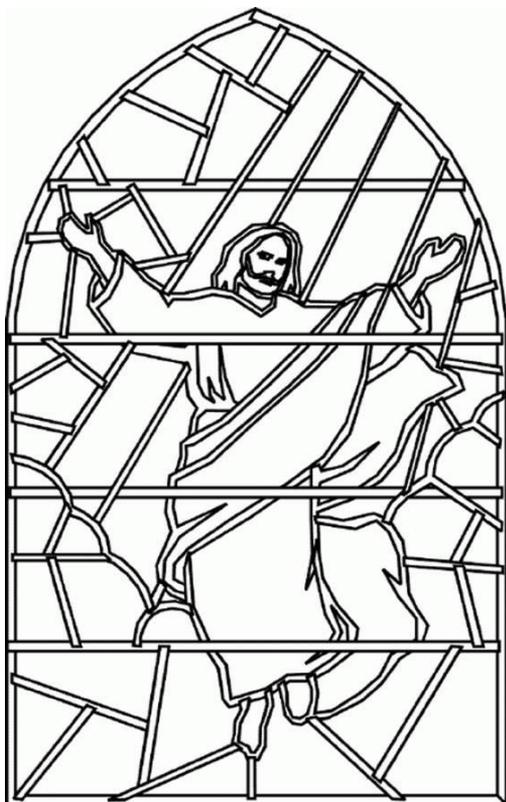


# Seventh Sunday of Easter



*Be now our joy on earth, O Lord!*



**May 16, 2021**

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**Prayer Before Worship** *We praise, you O Lord, for every blessing; increase the growth of our soul by faith and knowledge, even as we are blessed to grow in your goodness; in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

**This Week's Prayer List** We pray for a portion of Zion's family and friends...Gary and Barbara Herrmann; Ralph and JoAnn Herrmann; Donald Herrmann; Larry and Karen Hodgins; Cory Hodgins; Curtis Hodgins. We pray for those under the care of a physician, undergoing treatment and therapy, for all difficulties meeting obligations, and a strong faith for every need.

**Baptism** – Hannah Grace was born on April 10 to Robert & Kateryna McCloskey; she is sister to Benjamin and Daniel. Her sponsors are Matthew & Nicole Croon.

**Play Day** is Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Emanuel, Hamburg. It will start at 8:15am and is going to be completely outside. They will also have concessions going.

**Volunteers are needed** to help clean the interior of the building the week after school gets out (Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>). If you are able to help, please contact Mr. M at 952-649-1717.

**Zion Church's 2021 graduates** will be featured in the June Newsletter so if you have a family member that graduates from either high school or college this year, then please email us at [office@zion-cologne.org](mailto:office@zion-cologne.org) with their name and from where they graduated. For high school graduates, include future plans like where they will be going to college or trade school and in what they plan to get their degree. For college graduates, include degree awarded. You can also include future plans if you would like. For example, what career they are going into.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm each evening. Information for signup will be out soon.

**P** Jesus Christ is risen!

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

**P** Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he said to his disciples,

**C** This is what I told you while I was still with you-- "Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

**P** Then Jesus opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He said,

**C** "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

**P** Jesus also said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

**C** Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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*And be our future great reward!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Then, throned with you, forever, we*

*Shall praise your name eternally!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*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!*



salvation to those who are waiting for him. (Hebrews 9:28)

- C** And if any man sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One: and he is the propitiation for our sins--and not for our sins only, but for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1b,2)

*Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto the Lamb of God we sing,  
In Whom we are elected.  
He bought His Church with His own blood,  
He cleansed her in that blessed flood,  
And as His bride selected.  
Holy, holy is our union and communion,  
His befriending gives us joy and peace unending.*

- P** Almighty God, you are holy—and in your mercy, you saved us.  
**C** Not because of righteous things we had done, but because of your mercy.  
**P** You saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,  
**C** Poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior;  
**P** And having been justified by his grace,  
**C** We are heirs, in Christ, having the gift of eternal life.

*Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto the Holy Ghost we sing  
For our regeneration.  
The saving faith in us He wrought  
And us unto the Bridegroom brought,  
Made us His chosen nation.  
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, bliss supernal;  
There is manna and an endless, glad hosanna.*

**First Reading**

**Acts 1:12-17, 21-25**

*The disciples appoint Matthias to take Judas' place.*

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

## Epistle Reading

**1 John 5:9-15**

*God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto our Triune God we sing;  
Blest be His Name forever!  
With angel hosts let us adore  
And sing His praises more and more  
For all His grace and favor!  
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy,  
Spread the story of our God, the Lord of Glory!*

**P** The Gospel of our Lord, according to St. John, chapter 17.

**C** Praise be to you, O Lord.

## Gospel Reading

**John 17:11b-19**

*Sanctify them in the truth: Thy Word is Truth*

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise be to you, O Christ.

## Children's Message

*Sunday School to follow in Mr. M's classroom.*

## Sermon Hymn # 769 (vv. 1-2) "Eternal Spirit, of the Living Christ"

**Sermon**      **God's Will \* No Justus, yet Peace!**      **Acts 1:26**

*Sometimes God's will can be done with a coin toss.*

*God's greater will is revealed in what he works in us.*

*Come with the strength I lack, the vision clear*

*Of neighbor's need, of all humanity;*

*Fulfillment of my life in love outpoured;*

*My life in you, O Christ; your love in me.*

## Prayers

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens,

**C** Leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father.

**P** Establish for us the work of our hands and sustain us;

**C** O Lord, how majestic is your Name throughout the earth!

**P** The Lord be with you † shine upon you † grant you peace.

**C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn # 537 (all verses; 2-3 a capella) “Beautiful Savior”**

*Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.*

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!*

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JESUS LEAVES HIS DISCIPLES BEHIND BUT PRAYS THAT THEY WILL BE PROTECTED IN HIS ABSENCE...



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YES, AND JESUS PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS ANSWERED BY THE FATHER.



IS THIS ONE OF THOSE "YES" - "NO" - "WAIT" PRAYER ANSWER SITUATIONS? 'CUZ I'VE NEVER BEEN A FAN OF THOSE.



JOHN 17:9-16



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## Finances

### **Salary:**

Beginning Balance (1/1/2021)	\$17,993.57
YTD Income	\$117,351.71
YTD Expenses	-\$157,347.22
Current Balance (5/6)	-\$22,003.05

### **Missions:**

Year to date total (4/4)	\$1,500.00
Budgeted	\$1,500.00
Non-budgeted	\$0
2021 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2021 Goal	\$15,000.00

### **LHS:**

Year to date total (4/4)	\$21,707.66
2021 Commitment	\$22,715.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

### **Building/Repair Fund:**

Account Balance (4/14)	\$9,477.04
Suggested household contribution	\$550.00

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### May 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

<b>Sun, May 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Sunday Service 9:30
<b>Wed, May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Lutheran Identity 2:30 Confirmation 5:00

### May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sun, May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Sunday Service Communion 9:30
<b>Wed, May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Lutheran Identity 2:30 Confirmation 5:00
	Play Day at Emanuel, Hamburg
<b>Thurs, May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	½ Day of School (No Lunch), Dismissal 11:45
<b>Fri, May 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Last Day of School (½ Day), School Family Picnic

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**Attendance for May 9<sup>th</sup> was 107 and 87 for communion.**