

Jesus prays the high priestly prayer

St. John 17:1-11



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 24, 2020

Prelude *Morning Has Broken* arr. Lani Smith  
*Day By Day* arr. Lloyd Larson  
*Praise His Greatness* by Mark Haye

\*The Processional Hymn *Lord You Give the Great Commission* (ELW) No. 579

\*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* (ELW) No. 763

## Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

## Lord, You Give the Great Commission

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

*Refrain*

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

# My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!



I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?



*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?



\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: O King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph You ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep Your Father's promise to send Your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 1:12-26

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 68:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee before Him.

**<sup>2</sup>Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

**<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to His Name; exalt Him who rides upon the heavens; Yahweh is His name, rejoice before Him!**

<sup>5</sup>Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in His holy habitation!

**<sup>6</sup>God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

<sup>7</sup>O God, when You went forth before Your people, when You marched through the wilderness,

**<sup>8</sup>The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon Your inheritance; You refreshed the land when it was weary.

**<sup>10</sup>Your people found their home in it; in Your goodness, O God, You have made provision for the poor.**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

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

\* The Gospel

John 17:1-11

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

\*The Hymn of the Day

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

(ELW) No. 392

Nathaniel Black, cello

\*The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**I 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*There I Will Find Comfort*

arr. Janet Vogt

\*The Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

(ELW) No. 188

\*The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

Announcements

\*The Benediction (*sung response*)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

(ELW) No. 656

\*The Dismissal (*response*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*FLC Sending Hymn

*Be The Love of Christ*

arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

Postlude

*Christ Be Ever Present*

arr. Bridget Barclay

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The accompaniment consists of block chords and simple harmonic lines.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are split across two lines. The musical notation includes various note values and rests, maintaining the same key signature and time signature.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system of music continues the piece. The lyrics are split across two lines. The musical notation includes various note values and rests, maintaining the same key signature and time signature.

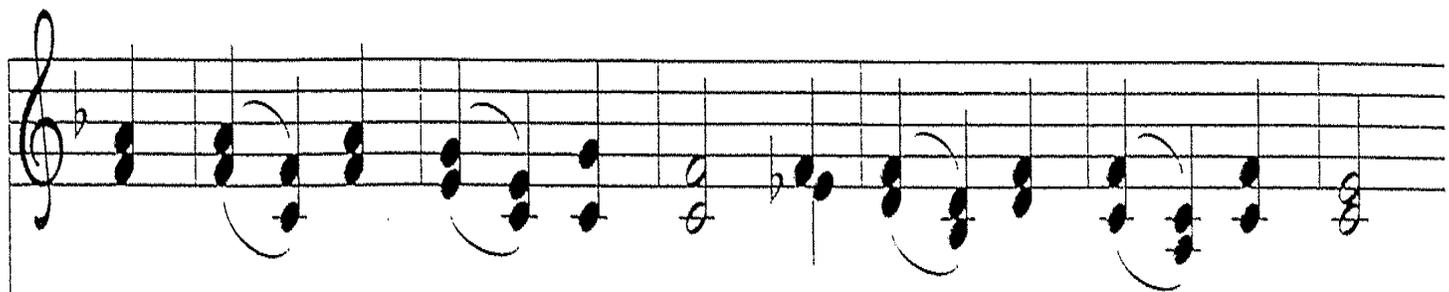
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system of music continues the piece. The lyrics are split across two lines. The musical notation includes various note values and rests, maintaining the same key signature and time signature.

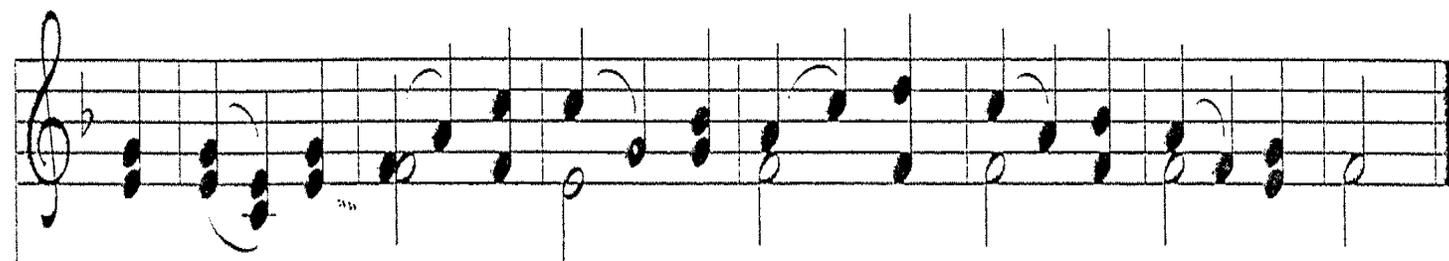
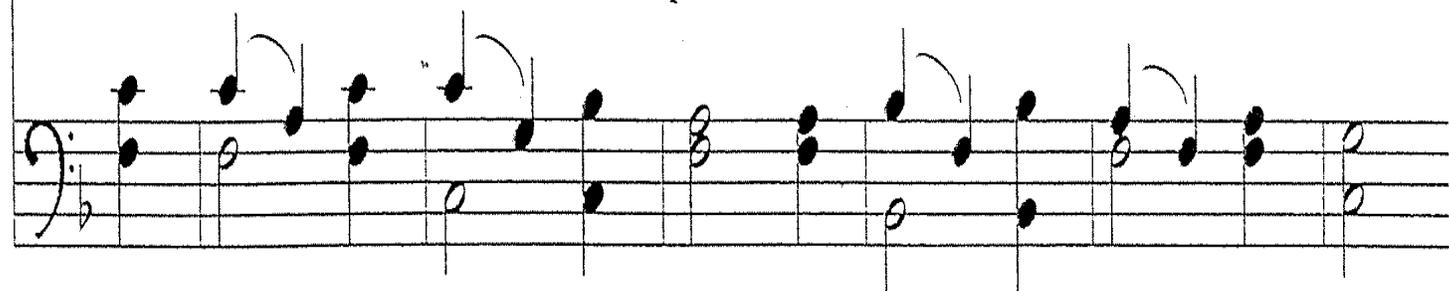
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth and final system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are split across two lines. The musical notation includes various note values and rests, maintaining the same key signature and time signature.

