



**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 21, 2023**

**CONTEMPORARY**

**9:00 am**

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**GATHERING**

GATHERING MUSIC

*'Your River, O God'*

DRM pg. 4

**Chorus: Your river, O God, is full of water, water alive with justice and grace. Your river, O God, it flows with mercy for ev'ery child through ev'ery time and place**

**1 Ev'ery birth on this earth speaks the mystery. Ev'ery heart, from the start, light for all to see. (Chorus)**

**2 Come and hear all who fear, you are not alone. Come and see, be set free, rest here in your home. (Chorus)**

**3 As we grow, may we know, waves of hope surround. As we live may we give love that has no bounds. (Chorus)**

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*'There is a Longing In Our Hearts'*

ACS #1078

**(Refrain): There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us. There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.**

**1 For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief: be near; hear our prayer, O God. (Refrain)**

**2 For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear: be near; hear our prayer, O God. (Refrain)**

**3 For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near; hear our prayer, O God. (Refrain)**

**4 Lord, save us, take pity, light in our deepest night. We call you; we wait: be near; hear our prayer, O God. (Refrain)**

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*'Rejoice and Celebrate'*

DRM pg. 116

**Chorus: Rejoice in the Lord always! Celebrate what God has done! Rejoice and celebrate, we are one!**

**1 Some days we're gonna feel lonely; some days we're gonna feel blue; some days we're gonna feel helpless; we've gotta let God's saving grace shine through! (Chorus)**

**2 We were baptized into the promise; God's fam'ly we'll always be. We're born each day through the Savior, who humbly gave his life for you and me!**  
**(Chorus)**

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

LITANY:

P: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God. **C: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.** P: Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God, **C: who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.** **ALL: Alleluia. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

*'Come to the Water of Life'*

ACS # 955

**1 All who are thirsty for mercy, all who are thirsty for love; all who are thirsty for love, for mercy, come: come to the Water of life.**

**2 All who are thirsty for healing, all who are thirsty for touch; all who are thirsty for touch, for healing, come: come to the Water of life.**

**3 All who are thirsty for beauty, all who are thirsty for truth; all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty, come: come to the Water of life.**

**4 All who are thirsty for justice, all who are thirsty for peace; all who are thirsty for peace, for justice, come: come to the Water of life.**

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## WORD

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

NT pg. 90

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

NT pg. 184

Children's Message

Bishop Craig Anderson, Ph.D.

Special Music

*'Like a River in My Soul'*

Sr Choir

*Traditional Spiritual arranged by Tim Osiek and edited by Dan Forrest*

Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

NT p. 85

P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord... **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Bishop Craig Anderson, Ph.D.

CREED

**We believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves, but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way. We believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit, to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,**

to love and serve others,  
to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG                    *'There is a Longing in Our Hearts'* (refrain only)                    ACS #1078

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Hear us, O God,    C: **Your mercy is great.**

SONG                    *'There is a Longing in Our Hearts'* (refrain only)                    ACS #1078

## **MEAL**

### **Offering Collection and Presentation**

OFFERTORY HYMN                    *'People of Hope'*                    DRM pg. 176

**Chorus: We are people of hope alive in the myste'ry, growing in faith, learning to love. We are people of hope throughout all of hist'ry, held by the one who will never let go.**

- 1. We are dead in our striving for wealth and for might, but God rich in mercy has loved us to life. (Chorus)**
- 2. We are what God has made us, created in Christ for justice and mercy to be our way of life. (Chorus)**
- 3. In the journey everyday we're led by the Word, saved by grace. (Chorus)**

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Offertory Prayer **C: Amen.**

SONG                    *'Wade in the Water'*                    ELW # 459

**Refrain: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

- 1 See that host all dressed in white, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. The leader looks like the Israelite. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Looks like the band that Moses led. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**

- 3 Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. The Holy Ghost a-coming on me. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**
- 4 If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Just follow me down to Jordan's stream. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**

Text & Music: African American spiritual

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

READING: Revelation 22:1-4

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: Water of life, Water of birth, Water of healing – **C: Thanks be to God!**

P: We praise you, O God, for waters that gather and name us.

**C: We thank you, O God, for waters that wash and claim us.**

P: We honor your baptism.....water of death and destruction. **C: Renew us!**

P: Water of hope reborn: **C: Stir us to act!**

P: Blessing, honor, and glory be to the Lamb, Alive and reigning with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SONG

*'Remembering the Promise'*

DRM pg. 118

**Chorus: We are remembering the promise of God's love. Oh... we are remembering the Savior's dying love. Oh... we are remembering the promise of God's love and we know that we will never be alone.**

**1 Through the years and through the wonder, we will never be alone. Through the tears and through the laughter, God is here with us. (Chorus)**

**2 Through the fear and through the silence, we will never be alone. Through the life and through the dying, God is here with us. (Chorus)**

**3 Through the word and through the water, we will never be alone. Through the cross and the risen Savior, God is here with us. (Chorus)**

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PRAYER

P: Almighty God, **C: who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

## **SENDING**

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C: OK. We will! Thanks be to God.**

**We have been called by the Lord. We have been saved by the Word. Now let the Word be restored. Now let the Gospel be heard.**

**Chorus: Send us out to teach what God has done. Send us out to reach ev'ry single one. Send us out, send us out.**

**We who were bound by our shame, ruled by our fears within, stand and declare by the name, freedom from all of our sin. (Chorus)**

**Bridge: (2X) Teach what God has done, reach ev'ry single one. (Chorus)**

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## Bells, Postlude

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*Revelations 22- Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.*

If you have pastoral needs today, please call Ranet Schmeichel at (320) 760-0266 while Pastor Denise is away continuing education or call Pastor Denise any time starting tomorrow, the 22<sup>nd</sup> at (763) 516-2026.

