

Seventh Sunday of Easter
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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. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. 1 Peter 4:12-13

AS WE GATHER

We don't like to suffer. In fact, there are times when we feel the slightest pain and we start feeling like we are being persecuted. We would much rather have God shatter those we perceive to be our enemies than deal with anything resembling suffering. When God deals with our "enemies," then, we will sing God's praises. But sometimes life is hard and sometimes it is hard because we are Christians, and our adversary, "the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus once said, "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:11-12). This same Jesus prayed for us, that our holy Father would keep us in His name. He knew suffering and is now experiencing glory. When we suffer because of our Christian faith, we share Christ's suffering and because He suffered, died, and rose again, we, too, will share that experience and join Him in His glory.

+Confession and Absolution+

Entrance Hymn: LSB #525 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

+Service of the Word+

Kyrie
Gloria in Excelsis
Salutation and Collect of the Day

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First Reading
Epistle Reading
Alleluia and Verse
Holy Gospel

Acts 1:12-26
1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Hymn of the Day: LSB #550 "Lamb of God"

Sermon: Rev. Lowell Dennis

Nicene Creed
Prayer of the Church
Offering

+Service of the Sacrament+

Preface
Sanctus
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Lord's Prayer
The Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini
Agnus Dei

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Distribution Hymns: LSB #617 & 628

Nunc Dimittis
Post-Communion Collect
Benedicamus
Benediction

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Closing Hymn: LSB #829 "Christ the Eternal Lord"

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