

# Easter 7– May 16, 2021

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

**Opening Hymn** “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

## Apostolic 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.**

## Gloria

**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. 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. 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**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

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup> “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup> for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

<sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup> So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**P** Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C** **Amen**

## Psalm 1

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- <sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.
- <sup>3</sup> They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.
- <sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- <sup>6</sup> for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

## Second Reading: I John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup> If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup> Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

P Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Amen

## Anthem

L The Holy Gospel according to John 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter

C Glory to you, O lord.

<sup>6</sup> "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the

world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**“Love Devine, All Loves Excelling”**

## **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;  
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.

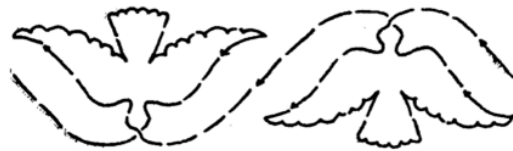
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

## Prayers of the People

- P The Lord of truth and joy has blessed us. Standing firm in His blessings, we lift our neighbors in all their needs to God's merciful presence.
- AM For all who live in Christ's love, let us pray.     **C Lord have mercy**
- AM For all who guide the directions of the nations, Let us pray.     **C Lord have mercy.**
- AM For our fragile planetary home, that we may share its richness fairly for all. Let us pray.     **C Lord have mercy.**
- AM For the people of the Holy Land, Palestinians and Israelis, that peace and justice may be restored. Let us pray.     **C Lord have mercy.**
- AM For all other needs we lift in our hearts...(a time of silence) Let us pray.  
**C Lord have mercy.**
- P For all these things, and for all else you see that we need, Blessed Lord, grant us your mercy and grace.     **C Amen.**
- P The Peace of the Lord be with you all.     **C And also with you.**  
P Please share a sign of peace with one another.



## The Great Thanksgiving

- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- L Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.**
- L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- L 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## Sanctus

- 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.
- P** 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 in remembrance of me.

## 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



## Communion

*Please open and receive your communion elements at this time.  
Wrappers can be left in the wastebaskets on your way out.*

- P** Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
- P** The Body of Christ, given for you.                   **C** Amen.
- P** The Blood of Christ, shed for you.                   **C** Amen.
- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.                   **C** Amen

## Post Communion Prayer

- P** Let us pray: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.                   **C** Amen

## Blessing

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

C Amen.

## Closing Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

## Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Amen.

## Postlude

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*When you depart, please exit through the door marked “Exit,” moving through the narthex and to your cars while maintaining a safe distance from your fellow Christians.*

*Please exit from the back pews first as directed by the ushers.*

*Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.*

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# IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Jim Abbott  
Laurie Abbott  
Francine Ahrens  
Pat Alexander  
Robert & Mel Andrighetti  
Chuck Andersen  
Vinnie Aparo  
Edie Balkun  
Irene Barillaro  
Elana Barkasy  
Raymond Bazzolo  
Judith (Ross) Beatty  
Kevin Belkofer & Family  
Karen Bell  
Jim Bement  
Rebecca Bement  
Nancy Bent  
Richard Bertoli  
Gurvinder Bharara  
Armando Binelli  
Brian & Lisa Bodnar  
Holly Borden  
Joe Brancato  
George Bruno  
Brusseau Family  
Eddie Burns  
Theo & Victoria Camara  
Peter Carbone, Sr.  
Joe Casagni  
Liz Clinton  
Jill Cochrhne  
Nancy Colon  
Cheryl and Rich Corey  
Wayne Crossman  
Barry Demkar  
Sigrid Devita  
Melissa Dias  
Doris & Dutch Deitman  
Delores Derwitsch  
Gerard Doll  
Irene Douglas  
Renate Duksis  
Betsy Durstin  
Diane & Paul Edwards  
Judy Elliott  
Bruce & Liz Falls  
Christy Ferro  
Holly Florio  
Ed Ford  
Mary Lynn Gagnon  
Gabby Gerkin  
Bob & Ann Gioscia  
Carol Gesner  
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg  
Connie & Don Gugenheim  
Wayne Hall  
Owen Hanecak  
Maggie Hanley  
Erica Haraldsen  
Alexis Heintz  
Bill Heintz  
Brad Herzberg

