



They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
Psalm 1:3

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Youth Sunday

May 13, 2018

10:30 A.M.

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!

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four

✠ GATHERING ✠

ACCLAMATION

Bruce Tippet

Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you. Alleluia.

OPENING VOLUNTARY There Is a Spirit that Delights to Do No Evil Ned Rorem

ACCLAMATION

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives.
We give to you today:
the fear that stifles us,
the prejudice that blinds us,
the ignorance that hobbles us,
the doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will
find courage in unlikely places,
see the world with new and gracious eyes,
move to those places where love is needed,
have faith that you are with us.
This we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!
Alleluia! Amen.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 654 The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: **Amen.**

We sit.

WELCOME

✝ WORD ✝

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.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **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!

²Their 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.

⁴It 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.

⁶For the LORD knows the way [|] of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall [|] 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.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 17:6-19

The holy gospel according to Saint John.



[Jesus prayed:] “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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



We sit.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Meghan Ballard, Cassidy Cashion, and Juliette Levine

SERMON

Abbey Linnell

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 781 Children of the Heavenly Father

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each portion of the prayers conclude:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

We sit.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Can You Count The Stars?

Robert J. Powell

Can you count the stars that brightly twinkle in the midnight sky?
Can you count the clouds, so brightly o'er the meadows floating by?
God the Lord, does mark their number with His eyes that never slumber;
He has made them every one, He has made them every one.
Can you count the loving measure of a mother's heart, and mild,
Nurturing the wondrous treasure found in each and every child?
Like a mother, God enfolds us, gently, in his arms, will hold us;
And will comfort every one, and will comfort every one.
Do you know how many children rise each morning on their way?
Can you count their happy voices, singing sweetly on this day?
God hears all the happy voices, in their merry songs rejoices,
And He loves them every one, and He loves them every one.

Lobchor and Jubilate Choir

We stand.

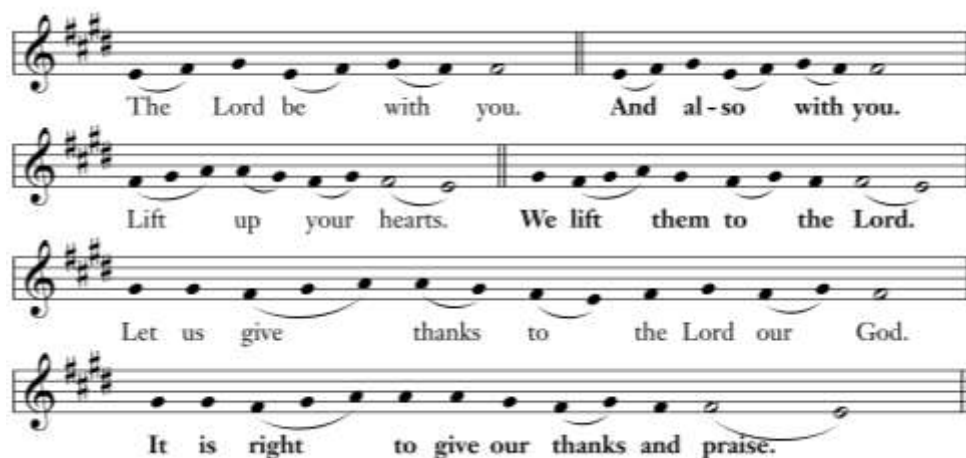
OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord and fill to the brim our cup of
bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Let us pray.

If our days do not begin and end in you, O Lord, they come to nothing.
Bless our efforts at faithfulness, even when we fall short;
Work through us to nourish your whole creation, to see your abundance;
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to meet you at the table
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

