

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## JUNE 1, 2025

*RINGING OF THE BELLS AND PRAYER OF  
PREPARATION (INSIDE FRONT COVER OF  
HYMNAL)*

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!

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***(The sign of the cross may be made by all in  
remembrance of their Baptism.)***

- 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.**

*556 DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE*

sts. 2–4

2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;  
Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell;  
My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.

3 My own good works all came to naught,  
No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought,  
Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.

4 But God had seen my wretched state  
Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great,  
He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart;  
He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.

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**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.**

*556 DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE*

sts. 5–8

5 God said to His beloved Son:  
“It’s time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
And bring to all salvation.

From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever.”

6 The Son obeyed His Father’s will,  
Was born of virgin mother;  
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow’r disguised He bore;  
A servant’s form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.

7 To me He said: “Stay close to Me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be;  
For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.

8 “Though he will shed My precious blood,  
Me of My life bereaving,

All this I suffer for your good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

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## *SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**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.

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Acts, chapter 16.

<sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

<sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by

Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*EPISTLE*

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

**A** The Epistle is from Revelation, chapter 21.

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup>on the east



three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

<sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

<sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*HOLY GOSPEL*

John 16:23–33

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

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said: “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the

world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*556 DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE*

sts. 9–10

9 “Now to My Father I depart,  
From earth to heav’n ascending,

And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,  
The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you  
And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.

10 “What I on earth have done and taught  
Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy  
The heav'nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you.”

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## *SERMON*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all  
understanding, keep your hearts and minds in  
Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERTORY

LSB 192

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**C** Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### PREFACE

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You,

holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His  
resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples  
and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He  
might make us partakers of His divine life.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all  
the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your  
glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## *SANCTUS*

LSB 195

**☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that  
cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## *LORD'S PRAYER*

LSB 196

**☩ 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.

**C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and  
the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was  
betrayed, took bread, and when He had given  
thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and  
said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given  
for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after  
supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it  
to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is  
the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed  
for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as  
often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*474 ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN*

1 Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb,

Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way,  
Christ in the center

Telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread,

Giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.  
Refrain



3 Jesus the vine,  
We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
“O grave, be open!”  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5 City of God,  
Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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649 *BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS*

- 1     Blest be the tie that binds  
        Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
        Is like to that above.
  
- 2     Before our Father's throne  
        We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
        Our comforts and our cares.
  
- 3     We share our mutual woes,  
        Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
        The sympathizing tear.
  
- 4     When here our pathways part,  
        We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,  
        We hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

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## *NUNC DIMITTIS*

LSB 199

**☐ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in  
peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which  
Thou hast prepared before the face of all  
people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of  
Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to  
the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## *BENEDICTION*

LSB 202

**☐ 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 ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### *492 ON CHRIST'S ASCENSION I NOW BUILD*

- 1 On Christ's ascension I now build  
The hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled  
All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there as well  
I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.
- 2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne,  
Great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart will rest in Him alone,  
No other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before,

There all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.

3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,  
Recalling Your ascension,  
That I may serve You faithfully  
In thanks for my redemption;  
And then, when all my days will cease,  
Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading.

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