

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2024 11:00 am (Mother's Day)

### FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.)

### THINK ABOUT THIS

The Easter season finds its culmination in the high priestly prayer of Jesus. With this we are reminded the Lord is praying for us, for our faith, and for our unity in the faith, so that we may fulfill His purpose making known all that He has done. It should be of great comfort to us that on the night of His betrayal, our Lord does not pray for Himself but for disciples and those who will believe through their witness. As we confront the mission of the church to be His witnesses still, He does not relent praying for us still. United in faith and living together our common life under His Word and at His Table, we are strengthened in unity and in mission.



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## **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Greatly To Be Praised”**

*(Verse, Pre-Chorus, Chorus , Verse, Pre-Chorus, Chorus 1, Chorus 2, Bridge, Chorus 1, Chorus 2)*

**Lift your eyes, lift your eyes to the One**

**Who’s reigning over us, for He has overcome**

**Fill the skies, fill the skies with a song**

**As heaven sings along, to glorify the Son (Pre-Chorus & Chorus 1)**

**Pre-Chorus**

**Who is like You, none compare**

**There’s no one like our God**

**Chorus 1**

**Great and greatly to be praised**

**Name above all other names**

**Powerful and strong to save**

**Hallelujah, our God reigns**

**Our God reigns**

**Tell the world, tell the world of the love**

**He’s lavished over us, His daughters and His sons**

**Made alive, made alive, now we’re free**

**Rescued and redeemed, the victory is won (Pre-chorus, Chorus 1 & 2)**

**Chorus 2**

**Glory in the highest place**

**King of mercy, God of grace**

**Together let the earth proclaim**

**Hallelujah, our God reigns**

**Our God reigns**

**Bridge**

**We lift our eyes up, behold the Son**

**Lift our voices, and sing as one**

**Hallelujah, our God reigns (repeat bridge, then Chorus 1 &2)**

## WELCOME

### INVOCATION *(Please stand)*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us come before God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden and confess our sins in the name of Him who died and rose again to give us forgiveness and life.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

**I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayer have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me and so my love for others has failed. There are many whom I have hurt and many whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I have sinned against God and against you, my brothers and sisters. There is no health in me. But for the promise of Christ, I would have no hope. Because of Christ's promise, I am made bold to ask for mercy. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, O Lord, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

### SONG OF PRAISE "All I Want to Do"

*(Repeat once)*

**All I want to do is give this life to you**

**All I want to do is give this life to you**

**All I want to do is give this life to you**

**Lord, let your will be done, 'til it's all I want to do. *(repeat)***

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful Father, You have given us Your Word and with it Your Spirit, that by the testimony of the prophets and evangelists, we may know the truth that sets us free from sin and fear. Guard Your Word within us, that by this faithful testimony we may be made bold in witness and faithful in service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS** *(Please be seated)*

#### **Acts 1:12–26**

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.

<sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"Let another take his office.'

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **1 John 5:9–15**

<sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

<sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **John 17:11b–19** *(Please stand)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

#### **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SONG "Come, Let us Worship" *(Please be seated)***

**Come, let us worship the Lord together,  
Let us sing His praise forevermore.  
When the family of God comes together,  
We love to sing His praise forevermore.**

**Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, hosanna to the King!  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, hosanna to the King!**

**OBJECT LESSON**

**SONG "Hear Our Prayers"**

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)*

**Hear our cries Lord, hear our prayers.  
Take our burdens, calm our fears.**

**God will you make us a people that love You.  
Please take our offerings that we set before You.  
God hear our prayers that we're lifting up to You.  
God see our tears that we're struggling to see through.  
God, hear our prayers to You.**

**In our weakness, You remain.  
When we're broken, You sustain.**

**God will you make us a people that love You.  
Please take our offerings that we set before You.  
God hear our prayers that we're lifting up to You.  
God see our tears that we're struggling to see through.**

**God hear our prayers, we lift them to You.  
God hear our prayers, Lord make our hearts true.  
God hear our prayers, we lift them to You.  
God hear our prayers, Lord make our hearts true.  
Will You make our hearts true?**

**Hear our prayers Lord.**

**God will you make us a people that love You.  
Please take our offerings that we set before You.  
God hear our prayers that we're lifting up to You.  
God see our tears that we're struggling to see through.  
God hear our prayers as we lift them to heaven.  
We're praying the angels receive and embrace them.  
The hopes of the empty, the cries of the broken.  
We're reaching our hands out, oh Lord will You hold them?**



**God hear our prayers, we lift them to You.  
God hear our prayers, Lord make our hearts true.  
God hear our prayers. God hear our prayers.  
God hear our prayers. God hear our prayers.**

**MESSAGE “Keep Them Safe”** (John 17:11b-19)

**OFFERING**

*(Please fill out the fellowship pad beside you in the pew)*

**PRAYERS** *(Please stand)*

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)*

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

**Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world  
give us Your peace.**

**RECEIVING THE LORD’S SUPPER** *(Please be seated)*

**SONG "Holy, Holy"**

*(Repeat once, ending: sing last line 3 times)*

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.**

**Who was and is and is to come, who was and is and is to come.**

**Lift up His name with the sound of singing.**

**Lift up His name in all the earth.**

**Lift up your voice and give Him glory,**

**for He is worthy to be praised.**

**SONG "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"**

*(3 Verses)*

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure**

**That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.**

**How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away**

**As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.**

**Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.**

**It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;**

**His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.**

**But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.**

**Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.**

**But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.**

**PRAYER OF THANKS** *(Please stand)*

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**Amen**

**BLESSING**

**SONG "These Thousand Hills"** *(Please be seated)*

*(4 Verses)*

**These thousand hills roll ever on  
In footprints of a Mighty God  
They bring me to my knees in praise  
Amazing love, amazing grace**

**Was on a hill my Savior died  
A broken heart, a bleeding side  
Hill of the skull, Mount Calvary  
The blood He shed, He shed for me**

**When heaven's hills at last I roam  
Forever settle in my home  
I'll join the saints around Your throne  
Your kingdom, Lord, rolls ever on**

**These thousand hills roll ever on  
Ripples of a coming storm  
The morning star precedes the dawn  
These thousand hills roll ever on**

**LEAVING**

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**Drums:                      Aaron Barrigar**

Her children

A decorative floral wreath of small flowers and leaves arches over the word "Her". Below "Her" is a large, stylized starburst flower with five petals.

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HER Blessed

A decorative floral starburst with five petals is positioned above the word "Blessed".

PROVERBS 31:28