witnesses of Jesus’ resurrection to the ends of the earth. As we remember Jesus’ ascension, we also remember the faithfulness of His disciples to be His witnesses and to go where they were sent, so that we could know the power of Jesus and His resurrection even though we are thousands of miles from Jerusalem.

Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. Luke 24:50-51

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Seventh Sunday of Easter! We are delighted to have you in worship with us.

Preaching today is Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor. Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor, is our Liturgist.

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION

Please come to church for a time of individual communion. We will allow groups of 9 (plus the pastor) at a time to receive Jesus' body and blood.

Join us on Sunday morning from 9:30-11:30AM. You may come at any point during those times. If a group is already in the sanctuary, please wait in the narthex. Also be conscious of the suggested distance (six feet) from fellow worshippers.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sun., May 17, General Fund \$11,813.74; Building Fund \$440.00; Love Fund \$110.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$925.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Bob Shoup-Blessings in Faith (Undesignated) \$1,849.00, Endowment Fund in memory of Eugene Kreitman-Generations in Faith (General Fund) \$25.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Eugene Kreitman-Blessings in Faith (Undesignated) \$135.00

Want to listen to our worship service on your phone? Call **1-888-502-3453** and follow the prompts. It will get you to the live streamed service or if we are not livestreaming it will guide you to the last service recorded. Please let everyone know of this service. For those without a computer this is a way for you to stay up on Faith's worship services.



Confirmation

Confirmation Our 8th Grade Confirmation for this year has been postponed until a later date as yet to be determined. Once things are more back to "normal" we will let you know the new date for Confirmation. Pastor Rajek has extended the time for the students to complete their essays, which are a requirement for successful completion of our Confirmation program. Please be getting those turned in to Pastor at: seniorpastor@faithluth.com.



Main Street Living **Did you know** the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

May 24, 2020

10:00 AM-This is the Life-“Love is Not Enough”- A young couple struggles mightily with the decision to marry, exploring is what truly is important.

10:30 AM-The message is presented by Rev. Matthew Nix of Christ and Trinity churches in Sioux Falls. “Jesus Prays for You” is based on John 17:9. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

May 31, 2020

10:00 AM-This is the Life-“A Different Way”- In this Fisher Family episode, Cousin Stanley visits and creates a difficult situation with a neighbor.

10:30 AM-Rev. Jordan Andreasen of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aberdeen brings the message for today. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “It was many long years before Elizabeth had the joy of seeing, in her own body, that God had not forgotten her. ‘He looked on me,’ she said. The proof was the baby growing inside her, though she was an old woman by that time. But you and I don’t need to wait so long. God has looked on us, too. The proof is the baby growing inside of Mary—God’s own dear Son Jesus, Who came to be your Savior. In Jesus, you can see that God has remembered you. He has looked on you with love—He has even made you His own child. You are not forgotten. You are beloved.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: May 24

8:20 am Worship – Livestreamed

9:30-11:30 am Communion

2:00 pm Riggs Graduation

Thurs: May 28

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Sun: May 31

8:20 am Worship - Livestreamed

Faith Lutheran Youth



The Acolyte Schedule is on hold until church services resume.

Preschool 2020-2021 pre-registration forms are in the basket on the information table in the Narthex. You may also find a form on our website. There are still a few openings in each session but if you prefer one session over another you may want to apply early. The Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday morning class is most limited.

preschool registration





We congratulate all our Riggs High and Stanley County High graduates! WELL DONE!!!