

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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IN OUR PRAYERS we remember: Marcia Neelly and Beverly Baker

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 537 Blue 35 (Gray 64) 660

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

TODAY 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting

May 29 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

May 29 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

May 29 9:00 a.m. Christian Growth

May 31 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Class

May 31 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

June 1 Noon Bible Study Class

June 1 4:30 p.m. Ladies Aid at English

June 4 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

June 9 -13 8:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our Gospel reading ends with these words, "And they were in the temple continually blessing God." Jesus had just ascended into heaven, but the disciples worshiped God with joy. It reminds me of our hymn of the day, *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*. This hymn reminds us that Jesus belongs to us and we to him through faith. Though we do not see him, he sends us "echoes of mercy, whispers of love" from heaven above. While we wait for his return, we experience rest and happiness, being "lost in his love." So we worship God with the first disciples, "This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long."

A WORD: Today is Ascension Sunday. Between his resurrection and ascension, Jesus spent forty days appearing to his disciples to give them proof that he was alive and teaching them about the kingdom of God. The Gospel reading shows us the content of his teaching, his death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins, and the proclamation of the Gospel to all nations. The reading from Acts recounts the ascension and relays to us Jesus' command that we would be his witnesses.

In the reading from Ephesians, Paul describes to us the work of the Holy Spirit whom Jesus promised to send to us. The Spirit makes us wise for salvation and gives us the knowledge of God the Father. He reveals to us the hope of salvation and the reality that Christ rules all things with the power of God. The Spirit empowers the church to carry out the mission of Christ.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 11:1-9 Acts 2:1-21
John 14:23-31

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Jesus' High Priestly Prayer is a prayer that reveals His heart to show us the love of the Father even in the face of His impending betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion. He is doing all things, not out of His need, but out of His love in order to fulfill our needs. Thus, in His cross, Christ reveals the Father's love for the world in sending Him, "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

SERVICE TEAMS: One of my goals over the summer is to meet with every service team at Peace to learn what it is they do, why it is valuable, and how we can encourage more people to offer service to God in the church. I have scheduled an initial meeting to follow the service on June 12. I would like at least one member of every service team to plan on attending, ushers, altar guild, choir, Sunday School teachers, etc. Thanks! – Pastor Alex

OUTDOOR GAMES: We are gearing up for VBS next week (June 6-10), but we still need some outdoor games for the kids, such as sidewalk chalk, bubbles, kickballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, etc. (no bats or baseballs please). If you have any old items that you would like to donate for the duration of VBS, we would appreciate it. Let's make this year another great VBS for the kids.

CONFIRMATION: As announced at the last voter's meeting, I am rethinking how to do confirmation. But this task is simply too big, too important, and too meaningful in the life of the church for me to do it alone. Therefore, I am asking everyone at Peace to get involved. We will have three forums over the summer to discuss the purpose of confirmation and how to do it better. We will meet after church today May 29, June 12, and July 10. If you are a leader in the church, a parent of a confirmation age child, or passionate about forming faith in the next generation, you are invited and encouraged to come. **Pastor Alex**

ALTAR COMMITTEES: Altar Committee for June at Peace is Viola McKenney and Michelle Stewart and at English it is Wanda Wulf.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect dish soap, hand soap, detergent, fabric softener, etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 2: Kevin Stueven, Dennis Reuvers, LeRoy Fick, Terry Dieren, Walt Dibbern, Scott Schneidermann **Next Sunday is Team 3:** Paul Davis, Lowell Drenth, Paul Sindt, Warren Arends, Jerry Baatz, Eugene Johnson

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 537: BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5

God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”
The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
Glory 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.
God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.
C Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1–11

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15–23

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 24:44–53

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blue Hymnal 35; Gray Hymnal 64

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and \dagger give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN 660: STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

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