



May 24, 2020

7th Sunday of Easter

Live in eager expectation of glory! That glory is not dimmed by earthly suffering; rather, such suffering reminds us of the glory that awaits us. First the cross; then the crown. Our light and momentary troubles cannot mute the joy of living in eager expectation of glory. The week that falls between Ascension and Pentecost is one of waiting and expectation for the promised Spirit and the promised glory. The Prayer and Verse of the Day mark the impending nature of our departure and Christ's return.



Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

THE COMMON SERVICE

HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing! New songs throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with his followers they see Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 To them the shining angels cry, “Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
“This is the Savior,” thus they say. “This is his glorious triumph day.”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 “You see him now, ascending high Up to the portals of the sky.”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty.”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Then, throned with you forever, we Shall praise your name eternally.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to you let earth accord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: The Venerable Bede, 673-735, abr.; tr. composite.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

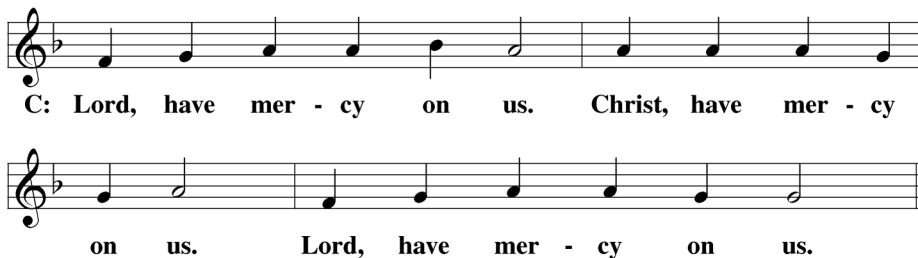


CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Gloria in Excelsis

1 All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the highest one,
Who did our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend.
Among mankind may his good will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

3 Lord God, our King on heaven's throne, Our Father, the Almighty One;
O Lord, the Sole-begotten One, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
True God from all eternity, O Lamb of God-to you we flee.

4 You take the whole world's sin away; Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
You take the whole world's sin away; Oh, listen to the prayer we say.
From God's right hand, oh, send today Your mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

Text: attr. Martin Luther, 1483-1546, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890-1950, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-14 (NIV84)

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.³ After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.”⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”⁶ So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city.¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

HYMN

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

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1 Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near With his cheer; Never will he leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God’s Son For me won When his life was given?

3 God gives me my days of gladness,
And I will Trust him still When he sends me sadness.
God is good; his love attends me
Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:12-17, 5:6-11 (NIV84)

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia. (John 14:23)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

M: The Gospel is from John, chapter 17, beginning at verse 1.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11a (NIV84)

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. ⁶ “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY Jesus, My Great High Priest 359

1 Jesus, my great High Priest, Offered his blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks No sacrifice beside.
His pow'rful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.

2 To Christ, my substitute, Will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set-
My Jesus paid the dreadful debt!

3 My advocate appears For my defense on high;
A gracious Father hears And lays his thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say
Shall turn his heart, his love, away.

4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell unknown
Put their most dreadful forms Of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
Superior pow'r and guardian grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.

**SERMON Images of Our Savior: Strength of the Suffering
1 Peter 4:12-17, 5:6-11**

STAND

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

For those who desire to give thanks to the Lord with your offerings, you can:

- Mail to the church (be sure to put the offering envelope inside another envelope)
- Donate at our website (find the donate button)
- Drop off during the week (call to be sure someone is at church)

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

(Special prayers and intercessions may follow.)

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

(Silent prayer.)

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.**

BE SEATED

HYMN

If God Had Not Been on Our Side

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1 If God had not been on our side And had not come to aid us,
Our foes with all their pow'r and pride Would surely have dismayed us,
For we, his flock, would have to fear The devil's wolves, both far and near,
Who rise in might against us.

2 Their furious wrath, did God permit, Would surely have consumed us
And as a deep and yawning pit With life and limb entombed us.
A hellish storm would o'er us roll From Satan, who desires our soul
And seeks to overwhelm us.

3 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat That they could not devour us.
Our souls, like birds, escaped their net; They could not overpower us.
The snare is broken-we are free! Our helper and our strength is he
Who made the earth and heavens.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

STAND

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood.”

2 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

3 Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, abr., alt.

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Announcements

Online Worship

A small group is attending the worship to provide the music, hymns and video. We ask that all others please stay home and watch through the website or youtube channel. www.LHELc.org/sermons

Communion

We will not offer Holy Communion during the service until we are all able to gather again. If you have a desire for private confession, absolution and Communion, please contact Pastor Pfeifer. pastor@lhelc.org or 515-771-5111

Resuming Worship Services

Our first in-person services will be held on Sunday, June 7, at 8 am and 10:30 am by **CALL IN RESERVATION ONLY** until we are at capacity. Pews will be assigned. Masks are strongly encouraged. Worship services will continue to be online for those who do not feel comfortable coming to church yet.

Birth Announcement

Collin Matthew Winnekins was born on Monday, May 18, 2020 to Karl and Morgan Winnekins.

In Our Prayers

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list.

Jenna Schaeffer - expecting in September

Prepare for Next Sunday

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the reading for this week on Monday - Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday - Saturday. The Word for next Sunday: *Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:1-21, John 16:5-11*

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

May 24 - 31

Today	8:00 am
Saturday	3:30 pm
Sunday	8:00 am

Worship—Livestream
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