

# The 7th Sunday of Easter

## June 1, 2025



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## **Welcome to North Riverdale Lutheran Church!**

*We are honored by your presence with us this morning. A few notes about our service:*

- *Our worship service is hybrid – we also have folks participating via Facebook Live.*
- *Please sign the red “Welcome Pad” found in your pew.*
- *We invite you to take an active part in our worship service:*
  - *\* marks the places to stand in body or in spirit.*
  - *The Congregation’s spoken parts are **printed in bold print**.*
  - *Hymns and songs are found in the green Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW), the blue With One Voice hymnal (WOV), or the Praise and Worship Songbook (PWS) – all in the pew rack in front of you or at the end of your pew.*
- *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, with no exceptions.*

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

It is possible to hear in Jesus’ high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ’s forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** – Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!**

### **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit

that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**\* GATHERING SONG *On Eagle's Wings* (WOV 779)**

**\* 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.**

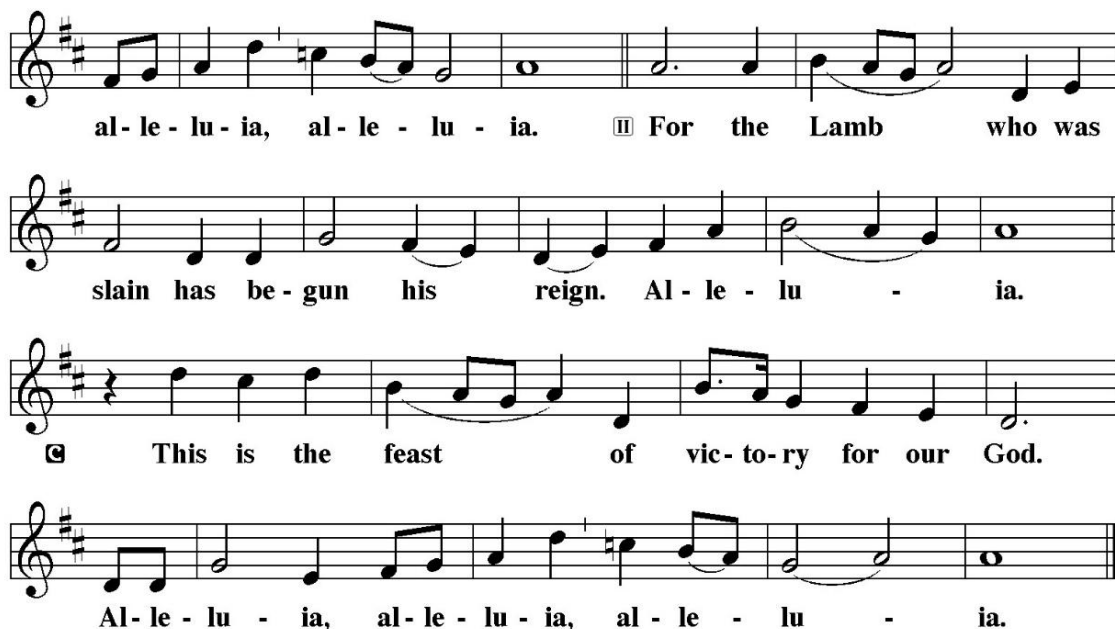
**\* SONG OF PRAISE**



⑨ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ⑩ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was





### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. . . .

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.**

### WORD

#### FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

*Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and*

*consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.*

A reading from the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.

<sup>34</sup> 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. The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 97 (Inclusive Bible)**

<sup>1</sup>YHWH reigns!

Let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!

**<sup>2</sup>Clouds and thick darkness surround you, YHWH;  
Righteousness and justice  
are the foundation of your judgment seat.**

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes before you  
and destroys your enemies on every side.

**<sup>4</sup>Your lightening bolts light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.**

<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax at your sight,  
at the sight of God of all the earth.

**<sup>6</sup>The heavens proclaim your justice,  
and all the peoples see your glory.**

<sup>7</sup>All who worship images are put to shame,  
who make their boast in worthless idols;  
all gods bow down before you.

