



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRAYER TO CELEBRATE ASCENSION

Almighty God, our only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God has ascended with a mighty shout.

The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring!

Our God, the Most High, is seated on his holy throne.

He is sovereign over all the earth!

Let us sing praise to God together,

to God we offer our worship and praise

GATHERING SONG:

A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing

**ELW 393
vs 1, 2, 4, 5**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (ELW P. 211)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of
sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and
unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us
by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.**

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our
sins. As a servant of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire
forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

KYRIE

ELW p. 147

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW p. 148

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW P. 150)

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.

Amen.

BAPTISM OF RAYDEN CHAD FOYT



BAPTISMAL HYMN

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

ELW 445

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26

P. 885

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING:

PSALM 1

P. 424

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 5:9-13

P. 991

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW P. 151

GOSPEL

JOHN 17:6-19

P. 879

The Holy gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you O Lord.

SERMON
BY PASTOR CARLENE RHODY

HYMN OF THE DAY:

I Come With Joy

ELW 482

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for Rhys, Roy, Rose, Shannon, Allen, Dennis, Dick, Harper, Ted, James, Greg, Kristi, Chad, Jan, Sylvia, LaVerne, Elvira, Rick, Roger, Lynn, Tracy, Kaisley, Tori, Robert, Raef, Ron, Ashlea, Robert, Sandra, Angela, Rhonda, Lance, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces, all First Responders, and their families. Pray for our Church during this transition period. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER SONG:

Hear Our Prayer

ELW 178

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

OFFERING SONG:

Create In Me A Clean Heart

ELW 152



SCAN WITH A SMART
PHONE TO GIVE
ELECTRONICALLY

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

ELW P. 154

LORD’S PRAYER

ELW P. 221

COMMUNION

ELW P. 154

COMMUNION SONGS

Lamb Of God

ELW 154

For The Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW 494

Son Of God, Eternal Savior

ELW 655

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

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 give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG:

Crown Him With Many Crowns

ELW 855

vs. 1, 3, 5

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.