

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ELW - *Service of the Word*
10:30 AM May 21, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Too often, Lord God,

**All: we are hesitant in our proclamation;
seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith.**

Leader: Too often, Lord God,


**All: we are half-hearted in our service;
reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism.**

Leader: Too often, Lord God,

**All: we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources;
relying on our perceived skills and modest insights.**

Leader: Too often, Lord God,

**All: we look to the clouds for our inspiration,
in the vain hope of finding you there.
Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith
and open wide our hearts and minds to the immanent presence
of our Risen, Living and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of  Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

(by Rev. Malcolm Macdougall - adapted from the original)

GATHERING SONG: "Beautiful Saviour" #838

GREETING, p. 213

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

PSALM 47

Leader: ¹Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.

All: ²For the LORD Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,

Leader: ³who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;

All: ⁴who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.

Leader: ⁵God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

All: ⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

Leader: ⁷For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.

All: ⁸God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.

Leader: ⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.

All: The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia", p. 171

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "I Come With Joy" #482

NICENE CREED, p. 104

**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 THE PEOPLE: "Hear us, O God – fill us with your love"

SHARING THE PEACE, p. 217

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

HYMN: "The Peace of the Lord"

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD, p. 220

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 221

SENDING

BLESSING

As you go from this place, remember this:
God holds our world and our lives securely.

So do not be afraid,

but go from here with confidence,
knowing that the God who goes with you
is greater and more powerful
than anything else you will face this week.

~ Christine Longhurst

SENDING SONG: "Go to the World"

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Thank you to our lector Bonnie Moser, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud, ushers Edith & Lorne Carlson, and technical support Greg Fowlie-Neufeld for assisting in worship today. Special thanks to Rev. Alexa Wallace for leading the service.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 38

Please place your offerings in the plate at the back of the church.

First Reading – Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹**IN THE FIRST BOOK, THEOPHILUS, I WROTE ABOUT ALL THAT JESUS DID** and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵**I HAVE HEARD OF YOUR FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS** and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel – Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be

fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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Our Parish Calendar

Tuesday	7:00 am	Spiritual Growth Group (Zoom)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men’s Book Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Worship & Holy Communion, Confirmation

We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ’s unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

*Thank you for sharing in worship today.
May God’s abundant grace be a blessing to you,
a source of strength and hope.*

**Offering & Income for May to date: \$14,353
May expenses to date: \$11,833**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 21, 10:30 AM**



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