



## Seventh Sunday of Easter

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## Numbered

### As We Gather

An old folk song of unclear origin says, "*Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in, O Lord, I want to be in the number, when the saints go marching in.*" These words express the desire of every Christian heart to be numbered among the redeemed on the great day of Christ's coming when all who believe in Him and are aptized will process into the glorious kingdom prepared for us from the foundations of the world. In Christ we are most certainly numbered as part of that sacred throng, and we ask that God would preserve us and our catechumens in faith until that great hope is realized for us all!



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## PREPARATION

### 856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve**  
To rise and follow You,  
Forsaking old, familiar ways  
For ventures bold and new:  
Grant us to hear Your call  
To risk security  
And, bound in heart and will to You,  
Find perfect liberty.
- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve**  
The truth for ages sealed,  
Whose words and works awakened faith,  
The ways of God revealed:  
Instruct us now, we pray,  
By Your empow'ring Word.  
True teacher, be for all who seek  
Their light, their life, their Lord.

- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve  
 Among the desolate  
 And broke as bread of life for all  
 Your love compassionate:  
 Lead us along the ways  
 Where hope has nearly died  
 And help us climb the lonely hills  
 Where love is crucified.
- 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve  
 On roads they'd never trod  
 To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim  
 The nearer reign of God:  
 Send us on ways where faith  
 Transcends timidity,  
 Where love informs and hope sustains  
 Both life and ministry.
- 5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,  
 The martyrs' strength and song,  
 The crucified and risen King  
 To whom the saints belong:  
 Though generations pass,  
 Our tribute still we bring,  
 Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,  
 Our lives an offering.

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### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

*Psalm 6:9; 54:1-2; 102:1-2*

- P** Hear my prayer, O LORD;
- C** let my cry come to You!
- P** Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress!
- C** Incline Your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!
- P** O God, save me, by Your name, and vindicate me by Your might.
- C** O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- P** The LORD has heard my plea;
- C** the LORD accepts my prayer.

### Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us humble ourselves before God and confess our sins to Him, praying for His gracious forgiveness.
- C** O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put You first. We have used Your holy name in ways that do not honor You and have not been constant in prayer and devotion.

We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty with others at all times. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have coveted that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ 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.

## WORD

### Introit

*Psalm 27:1a, 4-5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7*

- P** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

- 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.**

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

### 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*st. 1*

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."

## Salutation & Prayer 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.

## First Reading

**Acts 1:12-26**

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“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. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>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.) <sup>20</sup>“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.’

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>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.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalmody (read responsively)**

**Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup>**but his delight is in the law of the LORD,**  
**and on his law he meditates day and night.**  
<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.  
<sup>4</sup>**The wicked are not so,**  
**but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**  
<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
<sup>6</sup>**for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,**  
**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**Epistle**

**1 John 5:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

**951 Alleluia & Verse**

**LSB 951**

**P** Alleluia. I will not leave you  
as orphans; I will come to you. Al - le - lu - - - - ia!

**C** Repeat alleluias.

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Hymn 598 Once In the Blest Baptismal Waters

**1** Once in the blest baptismal waters

I put on Christ and made Him mine;  
Now numbered with God’s sons and daughters,  
I share His peace and love divine. *Refrain*

*ref* O God, for Jesus’ sake I pray  
Your peace may bless my dying day.

**2** His body and His blood I’ve taken

In His blest Supper, feast divine;  
Now I shall never be forsaken,  
For I am His, and He is mine. *Refrain*

**3** And thus I live in God contented

And die without a thought of fear;  
My soul has to God’s plans consented,  
For through His Son my faith is clear. *Refrain*

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## Rite of Confirmation

*You may follow the Rite of Confirmation in the hymnal, page 272*

- Address to the Catechumens
- Questions of the Catechumens - the Apostles’ Creed
- Blessing of the Confirmands - with parents and sponsors
- Prayers for the Newly Confirmed

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021



- **590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy**

1 Baptized into Your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Numbered among Your sainted host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.

4 All that I am and love most dearly—  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely;  
Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but Yours alone.



Sermon "Numbered" Acts 1:15-21

## 517 By All Your Saints in Warfare

st. 3

△ 3 Then let us praise the Father  
And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne,  
Ascribing pow'r and glory  
And praise to God alone.

## Organ Offertory & StewardMINUTE

- Offering Prayer

# SACRAMENT

## Preface

- 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.**

## Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God. In Your great mercy you sent Your only Son to be our Redeemer, and having called us to faith by His Gospel, you have numbered us among Your holy people. Pour upon us now the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord with true devotion in this sacred fellowship of Your pilgrim people. Grant us a foretaste of the feast to come, heavenly Father, that with increased faith we joyfully await a blessed eternity in Your glorious presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus "O, Holy, Holy is the Lord"**

## Words of Our Lord

### Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
  
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### 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.

**Pax Domini**

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

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei "O Lamb of God, the Only Son"**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

• **689 Let Me Be Thine Forever**

- 1 Let me be Thine forever,  
My faithful God and Lord;  
Let me forsake Thee never  
Nor wander from Thy Word.  
Lord, do not let me waver,  
But give me steadfastness,  
And for such grace forever  
Thy holy name I'll bless.
- 2 Lord Jesus, my salvation,  
My light, my life divine,  
My only consolation,  
O make me wholly Thine!  
For Thou hast dearly bought me  
With blood and bitter pain.  
Let me, since Thou hast sought me,  
Eternal life obtain.
- 3 And Thou, O Holy Spirit,  
My comforter and guide,  
Grant that in Jesus' merit  
I always may confide,  
Him to the end confessing  
Whom I have known by faith.  
Give me Thy constant blessing  
And grant a Christian death.

• **HYMN Blessed Are the Sons of God TLH 391**

- 1 Blessed are the sons of God,  
They are bought with Christ's own blood;  
They are ransomed from the grave,  
Life eternal they shall have:  
With them numbered may we be  
Here and in eternity!
- 2 They are justified by grace,  
They enjoy the Savior's peace;  
All their sins are washed away,  
They shall stand in God's great Day:  
With them numbered may we be  
Here and in eternity!

- 3 They are lights upon the earth,  
Children of a heavenly birth;  
One with God, with Jesus one;  
Glory is in them begun:  
With them numbered may we be  
Here and in eternity!

• **411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*

*ref* In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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**Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

**Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God**

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.  
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,  
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:  
"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"

- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;  
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.  
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,  
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:  
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”**
- 3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:  
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,  
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—  
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.**
- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,  
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.  
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,  
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;  
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,  
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!**

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