



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*And God placed all
things under his feet*



AND APPOINTED HIM TO BE HEAD
OVER EVERYTHING FOR THE CHURCH



which is his body, the fullness of him
who fills everything in every way.



Ephesians 1:22-23



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 20th and 21st, 2023

The Season

This season of Easter is a 50- day-long celebration of the fact that we have a Savior who rose from the grave. We believe this life-changing truth. Christ is risen! He lives! Throughout this season, we explore what that means for us.

The Sunday

First comes the cross, and then comes the crown. Knowing what is coming lets us view our current troubles as light and momentary. They cannot mute the joy of living in eager expectation of glory. While we wait in the time between Christ's ascension and return, we live knowing that we will suffer persecution for our faith in Christ, but God will work it for glory.

Prayer before Worship

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Dennis Lemke
Ushers: Chris Peters (6pm Saturday)
Matthew Stoltz (8 am Sunday)
Steve Wolter (10:30 am Sunday)

Organist: Laura Schulz

The King of Glory Comes

CW 548

Stand for the 4th stanza



The King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him; lift up your voic - es.



- 1 Who is the King of glo - ry? How shall we call him?
- 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
- 3 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
- 4 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,



He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
he took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

Refrain

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Gloria

CW 1001

Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - migh - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

¹⁸(With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰"For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms:

" 'May his place be deserted;
let there be no one to dwell in it,'

and,

" 'May another take his place of leadership.'"

²¹Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²²beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

²³So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

If God Had Not Been on Our Side

Psalm 124C



1 If God had not been on our side and had not
2 Their fu - rious wrath, did God per - mit, would sure - ly
3 Blest be the LORD, who foiled their threat that they could



come to aid us, our foes with all their pow'r and
have con - sumed us and as a deep and yawn - ing
not de - vour us. Our souls, like birds, es - caped their



pride would sure - ly have dis - mayed us, for we, his
pit with life and limb en - tombed us. A hell - ish
net; they could not o - ver - pow'r us. The snare is

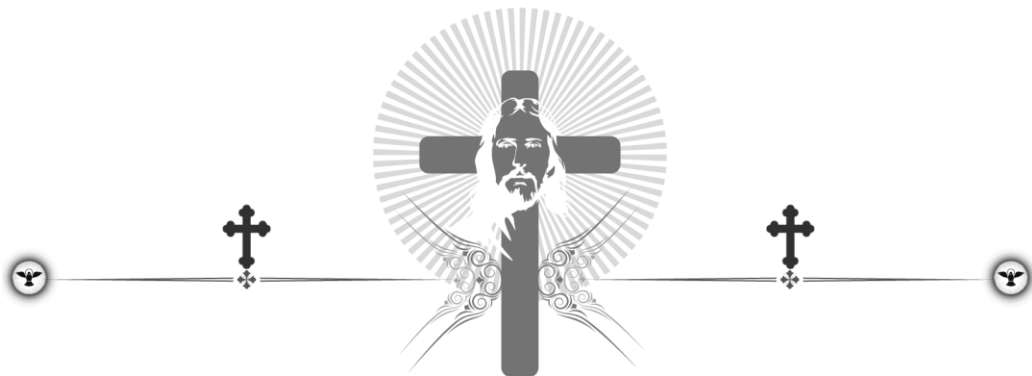


flock, would have to fear the dev - il's wolves, both far and
storm would o'er us roll from Sa - tan, who de - sires our
bro - ken— we are free! Our help - er and our strength is



near, who rise in might a - gainst us.
soul and seeks to o - ver - whelm us.
he who made the earth and heav - ens.

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Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12–17; 5:6–11

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:18

Alleluia!

I will not leave you as orphans;

I will come to you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:1–11a

¹After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Christ High-Ascended

CW 747



1 Christ high-as-cend-ed, now in glo-ry seat-ed, throned
 2 Christ, from the Fa-ther ev-'ry pow'r pos-sess-ing, who
 3 Christ, who in dy-ing won for us sal-va-tion, lives
 4 Christ in his splen-dor, all do-min-ion gain-ing, Christ
 5 As at his part-ing, joy shall ban-ish griev-ing, faith



and ex-alt-ed, vic-to-ry com-plet-ed, death's dread do-
 on his cho-sen lift-ed hands in bless-ing, sends forth his
 now the first-born of the new cre-a-tion; to win dis-
 with his peo-ple ev-er-more re-main-ing, Christ to all
 in his pres-ence strength-en our be-liev-ing; filled with his



min-ion fi-nal-ly de-feat-ed, we are his wit-ness-es.
 ser-vants, still in faith con-fess-ing, we are his wit-ness-es.
 ci-ples out of ev-'ry na-tion, we are his wit-ness-es.
 a-ges, glo-ri-ous-ly reign-ing, we are his wit-ness-es.
 Spir-it, love and pow'r re-ceiv-ing, we are his wit-ness-es.

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Sermon

The Ascended Christ Is in Charge!

Sermon Text

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [Especially bless . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, protect all those who are in the service of our country, guarding them from all harm and danger of body and soul. Sustain and comfort those at home, especially in their hours of loneliness, anxiety, and sorrow. Give success to our forces on land and sea and in the air, and grant to us and all nations a speedy, just, and lasting peace, to the glory of your name and the coming of your kingdom.

