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LAURENS, NY

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+Seventh Sunday of Easter+
LBW Service of the Word
May 24th, 2020

(* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Parish News

* **Entrance Hymn**

Christ is the World's Redeemer

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* **Invocation and Dialog**

Holy is the Lord, the Almighty

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* **The Apostles' Creed**

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* **Canticle**

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!

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First Prayer: (7th Century Gelasian)

O God, you shape the minds of the faithful into one will. May all your people love what you propose / and desire what you promise. Then regardless of the stormy tossing of this life, our hearts will come to anchor where true joys are found, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

(St.M/Evan)

WORD

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14 A lesson from Acts:

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7] He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." [9] When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10] While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. [11] They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." [12] Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. [13] When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. [14] All these

were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 68:1-10, 32-35

Let God rise up, let his enem- / ies be scattered;*
let those who hate him / flee before him.

**As smoke is driven away, so drive / them away;*
as wax melts before the fire,
let the wicked perish / before God.**

But let the right- / eous be joyful;*
let them exult before God; let them be jubi- / lant with joy.

**Sing to God, sing praises / to his name;*
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds--
his name is the Lord -- be exult- / ant before him.**

Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy / habitation. *

God gives the desolate a / home to live in;
**he leads out the prisoners / to prosperity,*
but the rebellious live in / a parched land.**

O God, when you went out be- / fore your people,*
when you marched through the / wilderness,
**the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the / God of Sinai,*
at the presence of God, the / God of Israel.**

Rain in abundance, O God, you shower- / ed abroad;*
you restored your heritage / when it languished;
**your flock found a dwell- / ing in it;*
in your goodness, O God, you provided / for the needy.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms / of the earth;*
sing praises / to the Lord,
**O rider in the heavens, the / ancient heavens;*
listen, he sends out his voice, his / mighty voice.**

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over / Israel;*
and whose power is / in the skies.

**Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of / Israel;*
he gives power and strength to his people. Bless- / ed be God!
Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,* and to the / Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginn- / ing, is now,* and will be forev- / er. Amen**

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

A lesson from First Peter:

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. [14] If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

[6] Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. [7] Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. [8] Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. [9] Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. [10] And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. [11] To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation**

Halle, Halle, Halle

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Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, [2] since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. [3] And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. [4] I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. [5] So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

[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. [7] Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; [8] for 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. [9] I 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. [10] All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. [11] And 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. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

* **Gospel Response**

Halle, Halle, Halle

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* **Hymn of the Day**

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

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RESPONSE

* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**

Offering

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Musical Offering

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* **Offertory**

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

Insert

* **Offertory Prayer:** (*Harvey S. Mozolak -- by permission*)

Come risen Lord Jesus, help us with one accord to devote ourselves to prayer. This is your Upper Room, abide with us and in your glorious presence give us life. Receive our various gifts as one song of praise / and keep us one as you are one with the Father and the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

* **Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Holy Father, accept the faith of our worship which we center on the love of Jesus, your Son. We join our prayers to his as he now ceaselessly prays and works to save all whom you have chosen to be part of your glorious company in the age to come. Already by baptism you have called and marked us as your people, and by the Spirit's presence you have entered our hearts and minds to become one with us. We claim this now and forever more.

Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

* **The Extinguishing of the Paschal Candle**

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* **Benediction**

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* **Recessional Hymn**

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

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Dismissal

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Weekly Worship Practice:

In our pews help us maintain the pew holders with pens/pencils, and 4 or 5 *Voice from the Pew* folders. Use these folders to: record your Holy Communion (at least once a year); request a hymn or prayer; update our records; what else? Check one out!

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Christine Brown Christine Brown Martha Messner	Len P. Esther & Joyce Hazzard Sliviak	Jim Richard Parsons Martha Circle B Miller & Stevens

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Readings Through This Week

See website: <https://www.otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

+Prayers of the Church+

(Please take this prayer list home and use with your personal devotion time)

+Atonement+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Joan Lambiaso, Richard Laitsch (John's brother), John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Patsy (H. Byrnes), Ken Nye (S. Dana), Linda Czernak (P. Serra-Lima), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Lewis Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Brian Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Paula Holleran (Mansbach), Sandy Shear, Joan Carman, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Rene Prins (Roper), Tony and Thoranne Winkler, and Thomas Mendes

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Winnie Lehenbauer

For young adult: Billy King

+Evangelical+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), Yvonne Cornell, Dan Barrows (John and Pam Miller), Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Shannon Mahoney (J. Boyd), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Amy Beuchler (Linsenbardt), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Joyce Boyd (C. Lane), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Gloria Hendricks, and Mary Peterson

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Esther & Charlie Hughes

For Young Adult: Dale Higgins

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Robert Evans, Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Maureen VerPlanck (Parsons), Laura Emmet (Lawyer) , Peg Hughes (Janet B.), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Bart Bonney, Tennison (T. Wood), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Charles Hulbert, Triston (Hahn), Gabrielle Bush, Adam Pierce (Forbes), Doris Schlee (R. Nelson), Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert), Marissa Struckle, Rose Nelson, Patty Hulbert, Chayse Winslow, Kelly Ives (Wood), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), and Ginny Ganio

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Helmut & Lois Boehl

For Young Adult: Zac Dobler

+St. John+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Jennifer Darling (Hecker), Fred Schoellig

