

"Let the righteous be glad and rejoice."

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY 9:00 AM

PLEASE STAND.

GATHERING SONG

See This Wonder in the Making

1. See this won - der in the mak - ing: God Him-self this* child is tak - ing
(each)

2. Mir - a - cle each time it hap-pens, As the door to heav-en o - pens

3. Far more ten - der than a moth-er Far more car - ing than a fa - ther.

4. Here we bring a child of na-ture. Home we take a new-born crea-ture.

As a lamb safe in his keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep-ing.

And the Fa-ther beams: "Be-lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"

God, in - to your arms we place her, With your love and peace em-brace her.
him,* them, him,* them.

Now God's pre-cious son or daugh-ter, Born a - gain by Word and Wa - ter.

The assembly is seated.

THE RITE OF BAPTISM: ROCKY MICHAEL SCHAEFER

In Baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the Church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

PRESENTATION AND PLEDGES

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors, then the congregation:

P: People of God, do you promise to support Rocky Michael, his family, his sponsors and pray for them in Rocky's new life in Christ and the promises made this day?

C: **We do!**

PLEASE STAND.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give You thanks, O God, for in the beginning Your Spirit moved over the waters and by Your Word You created the world, calling forth life in which You took delight. Through the waters of the flood You delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea You led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river Your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection You set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that Rocky washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through +Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

P: Rocky Michael, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ANOINTING

The presiding minister continues:

P: Let us pray. We give You thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit You give Your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Rocky Michael with the gift of Your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in Your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISMAL SYMBOLS

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P: Rocky Michael, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

The assisting minister lights a Baptismal candle from the Pascal Candle and gives it to one of the Sponsors. Then, representing congregation, the assisting minister says:

AM: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven!

WELCOME

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. The assisting minister leads the congregation in the welcome.

AM: Let us welcome Rocky, the newly baptized, and his family:

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PLEASE STAND.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

A: A reading from Acts—

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹²Then

they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

"Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds."

P: ¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be shattered; let those who hate God flee.

C: ²As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

P: ³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

C: ⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

P: ⁵In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father of orphans, defender of widows;

C: ⁶you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.

P: ⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

C: ⁸the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

P: ⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

C: ¹⁰Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

P: ³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

C: ³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

P: ³⁴Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

C: ³⁵How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

MEDITATION

Alleluia Arr. Gould and Nethery (Featuring the Bell Choir)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

A: A reading from 1 Peter—

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND AS WE WELCOME THE GOSPEL.

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

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,

²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Hymn #579

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petition Response to “Hear Us, O God:” **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the Lord.

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

C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of the Lord’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words. The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the Church, including the care of those in need. **Our offering baskets are located in the back of the Sanctuary.**

OFFERTORY

Rain Down by Jaime Cortez (Featuring the Adult Choir)

PLEASE STAND.

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave

thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me. For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



PLEASE REMAIN STANDING.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament are invited to come forward to receive. Follow the instructions of the ushers. Children who have not yet received First Communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not comfortable receiving at this time, you are welcome to remain seated.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Pathetique Sonata, 2nd Movement by Beethoven

PLEASE STAND.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised +Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Hymn #855

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

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We Welcome All Visitors to our Services!

Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary.



Today's Altar Flowers Are Given

In Loving Memory of June's Father, Alfred Anderson,
on His Birthday Anniversary

by June & John Fahey

In Loving Memory of Emilie Koch and John Geestmann

by Claudia & John Gross

Serving Today

Presider: The Reverend Charles Vogeley

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Acolyte: Charlie Kuchynskas

Communion Assistant: Barbara Stone

Altar Guild: Terri Ciro, Eileen Colton, Claudia Gross,

Lilly Ann Munnich, Carol Shoemaker

Counters: Robert Ahearn, John Gross, Hans Vogel

Ushers: John Gross and Craig Sparke

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Mailing Committee

Weekly Announcements

May God Bless **Rocky Michael Schaefer** on his Holy Baptism Day!

