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**Sunday, May 16th, 2021**  
**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Prelude  
Tower Bells and Welcome  
Announcements

*Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors. Those taking Communion are asked to fill out the "Communion" side (black print) of the card. Completed cards may also be left on the pew seat.*

*Worship Note: Face covering must be used at all times except for eating and drinking the Lord's Supper. Thus, the congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering. Those taking the Lord's Supper may leave through any door immediately after their table is dismissed or return to their pew until the end of the Service of the Sacrament.*

Opening Hymn

*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen*

**LSB 474**

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.  
*Refrain*

3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5 (*Stand*) City of God, Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

Confession and Absolution

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

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 51:1-12

1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.**

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**and cleanse me from my sin!**

3 For I know my transgressions,  
**and my sin is ever before me.**

4 Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
**so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.**

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
**and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward  
being,  
**and you teach me wisdom in the secret  
heart.**

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
**wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

8 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
**let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

9 Hide your face from my sins,  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**

11 Cast me not away from your presence,  
**and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**All: 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. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading      Ezekiel 36:22-28

22 “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. 23 And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. 24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading      1 Peter 4:7-14

7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. 8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading      John 15:26-16:4 (*Congregation Stands*)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

1 “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. 3 And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to Thee, O Christ.

### Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

LSB 575

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. (*Refrain*)

*Refrain:*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne!  
(*Refrain*)

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. (*Refrain*)

### Sermon

### 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.**

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of hosts, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our King of glory, now stands with You uplifted in triumph far above the heavens. Leave us not without consolation, but send us always the Spirit of Your truth according to His promises. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen Your Holy Church to bear witness to Your Son, to bear persecution and to live in the confidence that if You are for us, nothing can separate us from You. Strengthen the ministers of Your Holy Church. Send laborers into Your harvest, and sustain those You have sent. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You have given boldness to Your children through the resurrection of Your Son from the dead. Free us from fear of the world, its temptations, its ways and its power, and fix our eyes on Christ alone, that we may be faithful to Him even to death as we anticipate the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Praising Your Son's resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. *[We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_.]* Graciously receive our prayers for the sake of Christ's eternal intercession on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, since Your Son has ascended on high and is seated at the right hand of Your majesty, comfort Your Church! Assure us that as He fills all things, so in His Supper He is surely present with us according to His promise for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks that through Your Holy Spirit You have appointed us to bear witness to Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Since the world cannot endure this testimony and persecutes us in every way, encourage and comfort us, we implore You, that we would not be offended by these crosses, but continue steadfast in Your testimony and be found always among those who know You and Your Son until we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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*Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to prayer list.*

**Service of the Sacrament**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C: (*spoken*) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord for His Holy Supper      LSB 209

The Lord's Prayer

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **C: Amen.**

**C: (*Sing. Tune on page 163 of LSB.*)**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. (*Congregation may be seated.*)**

Distribution *Special Table*

Distribution Hymns

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| <i>A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing</i>      | <b>LSB 493</b> |
| <i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i> | <b>LSB 633</b> |
| <i>Rise, My Soul to Watch and Pray</i>  | <b>LSB 663</b> |
| <i>Through Jesus' Blood and Merit</i>   | <b>LSB 746</b> |

(NOTE: The Pastor will commune the Communion Assistants and then the organist. Then those who commune in the pews will be served starting at the back of the church. Not all hymns/verses may be needed. Organist will play as needed.)

493

1 A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
And with His faithful foll'wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 To them the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"This is the Savior," thus they say;  
"This is His glorious triumph day!"  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 "You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky."  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty."  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 (*Stand*) O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run, With Father  
and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

663

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;  
From your sleep awaken!  
Be not by the evil day  
Unawares o'ertaken;  
For the foe, Well we know,  
Is a harvest reaping  
While the saints are sleeping.

2 Watch against the devil's snares  
Lest asleep he find you;  
For indeed no pains he spares  
To deceive and blind you.  
Satan's prey Oft are they  
Who secure are sleeping  
And no watch are keeping.

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

8 (Stand) Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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3 Watch! Let not the wicked world  
With its lies defeat you  
Lest with bold deceptions hurled  
It betray and cheat you.  
Watch and see Lest there be  
Faithless friends to charm you,  
Who but seek to harm you.

4 Watch against yourself, my soul,  
Lest with grace you trifle;  
Let not self your thoughts control  
Nor God's mercy stifle.  
Pride and sin Lurk within,  
All your hopes to shatter;  
Heed not when they flatter.



5 But while watching, also pray  
To the Lord unceasing.  
God protects you day by day,  
Strength and faith increasing,

So that still Mind and will  
Shall unite to serve Him  
And forever love Him.

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1 Through Jesus' blood and merit  
I am at peace with God.  
What, then, can daunt my spirit,  
However dark my road?  
My courage shall not fail me,  
For God is on my side;  
Though hell itself assail me,  
Its rage I may deride.

3 For neither life's temptation  
Nor death's most trying hour  
Nor angels of high station  
Nor any other pow'r  
Nor things that now are present  
Nor things that are to come  
Nor height, however pleasant,  
Nor darkest depths of gloom

2 There's nothing that can sever  
From this great love of God;  
No want, no pain whatever,  
No famine, peril, flood.  
Though thousand foes surround me,  
For slaughter mark His sheep,  
They never shall confound me,  
The vict'ry I shall reap.

4 Nor any creature ever  
Shall from the love of God  
This ransomed sinner sever;  
For in my Savior's blood  
This love has its foundation;  
God hears my faithful prayer  
And long before creation  
Named me His child and heir.

*Nunc Dimittis (After the Pastor has put communion items away, the congregation will sing the Nunc Dimittis. Tune on page 199.)*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Closing Collect

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Benediction for Service of the Sacrament

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**LSB 686**

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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## Sermon: "Living Fully in God's Grace No Matter the Conditions" 1 Peter 4:7-14

### I. Remember the Conditions of Peter

A \_\_\_\_\_ of the disciples, yet a \_\_\_\_\_

Later in life a leader who took care of \_\_\_\_\_ Christians, and suffered himself.

### II. In All Conditions, Live as a Child of God

Always ready for Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ in glory

Continuing to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Loving one another despite our \_\_\_\_\_

Taking \_\_\_\_\_ of one another without \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Use the Unique Gifts God has Given Each Person

Speaking and \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God

Serving each other with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

### IV. Don't be Surprised at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of Jesus.

We will see God is blessing us through all troubles. Father, Son and Holy Spirit are in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Zion Lutheran Church's Belief and Practice of the Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes again in glory.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study: Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f., 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; 11:17-34.