

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Good News vs. Fake News

May 12 & 13, 2018

5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

Good news versus fake news. What is the difference? Whether from false teachers, Internet bloggers, social media users, misguided co-workers and fellow students, or even the news media itself, our experience of daily life can be overwhelmed by fake news: information that is misleading, unhelpful, or simply not true. We must be especially aware of this in matters concerning Jesus, faith, and forgiveness. God has testified this Good News concerning His Son, Jesus: "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:12). In the face of so much fake news, take heart! Jesus—His incarnation, life, death, resurrection, and ascension—is God's final word of Good News for all people.

WELCOME

"In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you
for a reason for the hope that is in you;
yet do it with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15, ESV)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #909 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" *Rise last stanza*

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your loving-kindness, Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction Shed within these walls today.

Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from You, forever With the blessed to retain;
And here after in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

(Rise) Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one;
1 One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

People: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

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

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

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

People: but the way of the wicked will perish.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Holy Father who testifies to the Good News concerning your Son:

**People: 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.**

Pastor: "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.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

People: (sung)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength
and honor and blessing and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:

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Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. God who testifies Good News concerning your Son, Jesus, grant in a world filled with misleading voices and much that is false, that your people hear and attend to the sound of your voice; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen. (Be seated)

ANTHEM (8:00) *“Greet the Rising Sun”* 5-8th Grade Choir

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING *Acts 1:12–26* (Peter leads the apostles in choosing a successor to Judas.) Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 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. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, “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. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 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.) “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.’ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 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.” And they

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put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

EPISTLE *1 John 5:9–15* (Jesus the Son is the testimony of God that He has given eternal life to His people.) 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. 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. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 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. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM (5:00) *“Just As I Am”*

CHOIR ANTHEM (8:00) *“All Praise to Thee”* 5-8 Grades

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 17:11b–19* (Jesus' High Priestly Prayer for His disciples)
Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 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. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 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. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #526 “You Are the Way; Through You Alone”

You are the way; through You alone Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed His heart and will and mind.

You are the truth; Your Word alone True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind And purify the heart.

You are the life; the empty tomb Proclaims Your conqu’ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.

You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win Whose joys eternal flow.

SERMON “The Whole Truth and Nothing But the Truth”

(Rise)

NICENE CREED *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

OFFERTORY (8:00) *“Enduring Gladness”* School
Bells

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Blessed Lord, though your Son ascended to your right hand, keep us ever mindful that He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

People: During this time of waiting for His return, strengthen us in your truth, preserve us from all falsehood and immorality and comfort us with your ongoing care.

Pastor: Lord God, in the pages of Holy Scripture, you reveal your salvation. Bless and guide our efforts at proclaiming your Word. Bless Pastor Chuck Ferry and family and Rachel Meyer, our Together in Mission partners. Bless Noah Kegley as he prepares to preach and teach your truth.

People: Use each of us to share with others the good news of salvation in Christ that His eternal kingdom would grow and flourish.

Pastor: Look with favor, O God, upon all our mothers. Guide them as they serve you in caring for their children. Ease their anxieties as they perform daily parenting responsibilities.

People: Bless us all to love, cherish, and honor our mothers and bring all mothers joy in the privilege of nurturing their children.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, abide with LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison and all the pastors and servants of our Synod.

People: Guide them as they speak your Word and administer your saving Sacraments.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, you earnestly desire the spiritual unity of your Christian Church. Keep us all firm in the truth of your Word. Make your people bold confessors of the true faith.

People: Strengthen us against the temptation to be conformed to the spirit of the times. And keep us faithful in proclaiming the joy of your salvation to those around us.

Pastor: Almighty God, we rejoice in all your good gifts. We thank you for teachers and the blessing of education. Bless and be with all graduates in this day, and bless the Baumgart family as they celebrate Rebecca receiving her Master’s degree in Education.

People: Grant us to count our blessings each day and to acknowledge your manifold goodness toward us.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, through the Revelation given to your servant John, you give us a glimpse into life everlasting. With John’s testimony, comfort those who suffer, those undergoing medical treatments and those homebound especially Anita, Cindy, Pastor Bender, Junie, Carlene, RoseMarie, Tony, Nancy, Sue, Janet, Donna, Dolores, Pat, Cliff, Shirley, Gladys, Pat, Herb, Matthew, Russ, Arlene, Dorothy, John, Arlene, Jack, Shirley, Jonathan, Helen, Leonard and Sarah.

People: Bring to their minds the assurance that even in their current afflictions, they can continue to look forward with eager joy to the perfect place prepared for them in everlasting life.

Pastor: Eternal God, your Son promises that He is the resurrection and the life, and that whoever believes in Him will live eternally. Deal graciously with those who mourn the death of loved ones and those who continue to remember those who have passed on. Bless and be with Larry and Carol Hoffman as they remember their mothers, Lucille and Katherine on this Mother's Day.

People: Lead all who mourn and remember loved ones to take refuge in your Son's promises, that they may know the consolation of your love.

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank you for giving the Sacrament of the Altar for us Christians to eat and drink. Let us find favor in your eyes to receive this precious gift in faith for the salvation of our bodies and souls.

People: Lead us to remember that by the faithful use of this Sacrament, you dwell in us and we dwell in you.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **All: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #692 "Praise to You and Adoration"

Praise to You and adoration, Blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation, Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Your steps are leading.

Hold me ever in Your keeping; Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for You, And my faith and hope renew
In Your birth, Your life, and passion, In Your death and resurrection.

HYMN #712 "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

HYMN #629 "What Is This Bread"

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod?
My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive His very body and His blood.
O taste and see the Lord is good.

HYMN #617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

O Lord we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry, And
Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast there-of remind us! O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!
May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks for Jesus, who is your Good News for all, and that you have flung wide the gates of eternal life here on this altar, where Jesus has come to us in His body and blood. Use this seed of the resurrection to fill us with your Good News that we share it with others and be made ready together to experience the fullness of eternal life on the day when Jesus comes again; for He lives and reigns in communion and love with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #483 "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free Forever, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends
Good News to save ev'ry nation.
True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy Doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be Like victory O'er death and grace,"
Saith He, who gave His life for us, life renewing.
Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed By word and deed To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love Give us above, From misery And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

Preacher

Liturgist

Lectors

Children's Message

Acolytes

Organist /5-8 Grades Director (8:00)

Choir Director (5:00)

Pastor Harold Bender

Pastor Gregg Stanton

Jodi Drew, Carri Becker

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Michelle Prince

Nancy Hoelke

