

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Four

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #493: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*A moment of silent reflection*

Absolution

*[John 20:19-23]*

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

*Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: vv. 7a, 8b, 9a*

L: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

C: **Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not Your face from me. Alleluia.**

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: Teach me Your way, O LORD;

C: **give me not up to the will of my adversaries;**

L: for false witnesses have risen against me,

C: **and they breathe out violence.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

C: **Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not Your face from me. Alleluia.**



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**To God on high be glory; And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven; Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: 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.**

## Old Testament: Ezekiel 36:22-28 (ESV)

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate My holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My just decrees. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be My people, and I will be your God."

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle: 1 Peter 4:7-14 (ESV)

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Holy Gospel: John 15:26–16:4 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor Me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Apostles' Creed

### Hymn #728: How Firm a Foundation

### Sermon

*10:45—Children ages 4-12 are invited to the Fellowship Hall for an age-appropriate message*

### Offertory (sung)

*Psalm 51:10-12*

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

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

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

### Offering from God's People

### Stewardship Prayer

**Heavenly Father, through the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ You have given us the promise of eternal life! Fill our hearts and minds with the knowledge of our true wealth and security, so that we would not cling to worldly riches that pass away but share them generously to serve our neighbor and spread Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

### Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

### Lord's Prayer (10:45)

(10:45) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

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(8:00) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary. . .

. . . we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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

Agnus Dei (sung)

John 1:29

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| 1. <b>O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,<br/>You take the sin of the world away;<br/>O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,<br/>Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.</b> | 2. <b>O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,<br/>You take the sin of the world away;<br/>Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,<br/>And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.</b> |
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Distribution Hymns

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| 1. #628: Your Table I Approach           | 2. #821: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus       |
| 3. #918: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer | 4. #461: I Know That My Redeemer Lives |

Nunc Dimittis (*stand to sing*)

Luke 2:29-32

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Benedicamus

Psalms 103:1

P: Let us bless the LORD. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn #525: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Postlude

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