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Betty Hecker

For Young Adult: Tessa Hecker

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Nancy Saxton Miller (Mansbach), Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, David Brenner (Former Oneonta Mayor), Sue Haney, Warren Robinson (Messner), and Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry)

For those preparing for marriage: Nick Flemister & Brittany Didio

For those preparing for childbirth: Melissa (Herion) & Alberto Bonilla

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Brandon Grasso, US Navy, Middle East

In the Foothills Conference: Trinity Lutheran Church, Stone Arabia (seeking pastoral leadership)

National/ International Concerns: People of Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan, China, Iran, Afghanistan, Israel, Palestine, Spain, France, and Italy; our country during this time of deep division; the Uigher Muslims of China under persecution by the Communist Party

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Those impacted by coronavirus and all their caregivers, all those doing research to find a vaccine and other mitigating treatment

**+Blessed are the Dead+
Who Die in the Lord**

+ Parish News and Notes +

+Easter 7 5/24

John 17 - Jesus' "high priestly prayer", asking His Father, and ours, to keep us all one and to "protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." That name is given to us in Holy Baptism (Gospel). Jesus ascends to the glory that He had with the Father before the world existed. He promises the Holy Spirit "will come upon you". The eleven and "certain women", wait...(1st lesson). Evil is real - in us and around us. Suffering is real. Our adversary - the devil is on the prowl, seeking to devour us and our faith. Peter calls us to resistance. We can, because "Christ will Himself restore, support, strengthen and establish "us (2d lesson).

+A special welcome to all visitors, friends and guests. Please fill out a Voice from the Pew folder and sign our Guest Book. Please include your complete mailing, e-mail address, and phone number. If you are new to the community or are looking for a Church Home, please let us know how we can be of service and consider our Christian family your own.

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
5/16			\$502
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+Thought of the Week+

A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none.
A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.

Martin Luther (Sixteenth Century)

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today: Seventh Sunday of Easter

+Continuing discussions about when to resume in person worship+

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The Paschal Candle which we light on Easter morning is in keeping with an ancient Christian tradition dating back to the 4th or 5th century. (The word "Paschal" means "Passover" and is often used as a synonym for Easter because on this day sin and death have "passed over" us , even as the Angel of Death "passed over" the Israelite slaves in Egypt whose homes were marked with the blood of the lamb.) The symbols on the candle represent the victory of the cross in all the world and for all eternity through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Paschal Candle is a beautiful symbol for us of the victory of light over darkness, hope over despair, love over sin, life over death. It reminds us of the appearance of the living Redeemer to the disciples during the forty days between His Resurrection and Ascension. As Christ was with them, so Christ is now with us. The candle burns at each service in our chancel until Ascension Day and also at each baptism and funeral during the church year. At a baptism, it signifies that even as Christ was raised from the dead, so, through the water of baptism, we are raised to walk in newness of life. At a funeral, it reminds us of the promise of new life God made at Holy Baptism-- promises not even death can defeat.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

P.: This Paschal candle has burned at every service since Easter, representing the resurrection appearances of our Lord. It will now be extinguished to symbolize our Lord's ascension from this earthly temporal realm into the eternal, heavenly realm. We will light it again at every baptism and funeral to represent the light of the Spirit of Christ, which enters our lives upon our birth into the Kingdom of God.

A.: As this candle is extinguished, let us remember that God is always with us; in our worship, in the bread and wine of communion, in the love we share with those around us, in our families, our communities, and our world. Let us remember that He has commanded us to be His light-bearers in this world, overcoming all the darkness of doubt and evil. Before extinguishing the paschal candle, our acolyte will light the taper from it and carry this light out of the nave during the recessional hymn to symbolize our carrying the light of Christ with us from our worship back into the world.

P.: Hear now the story of our Lord's ascension from the 24th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel: *Then [Jesus] led [the disciples] out of the city as far as Bethany where he raised His hands and blessed them. As He was blessing them, he departed from them and was taken up into heaven. They worshipped Him and went back into Jerusalem, filled with great joy, and spent all their time in the Temple giving thanks to God.*

~~~The taper is lit and the candle extinguished.~~~

**P.:** Let us pray together:

**C.:** **We have been reminded this Easter season of all the light you bring into our lives. Remind us again and again that it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness. Help us to be your lights and to bring that light to all whose lives we touch. Enlighten us by your spirit, for you are truly the light of the world. Amen.**

~~~The service concludes with the Benediction and hymn.~~~

All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace. All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. Those who commune in their home parishes are welcome to commune; those not yet communing of any age and for any reason may come forward to receive a verbal blessing. Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. The Lutheran Church believes, teaches and confesses that in, with and through the elements of bread and wine, Our Lord gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin and the salvation of our lives. Anyone who has a legitimate impediment to receiving either element of the meal may receive in one kind only (bread or wine) and trust the Lord's grace that they are receiving full communion. Members, please fill out a "Voice From the Pew" folder to record your communion at least once a year. This is a constitutional requirement to determine our "Active" Voting membership roster. Thank You.

In the OCLP We Practice The "Reserved Sacrament". When laity "preside" at Holy Communion, they will use elements (bread and wine) previously consecrated by Pr. Paul at a prior worship service. Reserved elements are kept in an ambry for subsequent use in worship and distribution to the sick and shut-ins.

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