

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2024

## We Will Overcome This Broken World

**Opening Hymn** ..... 839, “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

**Order of Service (From Supplement)** ..... Gathering Rite on the Word of God, Page 11

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### FIRST READING

**Psalm of the Day (On Insert)**.....Psalm 47D vv. 1 & 2

### SECOND READING

**Gospel Acclamation Verse:** Alleluia. *I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.*

Alleluia.

### GOSPEL

**Hymn of the Day** ..... 733, “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

### EXAMINATION OF CONFIRMANDS

**Offering Hymn** ..... 749 v. 3, “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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### Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn** ..... 503, “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

### Closing Prayer/Benediction

**Closing Hymn** ..... 605, “From All That Dwell below the Skies”

## FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

Simply for proclaiming Christ, the Sanhedrin wanted to kill Stephen. Christ used their murderous intent to enable Stephen to overcome this broken world.

*In those days, as the number of disciples was increasing, a complaint arose from the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrew-speaking Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.*

*So the Twelve called together the whole group of disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, carefully select from among you seven men with good reputations, who are full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. We will put them in charge of this service. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.” This proposal pleased the entire group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas, a proselyte from Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God kept on spreading, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. Also a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.*

*Now Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. Some men who were from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia) rose up and disputed with Stephen. Stephen said, “Gentlemen, brothers and fathers, listen! “You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit! You are doing just what your fathers did. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who prophesied the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers— you who received the law as transmitted by angels, but did not keep it.”*

*When they heard these things, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed up into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. He said, “Look, I see heaven opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” But they screamed at the top of their voices, covered their ears, and rushed at him with one purpose in mind. They threw him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses laid their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!” Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” After he said this, he fell asleep.*

## SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

**St. John explains that everyone born of God overcomes the world.**

*Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the God who has given birth also loves one who has been born of him. This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep his commands. In fact, this is love for God: that we keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, because everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.*

## GOSPEL: John 17:11b-19

**Jesus, our great high priest, prays that his Father would sanctify us with his truth and enable us to overcome the world.**

*Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I kept those you gave me safe in your name. I protected them and not one of them was destroyed, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. “But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so that they may be filled with my joy. I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. “Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEAD USHERS:** Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart; next Sunday: Don Koch/Doug Schulz  
**THE EXAMINATION** of this year's eighth grade confirmation class will take place today. They will be confirmed at the **Sunday, May 19**, worship service. This year's confirmands are: Amelia Boeder, Ava Grotelueschen, and Ashton Neu.

In addition, Ilyssa O'Gorman will also be confirmed at the May 19 worship service. Ilyssa has studied the Christian faith with Pastors Drake, Kesting, and Mose through the Trinity Community Center classes and will be examined privately.

**ALTAR OFFERING:** This year's altar offering will be taken on **Thursday, May 16**, and **Sunday, May 19**. The money received has been designated as follows: 100% to the budget. Please look for the special envelope marked **Altar Offering** in your envelope packets.

**WALL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT:** Our school will be hosting this year's WALL Softball Tournament on **Friday-Saturday, May 17-18**, at the Iron Ridge Firemen's Park. All are invited and encouraged to come down and cheer our team on as well as enjoy the concessions which will be served throughout the tournament. If you would be willing to help in any way (i.e. concessions, grilling, providing donations, setting up, cleaning up), please speak with **Kevin Lorge** as soon as possible. We need all the help we can get with this big of an endeavor! There will be 11 teams involved and all their families in attendance!

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY:** No one has signed up to host the fellowship hour which would take place immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, May 26**. If this is something you or a group of you would be willing to do, please sign up on the sheet hanging on the church bulletin board or speak with Pastor Mose today. Thank you!

**GRADUATION/RECOGNITION:** The graduation of St. Matthew's eighth grade class will be held on **Thursday, May 23**, at the **7:00 PM** worship service. Immediately following the Graduation worship service, Recognition Night festivities will take place in the gym.

**WE THANK** the adult choir for beautifying our Sunday worship service with their song!  
**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** We wish all our mothers a happy and blessed Mother's Day today!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 20; Sunday: 102

**Offerings:** \$4,923.30

*(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,239.00)*

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement: \$315.00; Altar Offering: \$25.00;  
Christian Aid & Relief: \$5.00



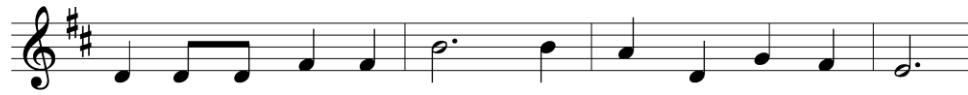
*We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plates located on the tables at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically.*

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

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| Sunday:      | Worship Service ( <b>Examination Sunday</b> ) .....9:00 AM<br><b>Mother's Day</b>   |
| Thursday:    | Communion Worship Service .....7:00 PM<br><b>ALTAR OFFERING</b><br>Adult Choir.....8:00 PM                                |
| Fri. – Sat.: | WALL Softball Tournament (@ Iron Ridge Firemen's Park)<br>Friday begins at.....4:00 PM<br>Saturday begins at .....9:00 AM |
| Sunday:      | Communion Worship Service ( <b>Confirmation</b> ).....9:00 AM<br><b>ALTAR OFFERING</b>                                    |

# 47D All Peoples, Clap Your Hands

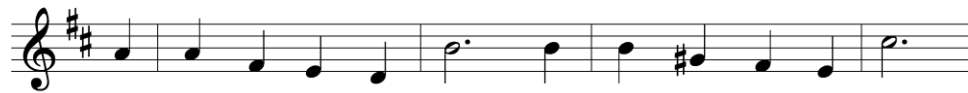
Psalm 47D sts. 1-2



1 All peo - ples, clap your hands, and shout with joy and sing.  
2 God has gone up on high, with shout and trum - pet voice;



The LORD Most High is to be feared; he is the earth's great King.  
sing praise to God, our glo - rious King, sing praise to him, re - joice!



He brings the na - tions down, sub - dues them in our sight;  
For God is King of all. Sing praise with all your skill;



he choos - es our in - her - it - ance; his love is Ja - cob's might.  
he sits up - on his ho - ly throne and rules the na - tions still.

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