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May 17, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

*** Please rise in body or spirit.**

P: Pastor C: Congregation

Prelude *Come, Gentle Spring* Haydn

*** *Hymn*** *How Firm a Foundation* ELW 796 *insert*

*** *Thanksgiving for Baptism***

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us
beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain,
roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give
you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy
and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers
that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new
creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** *Greeting***

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God, grace, mercy, and peace be with
you all.

C: And also with you.

*** *Prayer of the Day***

P: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen

Readings (insert)

Sermon

** Nicene Creed*

C: 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; 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.

We 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. 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 Intercession*

P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

** Sharing the Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord is with you always.
C: And also with you.

Offering *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

ELW 759

** Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,
C: Amen.

** The Great Thanksgiving*

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty...

...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* *The Eucharistic Prayer*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed...

Brought together as one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

* *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.

Distribution of Communion

Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

* *Prayer after Communion*

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen

* *Blessing*

P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen

* *Hymn* *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* ELW 656 *insert*

* *Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. The tomb is empty.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