May 28th is **Pentecost Sunday**. All are invited to contribute a **geranium memorial**. A form is included as an insert in your bulletin. Memorials are due **today, May 21st**.

The Church office will have **limited coverage** from **May 28th-June 11th** due to the Parish Administrator's vacation. If you need to reach the office during this time, please leave a message and someone will respond as soon as possible. Normal operating hours will resume on **Monday, June 12th**. Thank you for your patience!

Father's Day is on June 18th this year. We will continue our yearly tradition of honoring our beloved fathers and father figures with our **Father's Day 2x4 Sunday** tribute. If you would like to participate, please submit the form included with your bulletin to the Church office by **Sunday, June 11th**.

CLC This Week: May 21st through 28th

Wednesday, May 24th: Bell Choir, 7PM and Adult Choir, 8PM

Wednesday, May 24th: CLC Family Basketball, 6-8PM, Steinbicker Gym

Thursday, May 25th: June Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Room 2000

Friday, May 26th: Thrift Shop, 9AM-3PM

For a complete list of activities this month, please visit our website,
or check your latest copy of the Spire.

St. John's Food Pantry

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Canned Stewed Tomatoes - Coffee (Regular) - Cookies - Cooking Oil -

Cream of Mushroom - Dinty Moore Stew - Dish Soap - Evaporated Milk

Fruit Juice - Italian Dressing - Ketchup - Mayonnaise

Pasta (Elbow, Penne) - Toothpaste - Wide Egg Noodles

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

WELCA's Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 1:00 PM

All Ladies Are Invited to Join Us at **Villa D'Aqua**

2565 Bellmore Avenue, Bellmore (11710) | Phone: 516-308-4900

Your **\$26** Cost per Person Includes:

Soup & Salad

Entrée Choice of Chicken, Fish, Veal, or Eggplant Parmesan

Dessert Choice of Cheesecake or Ice Cream

Coffee & Tea

If you plan to attend, please fill out the RSVP form below and return it with your payment to Regina Coons or Claudia Gross by **Sunday, June 4th**. Cash or checks made out to WELCA are accepted. We look forward to seeing you!



WELCA's Spring Luncheon

I have enclosed \$ _____ Select One: _____ Cash _____ Check (to WELCA)

Phone Number: _____

Name(s): _____



Father's Day 2x4 Sunday

Have you started searching for that great Father's Day gift yet? Are you looking for a special way to honor or remember your father, grandfather, or paternal figure in your life? Why not try something different and meaningful this year?

Christ Lutheran is providing a unique opportunity to show your love. It is called "Father's Day 2x4 Sunday." For a donation of **\$5.00 per person**, the names of those being honored and remembered will be listed in the worship bulletin on Father's Day, and displayed in the Narthex. **All proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.**

If you would like to be part of this special tradition, please enclose the tear-off form below with your donation to the Church office by **Sunday, June 11th**. Checks may be made out to Christ Lutheran Church; please indicate "Father's Day 2x4 Sunday" in the memo. Thank you!



Father's Day 2x4 Sunday June 18, 2023

Envelope # _____

Given By: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

of Donations: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return to the Church office by Sunday, June 11th.



We Remember Especially Those on Our Prayer List

Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - James Cathcart - Danielle Chillemi
Sal Costanzo - Sue Costanzo - Kristi Mullally Crocitto
Marge Dahlberg - Joan Drake - Joanne Drenckhahn - Kirsten Duprez
Bob Freyer - Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman - Bill Gilmor
Barbara Grieser - Theresa Heenan - Pastor John Hopkins
Arnold Howard - Carolyn Howard - Pastor John Krahn
Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea - William McShea - Bill Miller
Marilyn Miller - Lilly Ann Munnich - James Pallas - Barbara Proce
Gary Proce - Catherine Rao - Terri Rao - John Reardon - Emmett Reilly
Rose Reilly - Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer - Della Dorn Rice
Helga Richert - Eunice Rischan - Joseph Rizzo - Doris Spiegle
Natalie Stone - James Toomey - Bonnie Toriello - Laura Vogel

To add a name to our prayer list, contact the Church office.

Names remain on the list for a period of six weeks per request.



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