

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Thank you to Nancy Curtis for leading our music this morning, John & Diana West for worship team duties, Jane Haugen for altar care.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

ELW #855

GREETING

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

KYRIE

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Pamphlet

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise: amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire

family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 97

¹ The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

² **Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

³ Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

⁴ **Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶ **The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰ **You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints
and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

¹² **Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

The holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prayed: ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Melissa Johansen

HYMN OF THE DAY *One Bread, One Body*

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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 INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church
open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for
cooperation between denominations and congregations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart especially Lynnette, Bea, Randy & Linda, Mike & Vicky, Carol, Holly, Anita, Rick, and Randy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people as they hear your word through various summer camps and Christikon. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died (*especially Justin, martyr*), we look toward your coming again among us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING SONG *As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW #465

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God;
everything is filled with your glory.

We give you thanks for your promise and presence
which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation.

Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary,
who in word and deed announced your gentle rule
of justice, reconciliation, and peace.

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;
broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his command to love one another,
his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension,
we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.
Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive
that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather our prayers with those
of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful
who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer
of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is
yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Johann Nageli

AFTER COMMUNION SONG

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

Pamphlet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of
your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and
weary world.**

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

SENDING LITANY

based on ALC's Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles

We have gathered in joy, and now we are sent to embrace the world with God's love.

We ask God to help us continue to

gather to be empowered by the Spirit for life's journey.

Compel us to

seek God's will through prayer, scripture study, and faith sharing.

Give us courage to

reach out and welcome all people with unconditional love.

Inspire us to

live with a generous spirit in our community and world.

Help us

serve our hurting world with love and compassion. Amen.

SENDING SONG

Bind Us Together

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POSTLUDE

Bind Us Together

Bob Gilman

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Announcements June 1, 2025

Thank you to Nancy Curtis for leading our music this morning, John & Diana West for worship team duties, Jane Haugen for altar care.

To Remember in our prayers: Lynnette Evanson, Bea Huber, Randy & Linda Holland, Mike & Vicky Ryles, Carol Fagerli, Holly Happe, Anita Bueling, Rick Dyer and Randy Mogen.

Online giving: To make a gift to the ministry of American Lutheran Church, check out the GIVE tab on our website using the QR code at the beginning of the bulletin or click on this QR code.



Donation envelopes are available in the hallway.

UPCOMING AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday	June 1, 9a Worship, 10a Special Congregation Meeting
Wednesday	June 4, 9:30a Bible Study
Sunday	June 8, 9a Worship, 10a Coffee



Special Congregation Meeting: Today we will discuss and vote on sharing our space with Living Hope.

A Congregation Picnic is planned in conjunction with the Dough For Daily Bread fundraiser that is here in Livingston on **July 12**. Join us for the fundraiser—see the insert for more details—or the picnic or both! To guarantee you receive a T-shirt on the day of the event, register no later than June 28!

June benevolence will go to **Livingston Food Resource Center** in collaboration with Farm to School of Park County and the Livingston School District. The Summer Lunch program provides nutritious lunch for all Livingston school-age children in need. Many of the children served receive free and reduced meals during the school year but face food insufficiency during the summer when the school meals are not available. The service is provided Monday through Friday, June through August, at multiple sites throughout Livingston. The LFRC manages Sacajawea Park, and Green Acres Park, serving an average of 350 meals per week.

Check out the
Announcements
on the website for more
announcements and further
details on any of these events!

Worship Teams

June 8	Dennis & Billie Kaye Harms
June 15	Billie Roberts, Anna Smith, & Karla Pettit
June 22	Gary & Annette Hart, Myrna Dehn
June 29	Verne & Leslie Beffert
July 6	Dennis & Kitty Springer

Readings for Sunday, June 8, Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 *Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds*

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b *Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)*

Romans 8:14-17 *The Spirit makes us children of God*

John 14:8-17, 25-27 *The Father will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth*