



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Two

Standing in the Shadow of the Cross

Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 1, 2025



Opening Hymn: LSB # 702 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine;
now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine.

2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

Greeting and Announcements:

Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto
God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence please for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and for which I justly deserved Your punishment. But I am sorry for them and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen

P God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the Christian Church and by the authority of Christ, 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.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise: TFBF # 95 "He is Lord"

He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord;

ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics 'He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord;'. The second system has the lyrics 'ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.'.

Dismissal of the Sunday School

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 61:3, 5-8; antiphon: Ps. 61:1

P Hear my cry, O God,

C listen to my prayer;

P for you have been my refuge,

C a strong tower against the enemy.


P For you, O God, have heard my vows;

C you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

- P** Prolong the life of the king;
C may his years endure to all generations!
P May he be enthroned forever before God;
C appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!
P So will I ever sing praises to your name,
C as I perform my vows day after day.
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Hear my cry, O God,
C listen to my prayer;

This is the Feast


Refrain




C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, us bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 1:12-26

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.' ²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus and Matthias ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. *From Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

G Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. ⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

¹² "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes,^[c] so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. ¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

SOTC Choir "Praise the Lord"

Please stand

Hymn: # 98 TFBF “Open My Eyes, Lord”

1. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.
2. Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus.

Holy Gospel

John 17:20-26

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

[C] Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰ [Jesus said] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please be seated

Hymn: AGPS # 237 “They’ll Know We Are Christian by Our Love”

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restore.

Refrain: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land. **Refrain.**

3. We will work with each other, we will works side by side,
We will work with each other, we will works side by side,
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. **Refrain.**

4. All praise to the Father from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. **Refrain.**

Sermon: "Unity of All"

Sermon Text: John 17:20-26

Please stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with
the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our
salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of
the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the
Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge
one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the
dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

Offering

Please stand

Offertory

☞ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

Prayer of the Church

☞ Feel free to remain standing, be seated, or come to the front to pray

Hymn: TFBF # 247 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

☞ Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to Your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.

☞ You may return to your seats, the Lord has heard your prayers (**All stand**)