

Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024, 10:00 AM

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who visit or are searching. We are delighted that you are here. First time visitors are encouraged to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offering plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge him to be the Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms his presence in, with, and under bread alone.

We gather in quiet for prayer and reflection

PRELUDE: *Lord, You I Love with All My Heart* Joh. Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism [*Romans 6:1-11*]. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore, I ask of you:

P Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

C **I reject them.**

P Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbor?

C **I repent of them.**

P Let us remember those sins which trouble and weigh heavily on us: Lord Jesus, you are risen from the dead: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P You have destroyed death forever: Christ, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P You have opened for us the way to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 392: *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!* [Sts. 1-3]

EASTER GREETING

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.**

FESTIVAL CANTICLE: *This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God*

Refrain



This is the feast _____ of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Women and Girls 1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
Men and Boys 2. Pow - er rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, _____ and
Women and Girls 3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, _____ and
Men and Boys 4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
All singing 5. For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free _____ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, _____ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *to Verse 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun his _____ reign. _____ Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast _____ of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song

We sit

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L The Word of the Lord! **C Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 1 (sung responsively by whole verse)



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats | of the scornful.

**²Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

**³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.**

**⁴It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

**⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.**

**⁶For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: I John 5:9-13

**⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for
this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those
who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those
who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the
testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the
testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.**

**¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God
does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name
of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.**

L The Word of the Lord! C Thanks be to God!

We stand

CELTIC ALLELUIA (*We sing it twice*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 17:6-19

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord!** (*spoken boldly*)

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

We sit

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON

The Rev. Ron Philabaum

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 655: *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

NICENE CREED

Pr With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the ✠ resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After each petition:

P God of grace, **C** Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S TABLE

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *A New Commandment I Give unto You*
A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I
have loved you, that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples, if you have love one
for another... [Text: St. John 13:34-35; Music: attr. Roy Crabtree]

OFFERTORY SONG: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord* [ELW 184]



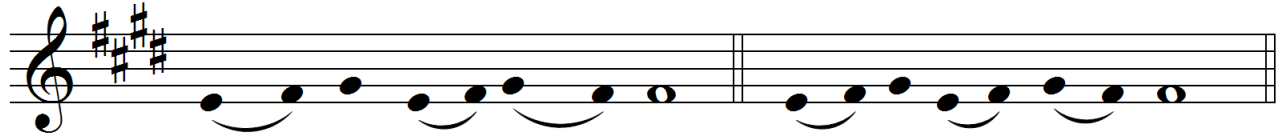
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray:

C **Risen Christ, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

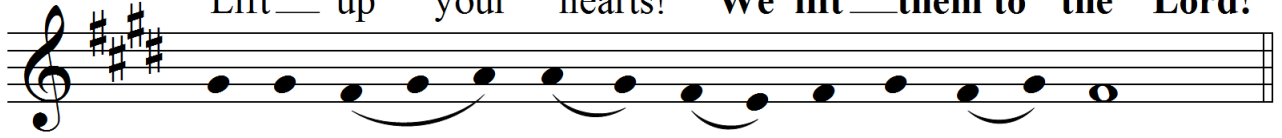
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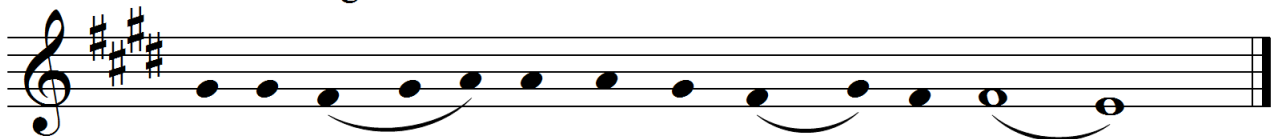
The__ Lord be__ with__ you. And al-so__ with you.



Lift__ up your hearts! We lift__ them to the Lord!



Let us give__ thanks to__ the Lord our__ God.



It is right__ to give our thanks and praise.__

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life of others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table!

FRACTION ANTHEM: *Lamb of God* [ELW, p. 154]



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 358: *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here*

ELW 494: *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

We stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

P Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN ELW 824: *This Is My Father's World*

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: *Lord, You I Love with All My Heart* Joh. Fr. Alberti

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