

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Children's Message by Arlene Calderone

Prelude

Improvisation on "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn:

ELW 843 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise – Setting 3

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“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—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning 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.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 (sung by musicians)

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those 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. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Setting 3)

P: The Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶"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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And 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. ¹²While 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. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (Setting 3)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

ELW 657 "*Rise, O Son of Righteousness*"

- 1 Rise, O Sun of righteousness;
with your might creation bless.
Shine upon your church today,
showing all your gentle way.
Have mercy, Lord.

- 3 Gather in your scattered flock;
give us water from the rock.

Bless the unity we share
in our shepherd's loving care.
Have mercy, Lord.

- 5 Honor, praise, and glory be
to the holy Trinity!
May your gracious will be done:
make us one, as you are one.
Have mercy, Lord.

Apostle's Creed

A: Let us confess our faith:
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of Intercession

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As
members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all
people in need.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death
and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the
world. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church, Concordia Place and Concordia Day with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially those we now name before you *Carol, Nancy, Pastor Steve Swanson, Betty, Bob, Rev. Arnie, Jean, Roger, Guy, Perry, Rose, Cindy, Cory, Sandy, all those diagnosed with COVID-19, and those we hold in our thoughts*. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.

C: Amen.

Anthem

"So Sind Wir nun Botschafter" from *Paulus* by Felix Mendelssohn

Eucharist Liturgy

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Sanctus

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

P: With this bread
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on this gift of bread
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

You are invited to come to the altar for Holy Communion. Places are marked where you may stand. Communion will be by the distribution of bread alone. After you have communed, please return to your place in the pews. We ask that everyone observe the protocols of social distancing and wear your mask when approaching and leaving the altar.

Lamb of God – Setting 3

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

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

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

ELW 389 "*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*"

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
 The cross stands empty to the sky.
 Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, [†] Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Allegro on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons" (Song 22) by C.V. Stanford

Announcements

- This week we welcome Rev. Linnea Wilson to preach and preside while Pastor Zook is away. We are grateful to have her with us!

- We invite you to join us for worship each week, either in-person or virtually. Please note that registration is required for in-person attendance. Read our safety protocols for worship and reserve your spot at www.concordiafaith.org/worship. All services will still be available virtually either by livestream via YouTube or

recordings will be available later on our YouTube channel: Concordia Church Chicago.

- Get ready for the **First Annual Concordia Place Golf Classic**, a benefit for Concordia Place. This year's event will be on Monday, June 28, 2021, at River Forest Country Club in Elmhurst, IL. Proceeds from the outing will help in supporting Concordia Place's mission to create involved communities where all our neighbors can gather, learn, and grow.

Concordia Place serves approximately 800 individuals from ethnically, linguistically, and economically diverse Chicago communities. They serve single parent and low-income families through a sliding scale tuition model. Since 1981, Concordia Place has strengthened the community by fostering individual growth and opportunity for all, especially low-income or disadvantaged.

To read more details and/or to register, visit: concordiaplace.org/golf

- Support Concordia Place through the CLEF Dream Awards! Items needed for centers or classrooms are funded through donations raised by Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation's Annual Gala (virtual this year). Visit <https://e.givesmart.com/events/jtf/i/> to view the teachers' dreams and make a donation!
- Do you have pictures of past Concordia Church events? We would love for you to share them with us for use in our service slideshows. If you have any photos of Concordia Church, members engaged in church activities, or other memories from past years, please send them to Desirae in the church office at ddiehl@concordiafaith.org .
- We appreciate your continued gifts to Concordia Church! Remember, you may give in three ways:
 1. Text-to-give: Text "Concordia" to 73256 and follow the link you receive
 2. Give online at onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give
 3. Send a check via mail to the church