

Family of God Lutheran Church

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not
have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:12



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* Thomas Keesecker

Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* ELW 752
(several times)

***Greeting**

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

C: **And also with you.**

***Kyrie**

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*** Glory to God**

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*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,*

*we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at
the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are
the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.*

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, “Brothers and sisters,[Ⓜ] the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

R: ¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

**C: ² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

R: ³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

**C: ⁴ Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

R: ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**C: ⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

⁹ We accept human testimony, but God’s testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not

believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***Gospel**

John 17:6-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the seventeenth chapter.

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

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. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I

protected them and kept them safe by¹³ that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by¹⁴ the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Josephine Wright

Hymn

Oh Love, How Deep

ELW 322

***The 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 into
hell. 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: A: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

*** Sharing of the Peace**

***Offertory**

***Offertory** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* ELW 686

*Verse 1: We give thee but thine own,
 whate'er the gift may be;
 all that we have is thine alone,
 a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

*** Offering Prayer**

A: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Benediction**

Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* ELW 855

*** Dismissal**

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

John Carter

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