

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE

The Seventh Sunday Of Easter – May 24, 2020

HYMN “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me” LSB 756

After a brief organ introduction, please sing along or listen to this hymn of great hope and comfort!



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight
3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, And I will
4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, For I am
5 Now in Christ, death can - not slay me, Though it might,



With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.
May be great, They will not de - feat me.
Trust Him still When He sends me sad - ness.
His dear lamb, He, my Shep - herd ev - er.
Day and night, Trou - ble and dis - may me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son
God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows
God is good; His love at - tends me Day by day,
I am His be - cause He gave me His own blood
Christ has made my death a por - tal From the strife



For me won When His life was giv - en?
All my woes Knows how best to end them.
Come what may, Guides me and de - fends me.
For my good, By His death to save me.
Of this life To His joy im - mor - tal!

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WELCOME / INVOCATION - OPENING PRAYER

OPENING PSALM: 92:1-9

P It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
C to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

P to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
C and your faithfulness by night,

P to the music of the lute and the harp,
C to the melody of the lyre.

P For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
C at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

P How great are your works, O LORD!
C Your thoughts are very deep!

P The stupid man cannot know;
C the fool cannot understand this:

P that though the wicked sprout like grass
C and all evildoers flourish,

P they are doomed to destruction forever;
C but you, O LORD, are on high forever.

P For behold, your enemies, O LORD,
**C for behold, your enemies shall perish;
all evildoers shall be scattered.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and

just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us confess our sin to our Lord and Savior:

C Almighty God, our creator and Savior, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, we have sinned against you by our thought, word, and action. Therefore, we beg you to be merciful and grant us forgiveness of our sin through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

PSALM OF PRAISE: 150

P Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

C praise him in his mighty heavens!

P Praise him for his mighty deeds;

C praise him according to his excellent greatness!

P Praise him with trumpet sound;

C praise him with lute and harp!

P Praise him with tambourine and dance;

C praise him with strings and pipe!

P Praise him with sounding cymbals;

C praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

P Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

C Praise the LORD!

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.

THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:12–26 (ESV)

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong

he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

““May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

““Let another take his office.’

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 men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.”²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show 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 numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM: 68:1–10

P God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

C and those who hate him shall flee before him!

P As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;

**C as wax melts before fire,
so the wicked shall perish before God!**

P But the righteous shall be glad;

C they shall exult before God;

they shall be jubilant with joy!

P Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

C lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

P his name is the LORD;

C exult before him!

P Father of the fatherless and protector of widows

C is God in his holy habitation.

P God settles the solitary in a home;

**C he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

P O God, when you went out before your people,

C when you marched through the wilderness,

P the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,

**C before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.**

P Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;

C you restored your inheritance as it languished;

P your flock found a dwelling in it;

C in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11 (ESV)

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if

anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:1–11 (ESV)

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your

own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Lord.

MESSAGE

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“A Reality Check On Discipleship”

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE 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 † everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

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.

CLOSING PSALM: 92:10-15

P But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;
C you have poured over me fresh oil.

P My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
C my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

P The righteous flourish like the palm tree
C and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

P They are planted in the house of the LORD;
C they flourish in the courts of our God.

P They still bear fruit in old age;
C they are ever full of sap and green,

P to declare that the LORD is upright;
C he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

BENEDICAMUS

A Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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 give you peace.
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "I Walk in Danger All the Way" LSB 716

All music is prerecorded. To God Be the Glory!

Use this time of music to meditate on the Word and the Message of the Day.