**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.**

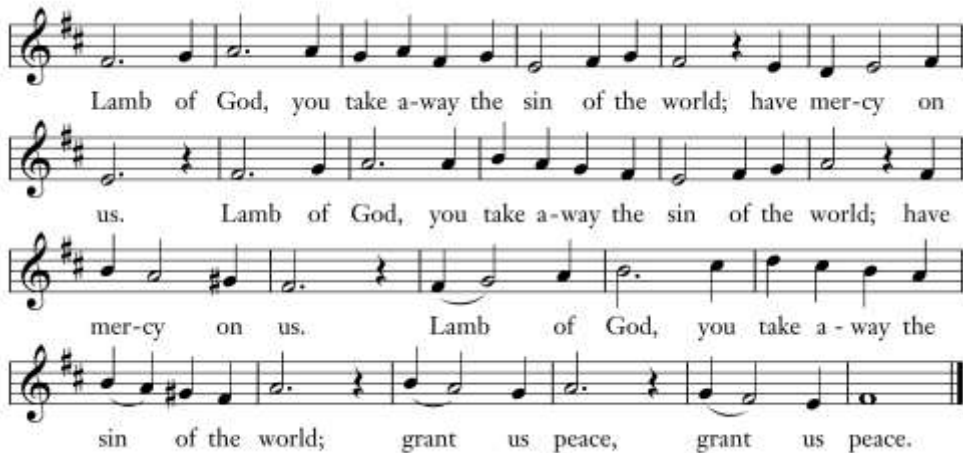
The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM How Can I Keep from Singing?

Sondra Tucker

Lobchor

HYMN 798 Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

HYMN 838 Beautiful Savior

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection,
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

✝ SENDING ✝

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Vicar: Today we celebrate with those who are taking another step in their faith and life journeys. Will the high school graduates and their parents please come forward.

In Christian love years ago, you presented these children for Holy Baptism. In Baptism, sacred promises were made. As parents of these young women and men, it was part of your calling to see that those sacred promises were kept:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
to bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
to teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
to place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and to nurture them in faith and prayer.

Parents, at your child's confirmation we acknowledged that these promises had been fulfilled, but your children were still your children. Today we celebrate another milestone. As these young people prepare to go off to college, the workplace, or wherever their life journey takes them, we remember that they are still your children. We now ask you and the congregation to covenant with these young men and women for the ongoing support of their faith journeys. Do you intend to routinely lift your children up in prayer?

Parents: I do, and I ask God to help me.

Vicar: Congregation, will you support, encourage, and pray for these young men and women and their parents?

Congregation: We will, with God's help.

Pastor: Graduates, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Graduates: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

PRESENTATION OF QUILTS

Vicar: Graduates, there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and they wrapped you in a blanket to keep you safe and warm and comforted. Very soon you will be launching a new life, away from the safety and security of this home, family, church, and community. As you go out into the world, may this quilt be a reminder of your parents' love and the nurture of this Christian community.

(Parents stand with your backs to the altar and with your son/daughter facing you. Wrap the quilt around your son's/daughter's shoulders, leaving your hands on their shoulders while the group repeats the blessing, following the pastor's prompts.)

Parents repeat after Pastor:

We come this day before God to bless you and thank God for your life. You have given my life a deeper meaning and calling. Through you, I have experienced God's love, joy, and forgiveness. Wherever you go, whatever you do, my love goes with you; you will always be part of my heart. May this quilt remind you of the warmth of my love, the care of this faith community, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. And on those nights when we cannot be together, wrap yourself in this quilt and know that in God's family you are never alone.

Graduates repeat after Vicar:

You have given of your heart and of your home. You have loved and cared for me, even when it was difficult. Today, I honor and thank you for your courage, patience, wisdom, and love. Wherever I go and whatever I do, I will always be your child, blessed by your love. I thank God for blessing my life with you.

Vicar: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Wherever you wander, no matter how dark the night, may the warmth of this quilt, the love of your parents, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the prayers of this church, the power of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Go with God's blessings.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you;
may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you;
may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN 543 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up and sent for the sake of the world.

Go in peace. Be bold in telling the Story.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Prelude in B-flat Major

J.S. Bach

Soli Deo Gloria

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Jubilate Choir

Lay Readers

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Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters

Zane Johnson and Ian Wharton

Oblation Bearers

TBD and TBD

Assisting Minister

Julia Grossnickle

Preaching

Abbey Linnell

Presiding

Pastor Wollner

Providing Service Next Sunday (Single service)

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Ray Bostian, Melanie Denny,

Rusty Frazier and Scott Hanes

Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters

Colette Griffin

Sunday Morning Fellowship

TBD

Oblation Bearers

TBD

Assisting Ministers

Jami Cuka

Preaching & Preaching

Pastor Wollner

AUGSBURG BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

“O. M. Genesis” Study: Pastor Paul’s Bible Study meets Mondays at 10:45 A.M. in the Sid Sowers Classroom.

