

# Full Service Bulletin

## PRAISE SERVICE

MAY 12, 2024

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY

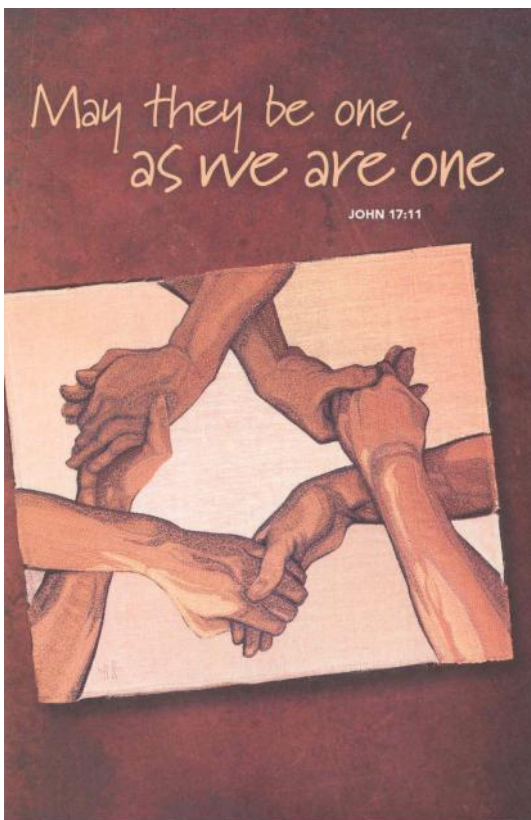
### WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)*

### PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray:*

**God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**



### CHILDREN

*We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

### INTRODUCTION

*The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for His followers in John's gospel on the night before His death, and always includes Jesus' desire that His followers will be one as He and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit Whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!*

# WELCOME AND MEDITATION

*(Please rise.)*

**ASCENSION GOSPEL** .....Luke 24:44-53.....Pg. 1644

P: The Gospel for Ascension is from Luke, the 24th Chapter.

## GATHERING HYMN

*“The Head That Once Was Crowned” (ELW # 432)*

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov'-reign right,  
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low  
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;

a roy - al di - a - dem a - dons the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.  
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;  
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;  
they reign with him above;  
their profit and their joy to know  
the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains lines 1-4, and the second system contains lines 5-6. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855 Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1669–1707

## INVOCATION ( = All may make the sign of the cross.)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Who calls us beloved children, Who gathers us into one flock, Who guides us into all truth.

C: AMEN.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: If we claim to be to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sins, for God is faithful and just and will forgive us and purify us from all unrighteousness.

*(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: Faithful and just God, **C: we confess our sin. We are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways of darkness that lead to death. We confess our failure to live fully the good news of the resurrection. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another as You have loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let Your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new; that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, and know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. AMEN.**

P: This is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

**C: AMEN.**

## GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"*  
*(WOV # 671 verses 1-3 - requested favorite - Donald Fishel)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to His name.

1. Je - sus is good Lord of all the earth;  
 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth;  
 3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 Now we shall live for - ev - er. Al - le -

*D.S. al Fine*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.      **C: And also with you.**  
 L: Let us pray together:      **C: God, our creator and redeemer, Your Son Jesus prayed that His followers might be one. Make all Christians one with Him as He is one with You, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

## RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 1 (*congregation: indented*)

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked  
**or stand in the way of sinners**  
**or sit in the seat of mockers.**

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
**and on His law he meditates day and night.**  
 He is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
 which yields its fruit in season  
**and whose leaf does not wither.**  
**Whatever he does prospers.**

Not so the wicked!

**They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**  
 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
**nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**  
 For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**PRAISE SONG** *(Please sit.)*

*“I Love You, Lord” (Maj # 214 - favorite - Laurie Klein)*

The image shows a musical score for the song "I Love You, Lord". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor-ship You, O my soul, re-joice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear."

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

*For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)*

**FIRST READING** ....Acts 1:12-26.....p. 1691

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**....1 John 5:9-13.....p. 1903

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please rise.)*

“Son of God, Eternal Savior” *verse 1* (SBH # 542)

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
4 Dark the path that lies be - hind us, Strewn with wrecks and stained with blood;  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us Hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
But be - fore us gleams the vi - sion Of the com - ing broth - er - hood.  
You our head, who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will ev - er plead:  
By your pray - ing, by your will - ing That your peo - ple should be one,  
Fill us with your love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth your will be done.

© Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932  
Tune: Dutch folk tune, 18th cent.

