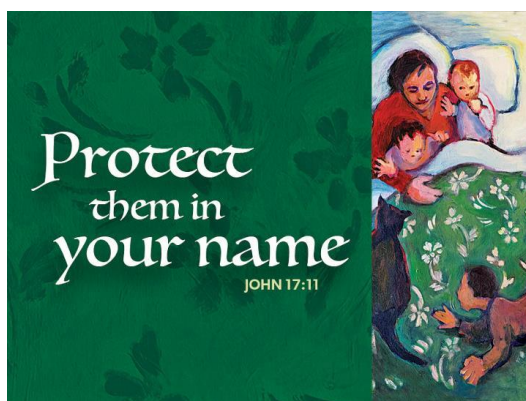


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HOLY COMMUNION

Time after Easter

Sunday ☩ May 12, 2024 ☩ 10:00 am

Christ's prayer for his disciples

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!

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

"Hyfrydol"

Mark Sedio

OPENING HYMN

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

ELW 392
Verses 1, 3, 4



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

Matthias added to the apostles

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

In 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.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

The Lord knows the way of the righteous

The reader leads the psalm, the assembly responds by reading the bold print.

Happy 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!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

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

It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

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

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

READING

Life in the Son of God

1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

If 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

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.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.





1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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 Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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HOLY BAPTISM

God brings those who are baptized out of death and into life.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

ACCLAMATION

“You Belong to Christ”

ELW 212

Sung through twice



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Music: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ

and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God,

we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love;

through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our risen Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERING

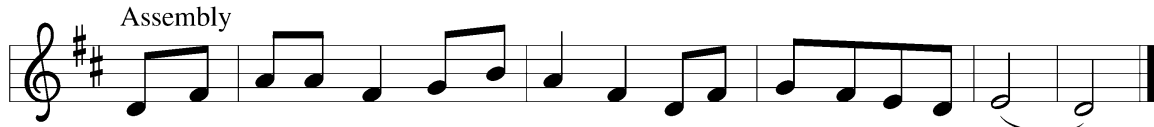
“O Jesus, I Have Promised” arr. Thomas Keesecker

The offering basket is at the door of the sanctuary, you may place your offering there as you leave.

OFFERTORY

“The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus”

The bread and wine are brought forward, the assembly stands and sings as the procession reaches the chancel. The cantor begins and invites the assembly to repeat.



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

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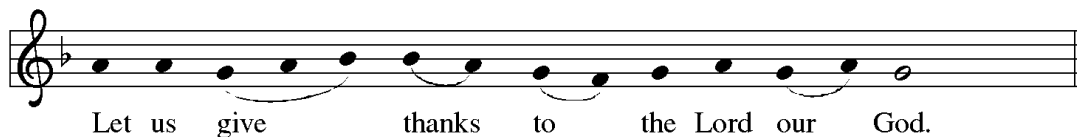
Offertory Prayer

Risen One,
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.

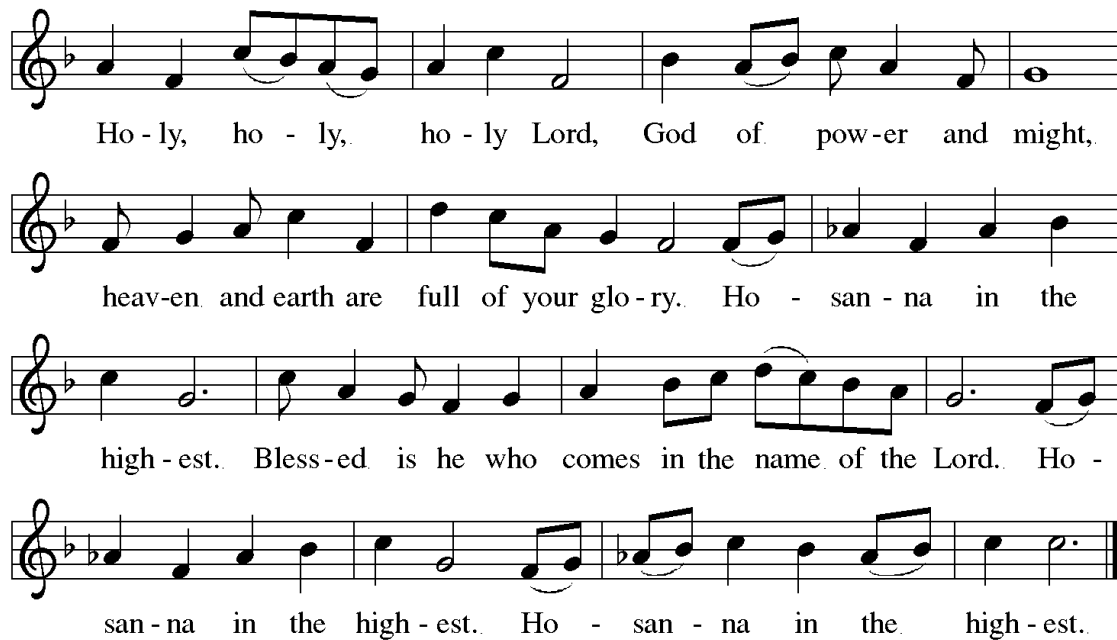
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Dialogue and Preface



Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**

We bless you, O God. **We bless you, O God.**

We thank you, O God. **We thank you, O God.**

...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

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

Music during Communion

"Here I am, Lord"

