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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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Prelude: Vicar David Severtson

Gathering [P. Tim at Font]

Life presents us with many different milestones that set the stage for the next phase in our lives. Graduation from high school is one of these milestones. Today we wish to honor those who are moving through this special time of accomplishment, transition, and change, and to show them that we, their community of faith, stand with them and support them as fellow believers in Jesus Christ.

As we gather to praise our Lord today and honor the high school seniors who are graduating this year, let us give thanks to God who claims us, calls us, and redeems us through Jesus Christ.

All-wise and loving God, we give thanks for your gifts to us: for creating us, for saving us in Christ, for calling us in baptism as your people. Look with love on these graduates and bless them as they complete this season of their studies. By your Spirit, help them to use their gifts for your glory and for the good of all people. In your lovingkindness, guide them in their journey. We ask these blessings through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering Song: *10,000 Reasons* (Myrin/Redman)

Greeting [P. Tim at Font]

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Blessing and Recognition of Graduates

[Video of Abby Teisinger, Vicar David, Janel Skindelen and Pastor Naomi]

Prayer [Last part of video]

Let us pray,

O Lord Jesus Christ, when you welcomed the children your invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been upon these young men and women. You have been at their sides. You share in their laughter and wipe away their tears. In times of confusion you offer direction. In times of sorrow you offer hope. In times of doubt your Holy Spirit lifts them up. O Lord, help them to always feel your presence with them as they go out into the future. Bless them and keep them. Hold them in the hollow of your hand. Bless them and keep them now and forever. Amen.

Slide Show (Made by Abigail Mathiasen)

Children's Message

Reading: Ephesians 1:15-19a (GNT Pew Bible page 1411) (Jen Harasyn—Lector)

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks to God for you. I remember you in my prayers ¹⁷ and ask the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, to give you the Spirit, who will make you wise and reveal God to you, so that you will know him. ¹⁸ I ask that your minds may be opened to see his light, so that you will know what is the hope to which he has called you, how rich are the wonderful blessings he promises his people, ¹⁹ and how very great is his power at work in us who believe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reading: Acts 1:6-11 (GNT Pew Bible page 1302)

⁶ When the apostles met together with Jesus, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time give the Kingdom back to Israel?"

⁷ Jesus said to them, "The times and occasions are set by my Father's own authority, and it is not for you to know when they will be. ⁸ But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ After saying this, he was taken up to heaven as they watched him, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They still had their eyes fixed on the sky as he went away, when two men dressed in white suddenly stood beside them ¹¹ and said, "Galileans, why are you standing there looking up at the sky? This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go to heaven."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Why Are You Standing There Looking Up At The Sky?*

Pastor Naomi Mahler

Song of the Day: *You Are Mine* (ELW 581)

The Apostles' Creed & Sharing of the Peace (ELW p. 105)

Offering & Special Music *As the Deer* Emily Ashburn

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 112)

Announcements

Blessing

Go out into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve God,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sending Song: *As You Go on Your Way* (Ylvisaker)

Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Remain in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Vicar David Severtson

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SENIOR CLASS OF 2020

Emma Anderson	Katelyn Hultgren
Emily Ashburn	Abigail Mathiasen
Kayla Berg	Isaac Nichols
Isaiah Cameron	Jackson Spencer
Noah Cloutier	Andrew Tack
Kyler Gerdes	Abby Teisinger
Jannette Harasyn	Alexis Tersch

Congratulations!

May God guide you on your journey of life

Known Hospitalized - Roger Baker, Ron Andreen - St. Cloud Hospital
Wayne Johnson, Pricilla (Pat) Muelbauer - Rice

We Express Our Sympathy and remember in our prayers the family of Hazel Allen and Cindy Pollock, Amy Rodelius's sister. Elaine Howell will be laid to rest on Saturday May 30 at a rural Echo, MN cemetery.