

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Displaying the Unity  
May 28 & 29, 2022  
5:00pm & 9:00am

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### AS WE GATHER

All the Church does is based on our oneness with our Lord. In today's Gospel, part of His High Priestly Prayer and the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus prays that we would be one, even as He and the Father are one. There is no other, for Jesus says He is "the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13). Our oneness will be evident, as He prays, when "the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them" (John 17:26). But the Gospel is not limited to the present Church, for our Lord prays "also for those who will believe in Me through their word" (John 17:20). We pray that many join us as we rejoice with the psalmist: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,  
in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.  
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,  
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 6:4-5 ESV

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #905 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise;  
Father all glorious, O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

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Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend.  
Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success,  
And let Thy righteousness On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter. Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

(Rise) To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

### INVOCATION & EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Behold, how good and pleasant it is

**People: when brothers dwell in unity!**

Pastor: It is like precious oil on the head,

**People: like the dew on the mountains.**

Pastor: For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,

**People: life forevermore.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, we were united in the Body of Christ, the Church. He continually asks the Father that “the love with which you have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” He gave His life so that nothing shall separate us from the uniting love of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!  
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing  
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav’nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father’s Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.  
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.

**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, as your Son, our Lord, prayed,

**People: grant that the unity you have with Him may be apparent in how we work together and proclaim His name and love to the world until we join Him in glory;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**FIRST READING** *Acts 1:12–26* (Matthias is chosen to replace Judas as one of the Twelve.)<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.<sup>14</sup> All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup> “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup> (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.<sup>19</sup> And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup> “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’ <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 men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup> And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show 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 numbered with the eleven apostles.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** *Revelation 21:1–20* (The new Jerusalem is perfect in every way.) Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup> And he

who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup> But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.” <sup>9</sup> Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. <sup>16</sup> The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. <sup>17</sup> He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel’s measurement. <sup>18</sup> The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. <sup>19</sup> The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup> the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysope, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 17:20–26* (Jesus prays that His followers may be one as He and the Father are one.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup> “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

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<sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

### **CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**“Jesus in the Morning”** AGPS #143

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus at the noontime.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.

Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morning, love Him at the noontime.

Love Him, Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down.

Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morning,

Praise Him at the noontime.

Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down.

### **SERMON HYMN #649 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christians love;

The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne We pour our ardent prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,

And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;

Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free

And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

**SERMON**

**“Church Unity”**

(Rise)

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Be seated)

**OFFERINGS** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the unity of the whole Church on earth, that we, sharing the one faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, would bear a worthy witness to the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For many to be washed in Holy Baptism and brought through the gates of the heavenly city into the communion of the Church, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That we may grow in the knowledge of God's Word, and that we may be faithful teachers of that Word to our children and those not yet of the kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For a long memory to recall those who gave the full measure of devotion to our country's peace and security and served faithfully until death in the protection of our freedom and in the defense of our land, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the Heinzen and Gutowski families as they celebrate Lily's first birthday. We thank you for this first year of life, and we ask that God may bless her throughout her life, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For LouAnn Zimmel as she mourns the passing of her dear friends April and Jim. That the Lord may strengthen her, and comfort her even as she mourns. That he may remind her of the promise of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For Bob and Sandy Reynolds as they celebrate their 41<sup>st</sup> wedding Anniversary, that the Lord will continue to pour his love out upon them both, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who are afflicted in health, including Dick, Gloria, Janet, Brian, Steve, Dorothy, Brian, Norma, Vern, Amy, Cathy, Jim, Vern, Mike, Elaine, Dorothy, Cindy, Don, Shirley, Richard, Helga, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Sarah, Debbie, Steve, Mary, June, Jerry, Shirley and Sarah, that God would give them healing and strength according to His will, sustain them in the faith and, for Christ's sake, raise them up in glory on the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For pure hearts that worthily receive the body and blood of Christ for our forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That we may remember the faithful who went before us and now rest from their labors, and that we may follow in faith where they have led the way and at length be brought with them into Christ's everlasting light and life to see Him face to face, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**People: Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

#### AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### HYMN #623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;

Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,

The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;

All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,

Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

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Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.

#### HYMN #648 "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;

He whose word cannot be broken Formed you for His own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded, You may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,

Well supply your sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river Ever will their thirst assuage?

Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear

For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near.

Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,

Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,

Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.

Fading are the world's vain pleasures, All their boasted pomp and show;

Solid joys and lasting treasures None but Zion's children know.

#### HYMN #617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,

In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish

Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,

and Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;

May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee

That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;

Peace with God once more is made: O Lord,, have mercy!

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May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this gracious Sacrament. Accompany us, we pray, that we exhibit in our daily living the unity we have with you, showing forth the love you have showered upon us each day; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **CLOSING HYMN #698 "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"**

May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father's will  
As angels do above;  
Still walk in Christ, the living way, With all Thy children and obey  
The law of Christian love.

So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess,  
From sin and strife to flee.

One is our calling, one our name, The end of all our hopes the same,  
A crown of life with Thee.

Spirit of life, of love and peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Thy gracious help supply.  
To each of us the blessing give In Christian fellowship to live,  
In joyful hope to die.

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