

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
MAY 20-21, 2023**

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Spoken Vespers - 5pm

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Thanksgiving for Light

Prayer of the Day

Bible Readings

Message

Creed, Prayers and Peace

The Words of Communion

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing & Sending

Sunday Contemporary – 8am

Gathering Song & Welcome

Call to Worship

Song of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Bible Readings

Today's Message

Song of the Day

Creed, Prayers & Peace

The Words of Communion

Lord's Prayer & Distribution

Song of Praise

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Closing Song & Dismissal

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Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Hymn

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Psalm of the Day

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Gospel Acclamation

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**WEEKLY WORSHIP
BULLETIN FOR
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LUTHERAN CHURCH
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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

Today's Bible Readings

Acts 1:6-14

Pew Bible p. 884

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Pew Bible p. 986

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Pew Bible p. 460

John 17:1-11

Pew Bible p. 879

Today's Message

“Portals, Prayers and Possibilities”
by Rev. Jerry Gray

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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. **Amen.**

PSALM RESPONSE:



Psalm 68:4

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OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Laurie Sanders, David Roberts, Lynne Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Amy Nupp, and Sandy Alwens.

Cancer treatments: Ellen Stevens

Friends of the congregation: Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, the family of Bill Angelo, the family and friends of Alyssa Hall, John Aymong, and Vernon Thompson.

Cancer Friends: Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Gliceria Conuel, Becky, Nicole C., and Ian Minner.

Other prayer requests: The congregation of St. John's to remain strong and faithful as we journey through the months to come.

Pentecost Garden forms are now available. Please fill out and return with your donation by **May 21st**. See form for further details.

Special Music - On Sunday – May 28th, there will be special music offered by St. John's Bell Choir and members of the Gem City Band at the 10:00 AM Traditional Service. We hope you will join us in the celebration of Pentecost.

Summer Music: It is the time of year to start thinking about summer at St. John's. We are always looking for special music for Sundays in the summer – instrumentalists, soloists, duets, etc. Please contact Kathy Swanson if you can offer your talents.

+ **ST JOHN'S VISION STATEMENT** +

Loved by God, alive in Christ Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. John's unconditionally serves God's people and shares Christian love.