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares,  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.



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**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of Edna Quinn, mother/grandmother of John, Joan, Samantha and Lauren Sakerka. A donation was made to the Roof Fund.

**The Lay Reader** is Dennis Schmidt.

### **Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Janet Burke, Shari Kienzle, Lay Pastor Judd Lacko, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky, Julie Davis, Amy Verderber, Joanne Reck, Byron Christian, Chiquita Pearson, Maureen Curry, Phyllis Daniels, Patricia Zablotny, Stacy Carrol, Shirley Johnston, Sandy, Colleen & her sister, Tillie Shawin, Bob & Paula Beatty, Maureen, Tim & Sharon, Lisa and Scott, Amie Buel, Billie Sue Serbak, Mike & Diane Burns, Carl Hildreth, Dawn Berkebile, Herb Lindberg, Gloria Sloan, Rhonda Hendrickson, Doug Mazzotti, Laurie Parker, Mary Lou Cotton, Colleen Mancini, Beth McFeeley, John Porter, Amanda Becker, Catherine Williams, Rich, Fred Dupas, Donald Huttic, Mike White, Terry Divelbliss, Dan, Amy Dash, Penny, Jack McDaniel, Ryan Horan, Karson, Keith Dudley, Betty Johnson, David Lacko, Bob Hillbery, Bailey Spencer, Joanne Marker, Bruce Kreutze, Nicole and her daughters Valerie Brook and Bria Elizabeth, Leah, Pastor Rod Dondorf, Esther Duncan, Melissa McCabe, Robin Ames, Karrah, Charlotte and Ellie, Brad Schmidt, Lou Washowich, Mary DeCarlo, Isaac Christian, Naval Dr. Matthew Christian, and Barbara Mounts.

**Counters and Greeters** today are C. Group, L. Sten, Heather Quedenfeld.

**Thank you to Nathaniel Black for participating in our service today.**

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?** Please contact Pastor Grewe.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

**Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia. Please consider this as a call to help others in need.**

**The Flower Chart for 2020** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date. Thank you.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2020.** Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2020.** Please sign up.

**Bell Choir practice on Thursday from 7-8 PM.**

## Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

### Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 24, 2020

“Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.” -John 17:11b

In a time where there are increasing divisions within the body of Christ, what does it mean for this prayer of Jesus to be answered? Several years ago, the ecumenical group participated in conversations about what we believed, to see what ways we might commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This ecumenical group included liturgical and nonliturgical congregations. What came out of these conversations was a series of talks with members of our respective congregations where we shared how God may be answering Jesus' prayer for the unity of his followers. What follows is a portion of what I shared.

As it regards the vision for unity in the church, it must be said that the church is one in Christ, regardless of the name of the denomination. Those congregations or church denominations that teach that salvation is through Christ and him alone are united by this common confession.

- John 3:16-18 “For God so loved the world...”
- John 14:6 “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
- Ephesians 2:8-10 “For by grace you have been saved through faith...”
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b “...no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.”

The scriptures speak of the unity of the church. When that unity was challenged and various teachings were contrary to the earliest canons of the New Testament, the Creeds formed a statement of common belief rooted in the Scriptures. This was a time when key doctrines of the faith were being formed, as revealed from the Scriptures.

I am convinced that while not every church body sees the Creeds in the same light nor uses them in corporate worship, they do speak to key foundational teachings of the church. The creeds, which are rooted in Scripture, can and should continue to guide conversations among laity and clergy in all denominations and churches, in formal and informal settings so that all may be one in Christ. Amen.



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