ELW 574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

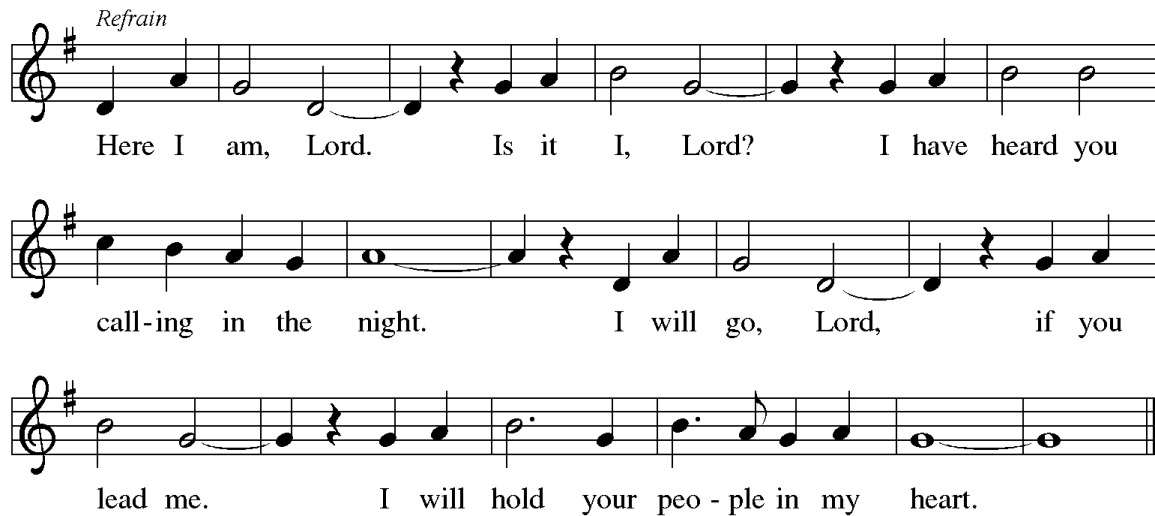


I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
 lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

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.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
 and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Christ is the King”

ELW 662

As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance to the sanctuary for the dismissal.



1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; broth - ers and sis - ters,
 2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
 3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
 4 Let Love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered com - pa -
 5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
 ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
 seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
 nies u - nite in ser - vice to the God of light.
 earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music: BEVERLY, Charles R. Anders, b. 1929
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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Hyfrydol”

Gordon Young

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Pastor Kristine Stedje	<i>presider</i>
Ian Hertenstein	<i>assisting minister</i>
Yvonne Hazlett	<i>organist, choir director</i>
Ben and Ellie Hertenstein	<i>sound and media technicians</i>
Chris Taylor	<i>sacristan</i>
Ellie Hertenstein	<i>crucifer</i>
Vanessa Bremer	<i>children's teacher</i>
Dan Moore	<i>reader</i>
Sasha Kolker	<i>communion minister</i>
Mike VanBeest	<i>usher</i>
Ann Doellinger, Chris Taylor	<i>greeters</i>

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Announcements

Welcome to worship at First Lutheran Church. We are a **welcoming** congregation who **worships and serves** the God we love.

Holy Communion will be served today standing in the chancel, by intinction. Gluten-wafers are available, simply ask your server. All are welcome at Jesus' banquet feast.

Today, **Hutton Ky Nash**, son of Johnny and Morgen Nash, and sister of Harper, will be baptized into the family of God. Hutton's sponsors are Matt Bennett, Annie Betz and Ronald Nash.

Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors, **Ian Hertenstein and Sasha Kolker**, who are serving as assisting minister and communion minister this morning.

A **special meeting of the congregation** will be held on **Sunday, May 19, following worship** in Fellowship Hall. The primary purpose of the meeting is to approve a bid by Mid States Audio in the amount of \$61,176.02, to replace the sound system in the church sanctuary. At their April 16 congregation council meeting, the council voted to pursue this project. For more information check your email or pick up a copy of the announcement in the office today.

OPEN HOUSE FOR Ian Hertenstein

Please join us in celebrating Ian as he graduates from high school. An open house in his honor will take place at the Deer Run Golf Course in Hinton on Saturday, May 18th from 3-6pm. We would love for you to join us! --Ben, Alison and Ian Hertenstein

On Saturday, May 18th, an **Open House** will be held in Fellowship Hall for former member Cindy Vergith. Join the family from 10 am - 1 pm, to remember Cindy and celebrate her life.

The Soup Kitchen crew from First Lutheran will be serving again on **Thursday, May 23 from 4-6 pm**. Contact Candy to volunteer.

Weekly Schedule, First Lutheran Meetings and Activities

Today, May 12

Coffee fellowship following worship, Fireside Room, in honor of our graduates.

Wednesday, May 15

9a-11:30a Food Pantry, Volunteers: Becki McGlaufflin, Enola Peters

7p Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, May 16

1p Adult Bible Study, Fireside Room

Friday, May 17

9a Quilters, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 18

10a-1p Cindy Vergith Open House in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 19

10a Pentecost Festival Worship in-person, livestream and radio

11:15a Special meeting of the congregation, Fellowship Hall

Primary purpose for the meeting is to hear plans for a proposed new sound system for the sanctuary. As well as sabbatical plans for Pastor Kristine, Wartburg Seminary Deacon intern, update on the HVAC and more!