**<sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad  
and the women of Judah rejoice  
because of your judgments, YHWH.**

<sup>9</sup>For you, YHWH, are Most High over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

**<sup>10</sup>YHWH, you love those who hate evil;  
preserve the lives of your faithful ones  
and deliver them from the hands of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup>Light dawns for the just,  
and joy for the upright in heart.

**<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in YHWH, you just,  
and give praise to God's holy Name!**

## SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

*The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.*

A reading from the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Revelation.

<sup>12</sup> "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup> "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





## \* GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

*Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.*

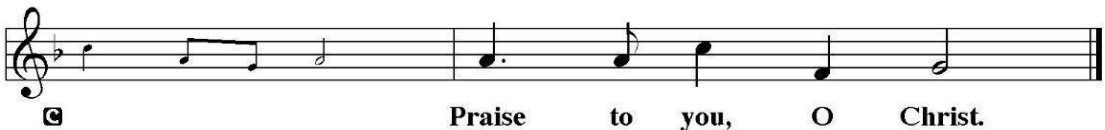
The holy gospel according to John.



[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.

<sup>25</sup>“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>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.”

The gospel of the Lord.



## SERMON

### \* HYMN OF THE DAY *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (LBW 364)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS and JOYS & CONCERNS**

### **\* STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Together we affirm our faith.

**We believe in God, and we are the people of God! We believe in the presence of God in human history, and the nearness of God's love.**

**We believe that God is revealed to us through the human life of Jesus, from whose death comes new life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who moves among God's people and invites the world into God's reign.**

**We believe that the world can change, that peace and wholeness can come, and that the reign of God upon the earth is possible.**

### **\* THE PRAYERS**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations. Help us to increase our interaction with New Hope Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, and others. Thank you for new funding that we have started to receive from the Lutheran Church of Our Savior for working with the youth of our neighborhood. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Help the farmers of the Miami Valley to have enough dry weather that they can plant their crops. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart, especially those on our list of Joys and Concerns:

\_\_\_\_\_. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people, including our Wednesday in the Park later this month and in July. Bless Messy Church and all the people of different ages who join us in our gatherings. Also bless our Thursday morning coffee group as we learn this summer about your parables. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### \* THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those seated near you. After that, please be seated for the offering.

## MEAL

### OFFERING AND CHOIR ANTHEM

#### \*OFFERTORY (LBW P. 56)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### \* OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,  
 you have gathered us around your table of grace  
 along with these gifts we bring.  
 Come among us again,  
 breathe your life into us,  
 and enliven us with this meal,  
 that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

### \* GREAT THANKSGIVING

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### \* PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the  
resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### \* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night before he died, our Lord Jesus took bread and (+) gave thanks; he 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.

After supper, he took the cup, (+) blessed it, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." Gathered as one though in many places, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us.

## **\* LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)**

**Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

- *All are welcome to receive the bread and wine, no exceptions.*
  - *Let the usher know if you want the bread and wine brought to you at your seat.*
  - *Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.*
  - *Please ask if you (child or adult) would like a blessing in addition to or instead of the bread and wine.*

## **LAMB OF GOD**

**L**amb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION – *Let Us Break Bread Together* (LBW 212)**

### **\* POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### **\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **\* BLESSING**

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always. **Amen.**

**\* SENDING SONG *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (WOV 771)**

**\* DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

## **WORSHIP MATTERS TODAY**

Please see the announcement page. Since that page was created, the following substitution has been made:

Reader: Marty Haskell

The flowers today have been donated by Jon & Karen Kurtz in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary.

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Statement of Faith – adapted from Ruth Duck, *Flames of the Spirit*, 1985



**GATHERING SONG *On Eagle's Wings* (WOV 779) –** We do not have the license to reprint the words for this song.

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (LBW 364)**

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.

2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us

hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.

### **SENDING SONG *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (WOV 771)**

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

#### Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain