



May they be one,
as we are
one

JOHN 17:22



Seventh Sunday of Easter
Saturday, May 28, 2022 ~ 5:00 pm
Sunday, May 29, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood. You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“God Is Here!”

vv. 1, 2 & 3



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

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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

Let us pray.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

A reading from Acts.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds;

then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97

- ¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- ²**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**
- ³Fire goes before the LORD,
burning up enemies on every side.
- ⁴**Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**
- ⁵The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
- ⁶**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.**
- ⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.
- ⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**
- ⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰**You who love the LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**
- ¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.
- ¹²**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

A reading from Revelation.

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be

in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Thine the Amen” vv.1, 3 & 5

1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light

thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly

thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee

thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

We give thanks to God for the gifts that God provides, and for the gifts that you share with the church. Offerings to the church may be placed in the box on the table near the entrance to worship or be sent through the mail, through automatic withdraw, or through the Tithe.ly app on our website.

OFFERING SONG



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your holy name:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are

welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. Those who are worshipping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

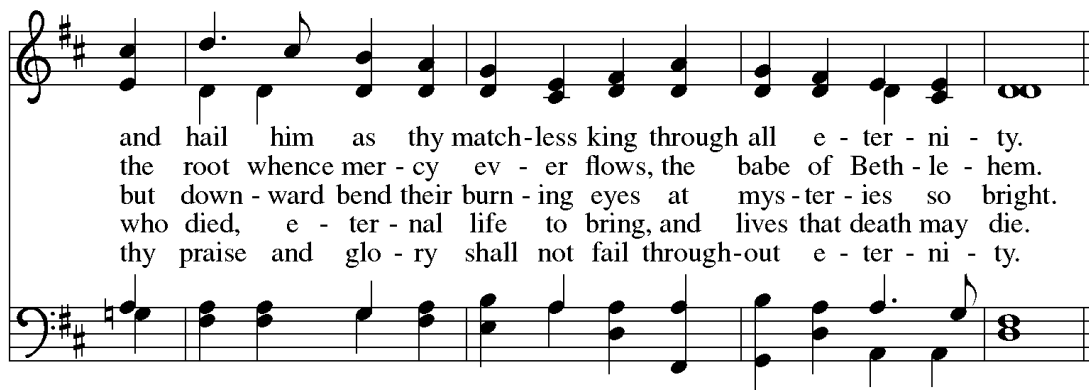
vv. 1, 3 & 4

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

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Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Michelle Weltzin-Trainor	Carolyn Scheibe	Andrew Arp
Ron McFate	Madison Russo	Jan Carlson
Nancy Meyer	Ed Stoltz	Kat McCain
H.O. Nelson	Judy Knoer	Norman Harms
Sheila Baustian	Jan Kluever	Craig
Sally Puls	June Dierks	Lois
Duane Miller	Michael Schafer	Mary
Kory Winter	Peyton Langebartles	Kelly
Tim Winter	Meyer Mixdorf	Vaughn
Jensen Spencer	Bob Morehead	
Ann Kuehl	Patty Mixdorf	
Carol Judge	Melissa Alden	
	Sue Vogel	



The flowers on the altar this weekend are given in loving memory of Dr. William and Kleo Gecsey by Neal and Susan Becker.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may also sign up using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheraneldridge.com

Final FRIDAY!



7th Annual "FINAL FRIDAY"

Friday, June 3, 1:00 p.m.

The seventh annual "Final Friday" will take place on Friday, June 3 and we will celebrate with a yard party for the school kids. We will have snacks, games and crafts for the kids to take home. The event will kickoff after school, just after 1:00 p.m. and will end at 2:30 p.m.. **There are sign up sheets for volunteers and donations on the bulletin board in the narthex area.**

Items are needed: Packages of cookies, bottled water, potting soil and flats of flowers. Monetary donations are also welcome. We want this to be a joyous event for everyone and all should feel welcome. If you have questions, please contact Carrie Keppy at ctkeppy@netins.net or 285-4484.



North Scott Community Feed Our Children Ministry 2022

Feed Our Children Ministry was established to provide a free lunch opportunity to our children in the North Scott community during the summer break. During the last two summers, the North Scott Community School District received special Federal Funding (through COVID relief) to provide meals to students during summer break. The special programs have ended, and the District has requested our help to meet the needs of the community once again this summer. Our goal is to provide a free, nutritious lunch to children in our community through this twice a week ministry, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 7-August 18. We will assemble lunches at Faith Lutheran Church, 500 W. LeClaire Rd, Eldridge.

****WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THREE AREAS ****

***Volunteers:** We need your help! Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve lunches. Preparations begin at 10:00 am in the kitchen at Faith Lutheran Church. Lunches will be ready for distribution at 11:15, in order to reach the children from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. There will also be distribution sites in Dixon, Long Grove, McCausland, Park View, Mt. Joy and Princeton. We need volunteers to pick up, deliver and distribute the lunches.

*** Supplies:** We are seeking donations of sliced white bread, cheese slices, smooth peanut butter, grape jam (not jelly – jam spreads better), potato chips, juice boxes or bottled water, Oreos, Rice Krispie Treats, Go-Gurts, string cheese, and fruit and applesauce cups. This year we will also include a few extra items for breakfast and snack, such as, pop tarts, fruit snacks, individual packages of cracker sandwiches, cracker and cheese snacks, mini muffins and granola bars. We also need sandwich baggies and paper lunch bags.

*** Pray, Spread the word, and Listen:** Feed Our Children Ministry is successful when we actually get lunches into the hands (and bellies) of our children. Please pray for this ministry – for those in need, as well as those who prepare and serve. Please share the news of this ministry in and around your neighborhood. Please keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to reach children. If you hear of children in a neighborhood that could benefit from this ministry, please let us know! To volunteer or donate items, please contact Amy Powell (563-940-5880). You may also sign up at Faith or online:

To Donate:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0449AEA623A3FE3-donation1>

To Volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0449AEA623A3FE3-volunteer2>



THIS WEEK AT FAITH



Saturday, May 28	5pm	Worship
Sunday, May 29	9am 10am	Worship Fellowship Hour
Monday, May 30	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, May 31	5:30pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, June 1		
Thursday, June 2	6:30pm	Team Night
Friday, June 3	9:30am 1pm	Food Pantry Final Friday
Saturday, June 4	5pm	Worship
Sunday, June 5	9am 10am	Worship Fellowship Hour



Please join us for the Annual Parking Lot Picnic Sunday, June 26th, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Pulled Pork Sandwiches, chips, side dishes, desserts, lemonade, water and table service will be provided and served by the Fellowship Team! There will be a variety of yard games for all ages to enjoy and of course time for fellowship! Feel free to bring a lawn chair and bug spray if you like! **Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex so we can plan for the event!**



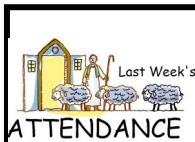
VBS HELP NEEDED!

Vacation Bible School will be **July 10-14** this summer!! We have a lot of fun lessons planned around the theme "Shake em Up!" **Volunteers can sign up to help on the Bulletin Board.** We look forward to a fun and exciting VBS!!



Following the request at the annual meeting of the congregation, **the first quarter financial report is available at the welcome center.**

If you have questions, contact our Treasurer, Deanna Nielsen (home 285 -6194 or email deannasnielsen@gmail.com).



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9am: 93
Online: 52
Total: 178