### **This Week's Ministry Assistants—May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Organist:** Lisa Berdan

**Lector:** Liv Wollschlager

**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

**Acolytes:** Bryson & Raimi

**Ushers:** Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Dick & Adam Strei

**Greeters:** Wollschlager Family

**Coffee Servers:** Weber & Schmeichel

### **Next Week's Ministry Assistants—May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeter:** Jim & Ranet Schmeichel

**Acolytes:** Madilyn & Owen

**Organist:** Amy Adelman

**Lector:** David Ellingson


**Tech Desk:** Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

**Coffee Servers:** Ehrenbergs

**Ushers:** Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Gale May, & TBD

**Welcome to all visitors and guests!** May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle. Please join us downstairs following worship for coffee and fellowship.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by your gifts to the endowment fund. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

**OFFERING UPDATE:** Here are the expenses for April: \$31,569.91. Here is what we received: \$23,851.22. We deficit spent \$7,718.69. A large portion of this was the purchase of the new office printer which we took out of operating reserve. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net). 


**Birthday Wishes** go out today to Carol Barrett who turns 85 on May 23<sup>rd</sup>!

**The Right Reverend** Bishop Craig Anderson, Ph.D., The Episcopal Church, now retired, began his ministry in South Dakota in 1984.

**Pastor Denise will be back** from continuing education tomorrow, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Today is the last day of Sunday School-** There'll be games & an Ice Cream Sunday bar.

**There will be confirmation for 9<sup>th</sup> graders** on Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30. If you haven't already, please pick up your confirmation projects.

**We are looking for volunteers** to prepare and serve coffee on Sundays going forward. Please contact the office or Kristi Ehrenberg if you are willing to help. 

**Kristi Ehrenberg will be stepping down** as temporary coordinator of coffee volunteers at the end of June. We are seeking someone willing to serve as the coordinator. Contact Kristi for further details about the duties or the church Secretary if you feel led to serve our congregation in this role. We may need to suspend coffee & snack service for the summer months unless we have someone assume this role who desires to continue it through the summer and beyond. You are welcome to bring in your own coffee or other beverage to drink during the church service if it is in container with a lid to avoid spills.

**We are seeking to fill** the FELC Youth Leader position. It will start at approx. 20-hours per week during school year, less in the summer. Limited evenings and weekend hours for youth ministry activities and chaperoning youth events and trips. There is potential for future growth in hours with program growth. If you, or someone you know is interested, please drop off resume and references at the church office or e-mail them to the pastor at [pastor@firstenglish.net](mailto:pastor@firstenglish.net).

**The Synod Assembly** is at Gustavus Adolphus College June 9-10. Please contact the church office to let someone know if you'd like to attend as a FELC delegate. Last year's assembly had to be cancelled due to a lack of participation, hopefully this is not the case for this coming year.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Ken Henneberg; Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Brandi Tweeter; Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Baby Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; Baby McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; Jerry Stotesbery; and Terry Ward. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Swede & Janet Anderson; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. *If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.*



**REMINDER:** Calendar and other important information is on our website at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net) and on the bulletin board (kiosk) in the narthex. The church office number is (320)839-2527.

### Weekly Calendar

**Sun – 5/21** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship – KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & last day of Sunday School

**Mon – 5/22** 10:00 am Staff Meeting

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

**Tues – 5/23** 8:30 am Day of Love  
4:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at Fairway View

**Wed – 5/24** 9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast  
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm **Confirmation (9)**  
5:30 pm TV Broadcast

**Fri – 5/26** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

**Sun – 5/28 Pentecost**



9:00 am Worship – Noisy Offering – KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School  
10:20 am WAM meeting





May 21, 2023, Seventh Sunday of Easter

John 17:1-11

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Gracious God,** you come to us in the mystery of the triune God—**Three in One.** In the words of Jesus we pray that you would make us one as you are one, that we might bear witness to your presence in the world. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him." (John 17:1-2)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Jesus prayed for God to love and care for his beloved disciples. His time on earth would soon end, but his love for his friends never would.**





**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Who do you have authority over? Who has authority over you? Which one feels better? How might you use your position (over or under) to bring God's word to life?
- For the littles: When have you had to say goodbye? How did it feel? What does it feel like to be reunited?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God grant you wisdom to use authority wisely. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Think of a so-called "authority figure" from your life who you like and respect. Write them a letter of appreciation for the guidance they have given you.**



**Go Deeper:** Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, May 25, 2020: Psalm 99; Lev. 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6

Tuesday, May 26, 2020: Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Wednesday, May 27, 2020: Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36

Thursday, May 28, 2020: Psalm 33:12-22; Ex. 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11

Friday, May 29, 2020: Psalm 33:12-22; Ex. 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17

Saturday, May 30, 2020: Psalm 33:12-22; Ex. 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12