Jim Hornfischer  
Vicki Jene  
Jenn Johnson & Family  
Bob Jones  
Ed Killingbeck  
Lynn Killingbeck  
Burke LaClair  
Jeff Lajoie and family  
Lori Ledone & family  
Rebecca Little  
Tommy Locascio  
Rita Lundeen  
Ida Mallet  
Mervin Mank  
Cynthia Marine  
Richard Marine  
Janis Martin  
Michael Meyers  
Bob & Lynn Milano  
Bernice Miller  
Ruth Mohlenhoff  
Lonnie & Rose Moranino  
Richard Mortlock  
Carolyn Mosher  
Denise Murphy  
Doris Murphy  
Dennis Nalette  
Ron Nurnberg  
Greg O'Brien  
Tom O'Brien  
Cindy O'Dell  
Bruce and Kathy Panella  
Gary Parker  
Wally Pence  
Caroline Quintal  
Marge Raspiller  
Pat Reiley  
Pastor Sharon Riessinger-  
Blezard  
Grant Robinson  
Mary Rolfe  
Elfrieda Roller  
Dave Roskopf  
Chris Samele  
Rosemary Schibi  
Jay Shaw  
Linda Shaw  
Tricia Sherwin  
Bob Sienko  
Marge Skaret  
Richard Stanhope  
Linda Hoffman Stearns  
Jon Sterling  
Reid Underwood  
Jackie Quinn Wassik  
Russ Wilmot  
Jean Marie Witt  
Pastor Larry & Nancy Wogman  
Anna Woike

Paul  
Karen  
Katherine  
Helen  
JO  
Jaiden  
Mike  
Curran  
Diane  
Jen  
Charlie  
Michelle  
Jessica  
Donna L.  
Rich S.  
Dustin  
Skylar  
Andrea  
Kayleigh  
Linda H.  
Diane, Kayla, and family  
Bob  
Shannon H.  
Karen M.  
Ora  
Sharon  
Mason  
Louis F.  
Katherine T.  
Joyce-Ann  
Maryann Z.  
Diane  
Jack  
Max  
Lisa  
Erin and Family  
Tom D.  
Pam  
Miguel  
Jack & Barbara  
Lorraine  
Clarence and Priscilla  
Paula  
Diane H.  
Clinton L.  
The Maxwell Family  
The Loomis Family  
The Sedgewick Family

## Our Nursing Home Members

Doug Little  
Vinetta Nigels  
Doris Houk  
Dee Gammon  
Richard Regner  
Marilyn Duteau

## Our Military Friends

*Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.*

Pvt. Brennan Thompson  
Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Brion Olivero  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James  
Ernst USCG  
PFC Dominic Boscarino

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**If you place a name on the Prayer List, it is your responsibility to let the office know either by Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex, e-mail or a quick phone call, once per month if the name needs to remain on the list. Thank you.**

Take Out  
WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER  
Bodnar Family Benefit

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
837 Charles St., Torrington

Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Carrots,  
Salad, Bread, Cupcakes

Saturday, June 26, 2021  
5-6pm Pick-Up

\$13.00 – Adults \$9.00 – Kids 5-10

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HELP NEEDED!

A rewarding week awaits you!

Can you help with VBS this summer?

No Age Requirement – Teen, Young Adult, Mom, Dad,  
Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt, Uncle –  
YOUNG OR OLD!!!

August 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> ♥ 9am – 12pm

Take A Free Trip to the Rain Forest!



See Pastor Cady, Paula, or any member  
of the Christian Education Committee

There is a **free** Tai Chi class here at St. Paul's on Wednesday mornings at 10:30! We are currently meeting in the Fellowship Hall and hope to go outside when the weather warms up! Tai Chi aids balance, promotes calmness, and improves movement. The Tai Chi movements acknowledge nature. The slow steady movement is for all abilities. Tai chi can also be done sitting down in a chair. Everyone does what they are capable of with **NO** judgement.

Covid precautions will be in place as well.

If you are interested or have question, please contact Karen Trippodi at 860-489-3545 or e-mail [curtis.j.trippodi@snet.net](mailto:curtis.j.trippodi@snet.net) .