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**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** ....John 17:6-19.....p. 1680

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *verse 4*

*(Young children go to Children’s Church)*

**SERMON** *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

“Presenting the Gospel: Part II”

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH


May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.  
(Romans 15:13)

### HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*



“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!” (WSH # 62)

John Bakewell, 1721-1819

AUTUMN Arr. from François H. Barthélemon, 1741-1808




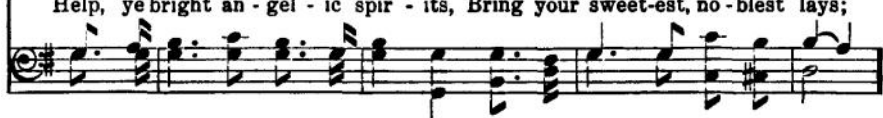
1. Hail! Thou once - de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i - le - an King!  
2. Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on Thee were laid;  
3. Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er to a - bide;  
4. Wor - ship, hon - or, power and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy to re - ceive;



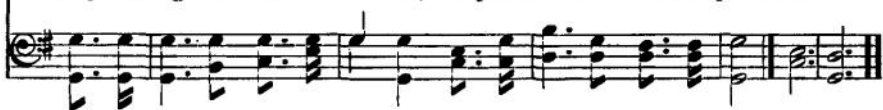
Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.  
By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast full a - tone - ment made.  
All the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed at Thy Fa - ther's side.  
Loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Meet it is for us to give.



Hail, Thou ag - o - niz - ing Sav - iour, Bear - er of our sin and shame!  
All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en, Through the vir - tue of Thy blood;  
There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing, There Thou dost our place pre - pare,  
Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its, Bring your sweet - est, no - blest lays;



By Thy mer - its we find fa - vor; Life is giv - en through Thy name.  
O - pened is the gate of heav - en, Peace is made 'twixt man and God.  
Ev - er for us in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
Help to sing our Sav - iour's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise! A - MEN.



## SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part II. The Creed*:

L: What is The Second Article of the Creed: On Redemption?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

L: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ is truly God, born of the Father in eternity and also truly man, born of the Virgin Mary. He is my Lord! He redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, bought and won me from all sins, death and the authority of the Devil. It did not cost Him gold or silver, but His holy, precious blood, His innocent body--His death! Because of this, I am His very own, will live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him righteously, innocently and blessedly forever, just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns forever. This is most certainly true!**

## OFFERING *(Please sit.)*

*We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

## MISSION MOMENT

*Honoring Mothers – Baby Bottle Campaign Kickoff*

*(Men, young ladies who are not mothers and children stand in place to sing in honor of all mothers)*

## MOTHER'S DAY HYMN

*“Faith of Our Mothers” (Tune: Maj # 330 – favorite)*



1. Faith of our Mothers, liv - ing still, In cra - dle song and bed-time prayer,  
 2. Faith of our Mothers, lov - ing faith, The fount of child-hood's trust and grace,  
 3. Faith of our Mothers, guid - ing faith, For youth-ful long-ing—youth-ful doubt,  
 4. Faith of our Mothers, Chris-tian faith, In truth be - yond our man-made creeds,

In nur-sery love and fire - side lore, Thy pres-ence still per - vades the air;  
 O, may thy con - se - cra - tion prove The well-spring of a no - bler race;  
 How blurred our vi - sion, blind our way Thy prov - i - den - tial care with-out;  
 Still serve the home and save the church, And breathe thy spir - it thro' our deeds;

## REFRAIN

Faith of our Mothers, liv-ing faith, We will be true to thee till death.  
 Faith of our Mothers, lov-ing faith, We will be true to thee till death.  
 Faith of our Mothers, guiding faith, We will be true to thee till death.  
 Faith of our Mothers, Christian faith, We will be true to thee till death. A-MEN.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

*(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

## **WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD**

*Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)*

### **BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, Who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

**C: AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be His witnesses.

**C: AMEN. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: God the Holy Spirit, Who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

C:

Danish

### **SENDING HYMN** *(Please rise.)* “*Because He Lives*”

*(Maj # 260 - favorite - William & Gloria Gaither)*

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS**

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.*

*Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.*

*You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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*Sharon Branigan in honor of daughter Monica's birthday*

1 God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus, He came to love,  
 2 How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride  
 3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er, I'll fight life's fi -

1 heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my  
 2 and joy He gives; But great - er still the calm as -  
 3 nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

1 par - don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
 2 sur - ance, This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.  
 3 vic - tory, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He reigns.

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row, Be - cause He lives

all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the

fu - ture, And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives.

**MAY 12, 2024**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK**

GREETER: 8:30-Sarah Barlow / 10:45-Sharon Branigan

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

SONG LEADER: Pastor David

LITURGIST: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

LECTOR: 8:30-Jim Femister / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Branigan, Irene Graham

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

GRASS: Lyn Stryker, Melissa Yalch, *Volunteer*

HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry

PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski

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**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. David L. Brown, *Pastor* † Ruthann Kistler, *Christian Ed. Dir.*

Nancy Cook, *Music Director* † Jonathan Mosebach, *Office Secretary*

**Volunteers Needed.** *Sexton* † Karen Steiner, *Pre-school*

Lisa Wechsler, *Treasurer* † Glade Schroeter, *Webmaster*

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

*(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)*

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