



OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Southern Pines, North Carolina

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Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 29, 2022

VIDEO SEGMENT: A Word from Rev. Dr. David Koppel, Round Rock, Texas

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
We are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God, O Living One,
For you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.
Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.
All life is sustained by you, Our Source.
We praise you for Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
Who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life
At the baptismal font we touch the river of the water of life,
Bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.
Here, death is washed away forever.
Here, we are grafted into the tree of life,
With leaves for the healing of the world.**

Pour out you Holy Spirit on this assembly,
Into this community, and throughout all creation.
Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.
Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever

Amen.

THE GATHERING SONG: *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

People: **And also with you.**

THE KYRIE – [Spoken]

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

People: **Lord have mercy.**

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

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

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

People: **Lord have mercy.**

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

People: **Amen**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE [*Spoken*]

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

People: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Pastor: Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

People: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Pastor: Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.

People: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Pastor: For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

People: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

THE FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

The writer of Acts says, "One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.' She 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.

But 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. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men, these Jews,

are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly 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. When 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. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night, he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He 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."

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97 (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;

let the many coastlands be glad!

Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him

and consumes his adversaries on every side.

His lightnings light up the world;

the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,

before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness,

and all the peoples behold his glory.

All servants of images are put to shame,

those who make their boast in worthless idols;

all gods bow down before him.

Zion hears and is glad,

and the towns of Judah rejoice

because of your judgments, O God.

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

You who love the Lord, hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous
and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

THE SECOND READING: Colossians 4:2-6

St. Paul writes, "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray for us as well, that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should. Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone."

Word of God, Word of Life...

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON - Heather Lussier

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *ELW p. 142 "Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go."*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

Jesus said, "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that 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. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I 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. Father, 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. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I 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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

The People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SERMON: *The Resurrected Life: Wise Opportunists!*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Are the Body*

THE NICENE CREED - ELW p. 104

People: **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 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERING VIDEO: MEMORIAL DAY REFLECTIONS

THE OFFERING HYMN - *The Doxology [Accapella]*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – [Spoken]

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
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.**

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Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC INVITATION

COMMUNION SONGS: *Hold Me, Jesus*

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Pastor: The blessing of the living God, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

People: **Amen**

THE SENDING SONG: *This is Amazing Grace*

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE