**Worship for May 16, 2021**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Hymnists: Grace Flows Down**

**Gathering Music: “My Jesus I Love Thee”**

1. My Jesus I love Thee; I know Thou art mine.
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer,

my Savior art Thou: if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, and purchased my

pardon on Calvary's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on

Thy brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3. I'll love Thee in life; I will love Thee in death, and praise Thee as long

as Thou lendest me breath. And say when the death dew lies

cold on my brow: If ever I loved Thee my Jesus, 'tis now.

4. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in

heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus, 'tis now.

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 **“Be Still”**

1. Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

2. Be still for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3. Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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**Welcome**

**OPENING HYMN: “In Christ Alone”**

***Verse:*** In Christ alone I will put my trust; He gave His life for me;
And purchased my salvation; Mercy flows from Calvary.

***Pre-Chorus:*** Though my sins were red like crimson,
You have made me white as snow. Redeeming love has bought

my pardon; Now my life to You I owe.

***Chorus:*** Alleluia, forever I will sing.
Alleluia, I give You ev'rything. Alleluia, You're the great I am.
My Redeemer, worthy is the Lamb.

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**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**greeting:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion

 of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Reading of the Lessons:**

**1st Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

**2nd Reading: 1 John 5: 9-13**

 **Gospel: John 17: 6-19**

Hymn of the Day: “Blessed Assurance” - ELW #638

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,

watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*Refrain:* This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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**Sermon: “Surrounded By Protection” - Pastor Barb Lemke**

***Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

 **creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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**

 **On the third day he rose again;**

 **he ascended into heaven,**

 **he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

 **and he will come 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 THE CHURCH**

**Please remember in Prayer:**

Paul Sam - Healing, strength and comfort

Pat Sam and daughters, Stacy and Rachel - Comfort and peace

Wendy Conley - Slowly improving - healing and strength

Carol Smith - Healing and comfort

Brianne Massengale - Health answers and healing

Jack Underwood - Healing and discernment

Gloria Underwood and Family - Comfort and peace

Janet Ross Family - Comfort and peace following Janet’s death

Jim Mullaney Family - Peace and comfort following Jim’s death

Marc McGee Family - Comfort and peace following Marc’s death

Ron Diedrich Family - Comfort and peace following Ron’s death

Erin Bashal’s Family - Healing and comfort after Uncle Bruce’s death

Bethel’s Shut Ins - Peace, health, comfort, and community

Those suffering due to ongoing violence throughout our world and country -

 Calm, compassion, and comfort

**Thanksgiving:**

Carol Kirkegaard - continued improvement

John Smith - Recovering from surgery

Bethel Members:

 Christina & Brandon Spinazzola Family

 Anna Marie Steinert

 Reggie & Pam Usher Family

**HOLY COMMUNION**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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,**

**![purple-tulip[1]]()forever and ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN: “Benediction”**

1. May the peace of God be with you, may the favor of the Lord

upon you rest. May His grace upon you shine,
and give you light in darkest times. May the peace of God be yours.

2. May the love of God be with you. May your faithful trust

in Him never fail. May He shower you with grace, may you

feel His warm embrace. May the love of God be yours.

3. May the joy of God be with you. May you spring up living water

in your soul. May you run and never tire, may His will be

your desire. May the joy of God be yours.

4. May the hope of God be with you. May He lift your spirit up on angel's

wings. May your very presence be a fragrant offering.

May the hope of God Father, Son and Spirit

may the blessings of God be yours, may they be yours.

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P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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