Continue in My Word is an Adult Weekly Bible Study held Monday evenings at 6:00 P.M. in the Youth Area. We are studying Hebrews. Bring your Bible.

7:18 Youth Bible Study meets Wednesday evenings at various locations.

Announcements

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory and in thanksgiving for the life of David Nolting by Margee Nolting and family.

Our Homebound Member is Mrs. Marylynn Sloop, 116 North Harbor Watch Drive, Statesville, NC 28677. Please send Marylynn a note.

Summer Choir begins June 3 and is open to all Augsburg Disciples of all ages. If you would like to sing with the choirs for the summer, please plan on attending rehearsals on Thursday, May 31 (6:15 P.M. and on June 7, 13, 21, 27 (alternating Thursdays/Wednesdays) at 6:30 P.M. The Summer Choir will sing an anthem and lead congregational song at each service through all of June and July. It is **not** required to sing every Sunday through the summer. Please contact Cantor Olsen for more details (cantor.ole@gmail.com).

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips disciples to provide confidential, one-to-one emotional and spiritual care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. If you—or someone you know—could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please talk with one of our Pastors or Stephen Leaders.

Teacher Appreciation Sunday: Sunday School is a vital part of our faith community at Augsburg. It is critical as faith formation for our children and as a way to nourish and enhance our faith journeys as adults. We are blessed by a remarkably gifted and devoted group of teachers at Augsburg who lead our SundaySchool classes. Please thank the following teachers for their witness and their service:

- **Sunday School Teachers 2017-18 – Children**
 - 2 & 3 year olds: Bobbie Cashion and Debbie Byorick
 - Pre-K & Kindergarten: Cathy Revis, Sue Anne Gillespie, Anne Kiger
 - First & Second Grades: Natalie Brown, Jen Seeba
 - Third & Fourth Grades: Edith Eubanks, Dave Valliere
 - Fifth-Eighth Grades: Julie Hanes, Susan Peatross
 - High School: Dave Grossnickle, Eric Blanks, Bruce Griffin
 - Subs: Kristen Zeller, Kyle Voigt, Leigh Anne Walkush
- **George Barkley Class:** Jay Wise, Dan Comer, Lucille Horn, Dan Traylor, Bob Deaton
- **Sid Sowers:** Ruth Kookan, Keith Kookan
- **Covenant:** Jack Strandhoy, Don Eppert, Keith Vaughn, Kitty Walker, Martha Claire Henzler, Carol Thornton, Linda Martin
- **Discovery:** Mary Jo Whitley, Stan Whitley, Blaine Brickhouse, Peggy Carter Sturgis, Tim Sellner
- **Kairos/New Horizons:** Kevin Kookan
- **Growing In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.):** Kara Richardson

Readings for next week: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 18:26-27; 16:4b-15

Worship attendance for services last week: 107 at 8:30; **160** at 11:00; **11** visitors.

Calendar for May 13-May 20

13 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Youth Sunday

9:00a Pancake Breakfast
(Family Life Center)
10:30a Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)

14 Monday

10:45a Pastor Wollner Bible Study
(Sid Sowers Classroom)
6:00p Continue in My Word
(Youth Room)
6:00p Adult Handbell Choir
(Handbell Room)

16 Wednesday

6:30a Bagels
7:15p Adult Choir II
(Choir Rehearsal Room)
7:18p Youth Bible Study
(Various locations)

17 Thursday

10:00a Quilt Ministry
(Youth Area)
6:15p Adult Choir I
(Choir Rehearsal Room)
7:00p Israel Information Meeting
(Covenant Classroom)

19 Saturday

6:00p Confirmation Banquet
(Family Life Center)

20 Day of Pentecost

10:30a Festival Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)

Wine and Word is back! Wine and Word 2018 will be held on Wednesdays, May 23; June 20, July 11 and August 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Child care will be provided. Our guest speaker for May 23 is Pastor Mary Finkles, an ELCA Pastor in South Carolina, discussing *Faith Care for Our Great Big Earth*.

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