

***Jesus Prays for Us.***

**7th Sunday of Easter**

**May 17th, 2015**

**Service of the Word and Prayer**

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*Congregation reads* ***bold print*** *\*Please stand*

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING REFLECTION**

**Ascension Day was May 14th. We don’t celebrate it the way we should. I wonder if we don’t appreciate it as we should. It is part of the mission of Jesus in his becoming the Incarnate Word of God. God came to be with us, live with us, suffer and die for us…for the forgiveness, and rise for our justification. But it doesn’t end there at the tomb. Jesus shows up in Galilee and 40 days later leads his disciples to a high mountain top where he ascends back to the Father. The ascension completes Jesus mission. From there he sends the Holy Spirit on Pentecost [which we will celebrate next Sunday along with a baptism]. Yes, Jesus’ ascension is essential. Isaiah 55:11declares it: “*So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.”* **Lord, as Jesus the Word made flesh was sent for a purpose, send me as well. Amen.**

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW p. 211**

**\*GATHERING HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign*  ELW #434**

**\*** **KYRIE ELW p. 213**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** L: Gracious and glorious Lord,

**C: 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**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (NRSV)**

15In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, 16“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— 17for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” 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 must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” 23So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us 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 added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** *The psalms begin on page 338 in the front part of the hymnal* **PSALM 1 (*Assembly reads the indented lines)***

**SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13 (NRSV)**

9If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. 10Those 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. 11And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13I 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* **ELW # 512**

\***GOSPEL: John 17:6-19 C: Glory to you O Lord.**

6“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. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for 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. 9I 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. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And 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. 12While 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. 13But 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. 14I 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. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.16They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON *Sunday School Recognition*

SERMON

\* **HYMN OF THE DAY**  *You Servants of God* **ELW #825**

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED** *(salmon sheet on the back cover of the hymnal)*

**PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart***ELW# 188**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** L: Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

\***SHARING THE PEACE** L: The peace of Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER** *Sung Bottom of salmon sheet in back cover of hymnal*

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING** God strengthen with the power of the Holy Spirit as he sends you out in Christ. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: *Three-Fold Amen.***

**\*SENDING HYMN** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* **ELW #579**

**BELL SENDING** L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God! POSTLUDE +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++**Reprinted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, copyright © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license #SB107041

*If God is not sending earthquakes, destroying economies and inflicting pain upon human beings, what is God doing? God works through people, calling them to help their neighbors in need. God comforts His people, walking with them even 'through the valley*

*of the shadow of death.'*  **~Adam Hamilton**

**Readings for next Sunday:** Ezek 37:1-14; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Phil 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Prayer requests *We remember in our prayers…all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:* ***Bea Behrens, Vi Benoy, Agnes Carlson, Lisa******Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Danny Lang, and Darrell & Janice Buhmann, Jeff & LeAnn Maloney Family,.*** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY:** Today is the Last Day of Sunday School, We are also Recognizing our S/S Teachers and helpers-Courtney Zaharia, Kelle Goeringer, Connie Selnes, Hailey Olson,

Lisa Krumwiede, Julie Brudelie, Nikki Smith, Laurie Willie, Beth Kotewa, Teresa Zaharia and Barb Mager.

**The Sunday school will be giving their money donations for the year to the Humane Society. Feel free to bring extra items to share—cat & dog food, cat litter, blankets, pillows, or anything else you can add!**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY MAY 18**-Last day to submit news items to the Messenger!

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13-**Choir Practice at 6 pm

**SUNDAY, MAY 24-DAY OF PENTECOST**

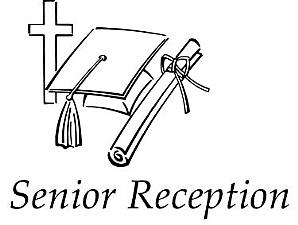
9 AM Worship-Patriotic Sunday

*Reader: LeAnn Maloney, Acolyte: TBA*

*Ushers: \*Gary Meyer, Mike Wiederhoeft, Darrell Buhmann and Dennis Rode*

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MAY 31***-*

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION AND RECEPTION.** Join us to congratulate the 2015 graduation seniors, Ciera Drevlow and MiKayla Carlson. There will be a presentation of quilts from the WELCA Ladies during the service and then we will be serving punch and cake afterwards in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our seniors!



An Open House Reception for Ciera Drevlow will be immediately following Commencement on June 5th at her home: 406 E 1st St. N. Truman, MN

Graduation Open House in honor of MiKayla Carlson will be held on June 6th from 11-2 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Truman.



Truman Blood Drive at the Truman Community Center on Monday, June 8th from 1:00-7:00 pm.

To schedule your appointment call Yvonne at 507-776-8555 Or online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), enter sponsor code: TRUMANMN