

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

Pastor John Stiles ~ Reader: Elaine G



PRELUDE *Spirit Alive*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious and glorious God, 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.

GATHERING HYMN: *'Waymaker'*

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SPECIAL MUSIC: *Sunday School Children*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "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— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning 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." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: *Psalm 1*

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING: *1 John 5:9-13*

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

The word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: *'God, Whose Almighty Word'*

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GOSPEL READING *John 17:6-19* ~ **Glory to you O Lord.**

"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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for 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. I 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And 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. While 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. But 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. I 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. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Gospel of the Lord. ~ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE: *Pastor John Stiles*

OFFERING with SPECIAL MUSIC: *'Let's Just Praise the Lord'*

Ladies Trio

OFFERING PRAYER: Merciful father...

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our selves, our time and our possessions: signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of the One who offered himself for us: Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Response: God of grace, **Hear our prayer**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *'Lead On, O King Eternal'*

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

THIS WEEK AT ORLC

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Sunday (12th)

8am Prayer

9am Worship

9:15am Sunday School (Last session)

10am Coffee Hour

10am Adult Bible Study

Monday

9am Quilting

5:30pm APFY Meeting

7:30pm AA

Tuesday

6:30pm Healing Prayer Team

Wednesday

6:30am Men's Breakfast

No Youth Programming

Thursday

8am Sonrisers

1pm Grief Group

1:30pm Hope Circle

5pm Funeral Service: Kay Kleidon

Saturday

4pm: Pine City Makers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR: Join us in the fellowship hall after service for coffee, treats and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

CHURCH POLLINATOR GARDEN: Join us in the afternoon on Wednesday, March 15th to help us revive our Church Pollinator Garden. All are welcome!

SENIOR APPRECIATION: Sunday, May 19th - Join us as we wish our graduating seniors many blessings for their future endeavors.

YOUTH PIZZA FUNDRAISER: Sign-up for delicious pizzas from Kettle River Pizza available in the narthex till May 15th. All proceeds to help our youth going to the 2024 Summer Trip to Memphis and New Orleans. Checks made out to ORLC. Thank you for your support!

ALTAR GUILD: Meeting date change: now Sunday May 19th. The altar guild is looking for new members. Please consider joining us for a meeting after Church on the 19th to learn more about the duties of the group.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Penny & Fritz Hudlow

RADIO SPONSOR: Lynn & Gary Drewa

(Tune in by turning your radio dial to Anthem Country 106.5FM or WCMP 1350AM)

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG: Collection drop off: 3 white collection boxes around the Church. Inside: Sanctuary doors and in the hallway outside the kitchen. Outside: Backdoor.

GREEN TIP: May 12

As we hear the story of the Ascension this week, we think of Jesus going skyward. What do humans send skyward that are harmful to the environment? Balloons, for one. Every balloon released into the air deflates and comes down eventually, and then is often mistaken for food by fish, birds, farm animals, and even pets, leading to harm or even death. Vow to say “no” to giving balloons as gifts or a party decorations.

PRAYER TEAM: May 12

Prayer Team’s Life-giving prayer focus: Praying is something we know we should be doing as Christians. However, at times we find it hard to pray effectively. The Healing Prayer Team is extending an invitation for you to join us in prayer using the following prayer from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.

Triune God, whose will it is that humans live in community, bless family life everywhere and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer. Strengthen the commitment of husbands and wives to one another, that they may mirror your covenant faithfulness; pour out your Spirit on parents, that through them their children may taste your unconditional love; and empower all family members to live in your grace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ORLC PRAYER LIST: *Prayer is powerful & a way to support those seeking comfort and guidance. The list below are those who need your prayers.*

TO PRAY FOR:

Eleanor F, Norman S, Howard M, Kathryn J, Kathy J, Gail M, Jon R, Jeneice C, John A, Kiley (son-in-law of Pat H), Bill M (son of Ron & Donna P)

Always keep in prayer--- our military, first responders, front line workers, for all who work for peace and justice on behalf of ‘the least of these’ and for all those we hold in prayer in the quiet of our hearts.