Eternal God, your love endures forever. With mercy and might, you have sustained Norman and Rosemary Kempf with blessing upon blessing as they now give you thanks for 65 years of marriage. You have been the source of the strength they have enjoyed and the spring of the faithfulness they have shared. As they rely upon you for every good thing, we ask that you continue to go with them as their God and Lord. Preserve their faith by your Word, consecrate their hearts for your service and for each other, and lead them into the future in your peace.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.
Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

CW 476



- 1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build the hope of my as -
- 2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, great gifts for me ob -
- 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, re - call - ing your as -



cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled all doubt and ap - pre -
tain - ing, my heart will rest in him a - lone, no oth - er rest re -
cen - sion, that I may serve you faith - ful - ly, in thanks for my re -



hen - sion, for where the head is, there as well I know his
main - ing, for where my trea - sure went be - fore, there all my
demp - tion; and then, when all my days will cease, let me de -



mem - bers are to dwell when Christ shall come and call them.
thoughts will ev - er soar to still their deep - est year - ing.
part in joy and peace in an - swer to my plead - ing.

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Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.
Amen.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

CW 511



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove;



hark how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.
crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

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Announcements

Summer Worship Schedule

Our Summer Worship Schedule begins next weekend. Services will be Saturday at 6:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am through Labor Day weekend.

Vacation Bible School

Update your calendars with the dates for our Vacation Bible School to be held on July 10th – 11th 2023 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. Keep an eye out for more information as the dates draw closer.

KML Summer Camps

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School will be hosting various academic, fine arts, and sports camps this summer for both youth and adults. Take advantage of our quality camps! Register online and pay in one easy step! Visit kmlhs.org/camps for more details and for the online registration link.

Luther Prep Summer Camps

Luther Prep is excited to offer a variety of day camps & overnight camps for various sports AND for the 3rd year in a row our Phoenix Adventure Camp! We hope to see many of your children join us! Go to https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/summer_camps for all the details & registration info!

Camp Phillip Day Camp – Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls

Sign up now for Pilgrim's Camp Phillip Day Camp, for students going into grades 1-6 in the fall. Camp is just \$50 per camper for five days of fun! You can register using this QR code: Spots are filling fast; we hope you can join us! You can see what Camp Phillip offers at their facilities in Wautoma on their website at www.campphillip.com. The beauty of day camp is that they “bottle up the essence of Camp Phillip’s summer camp program and bring it to our church as an alternative week-long program.”



Miriam's Walk for Life

Miriam's Walk for Life will be held on the KML campus on Saturday, July 15, 2023, from 8:00-11:00 AM. Funds raised will benefit WELS Lutherans for Life, a cause dear to Miriam's heart. More info about the event can be found at alife2.com/miriams-walk.

To help with the planning process, event organizers are looking for an estimate of attendees. Please consider filling out the interest survey at tinyurl.com/walk4life23. (By doing so, you are not obligated to attend.) Thank you!

Miriam Kremer was a KML senior who strongly supported the mission of WELS Lutherans for Life until she went home to heaven in November 2022 after a three-year battle with leukemia.

Disney's *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*

"Be our guest..." at the *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* musical performances on Thursday, June 29, at 7:00 PM; Friday, June 30, at 7:00 PM; and Saturday, July 1, at 2:00 PM at the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Performing Arts Center. This musical is presented by talented students from Peace, Hartford; David's Star and Morning Star, Jackson; Crown of Life, Hubertus; Good Shepherd and Trinity (Pleasant Valley), West Bend; Christ Alone, Thiensville; and Christ the Lord, Brookfield.

Tickets will be sold at the door at KML beginning 30 minutes before each performance. All tickets are general admission and \$10 each.

KML Job Opening: Part-Time Accountant

Due to the retirement of Bob Heider, KML is looking for a part-time accountant. This position is responsible for preparing, presenting, and analyzing KML's monthly and year end financial statements and managing student billing accounts. 20-25 hours per week with a flexible schedule.

View a more detailed job description at kmlhs.org/accountant23.

Please submit resumes by **May 22, 2023**, to Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations, at jody.hansen@kmlhs.org.

Questions? Call Mr. Hansen at 262.677.4051 x4004.

WELS Historical Institute – History of Grace Lutheran Church in Milwaukee

Come celebrate the 175th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church in Milwaukee on **Sunday June 11th, 2023 starting at 2 pm**. Pastor James Huebner will be giving a presentation of the history of Grace Lutheran Church, founded in 1849. Over the course of its 174-year history, the congregation and pastors of Grace have played a significant role in spreading the message of Christ and his salvation both in Milwaukee and in the Wisconsin Synod.

Grace Lutheran Church is located at 1209 N. Broadway, Milwaukee WI. If you are interested but can't attend in person, you can watch live at: <https://vimeo.com/event/3182263>

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

Birthdays:

Kim Wolter – 5/20

Norman Kempf – 5/21

Chad Krueger – 5/22

Parker Belger – 5/23

Olivia Zagorski – 5/24

Wallace Hennig – 5/26

Anniversaries:

Dennis & Lynn Garvey – 5/21

Norman & Rosemary Kempf – 5/24

Ronald & Bernice Stange – 5/26

