

MAY 16, 2018

**WEDNESDAY OF
THE SEVENTH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

*He was
allotted his
share in this
Ministry*

*Three Ways
Judas Iscariot
can Help You!*

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Making known
by Word and Action
the Healing Presence of God
in Christ Jesus with Us
and with the World.*

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Wednesday Evening Service

May 16, 2018 ✠ 5 pm

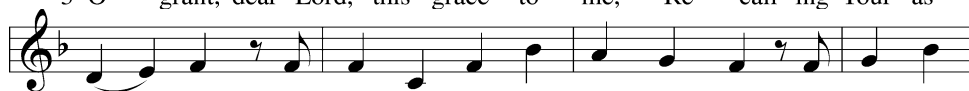


Today we reach the culmination of the Easter season. In the First Reading, the apostles are gathered to select as successor to Judas one who had been with them from the beginning to become a witness of Jesus' resurrection. In the Epistle, John teaches us the Good News that God testifies concerning Jesus, the Son: "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." (1 John 5:12) In the Gospel, Jesus, in His High Priestly Prayer, prays that all who have received His Word *may be one* and that *His joy may be fulfilled in us*. He sanctifies us together in the truth of His Word as we live as resident aliens in this world.

OPENING HYMN "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build" **LSB 492**



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
tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I
rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.
all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 1:1–3, 6

P In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

P but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

C **He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.**

P In all that he does, he prospers. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our ascended Lord is with us always, yet we often doubt His presence, love, and provision. Because we are by nature sinful, we often overlook Jesus' promise to be with us always. We do not live our lives ready for His coming, and we neglect to share the Good News of Christ so that others may be ready for His return in glory. In repentance, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and confess our sins to our gracious God ...

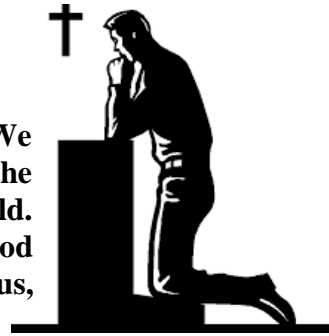
Silence for reflection...

P God who testifies Good News concerning Your Son:

C **We admit that we have turned from You. We have been led astray by our listening to the many voices spouting fake news in our world. Tune our hearts to Your voice speaking Good News about Jesus in Your Word. Forgive us, and heal us by Your love for Jesus' sake.**

P *“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”* Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been given the gift of life!

C **Amen. We have new life in Christ! Alleluia!**





1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy
 2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -
 3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the
 4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly
 5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy



steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art
 part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er
 road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should
 bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and
 king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry



gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.
 free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.
 stray And from Thy paths be driv - en.
 hell No more can vex our spir - it.
 share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

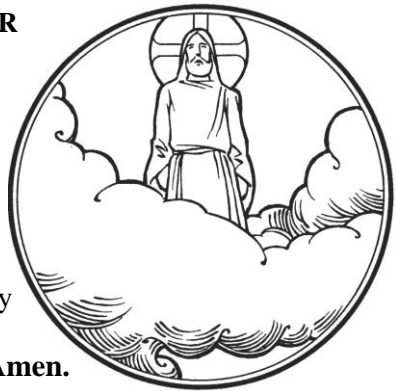
C And also with you.

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.



FIRST READING

Acts 1:12–26

EPISTLE

I John 5:9–15

GOSPEL

st John 17:11b–19

SERMON HYMN "By All Your Saints in Warfare"

stz. 1,13,3 **LSB** 517



1 Draw us to Thee,	For then shall we	Walk in Thy
2 Draw us to Thee,	Lord, lov - ing - ly;	Let us de -
3 Draw us to Thee;	O grant that we	May walk the
4 Draw us to Thee	That al - so we	Thy heav'n - ly
5 Draw us to Thee	Un - ceas - ing - ly,	In - to Thy



steps for - ev - er	And has - ten on	Where Thou art
part with glad - ness	That we may be	For - ev - er
road to heav - en!	Di - rect our way	Lest we should
bliss in - her - it	And ev - er dwell	Where sin and
king - dom take us;	Let us for - e'er	Thy glo - ry



gone	To be with Thee, dear	Sav - ior.
free	From sor - row, grief, and	sad - ness.
stray	And from Thy paths be	driv - en.
hell	No more can vex our	spir - it.
share,	Thy saints and joint heirs	make us.

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SERMON "He was Allotted His Share in This Ministry — Three Ways Judas Iscariot can help You!!"



HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Built on the Rock"

LSB 645 →



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how

stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's

ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives

ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim

But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,

Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
 That, when the church bells are ringing,
 Many in saving faith may come
 Where Christ His message is bringing:
 "I know My own; My own know Me.
 You, not the world, My face shall see.
 My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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DAILY PRAYER – EARLY EVENING

- P** Let my prayers rise before You as incense,
C **the lifting up of my hands**
as the evening sacrifice.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

{each petition ends “*Lord, in Your mercy:*”
response: “*hear our prayer!*”}

LORD’S PRAYER

EVENING PRAYERS

- P** Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way; kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your Name’s sake. **Amen.**
- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**
- P** Let us bless the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** **Amen.**



SONGS BY REQUEST ...

