

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Seventh Weekend of Easter

Saturday, May 28 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 29 – 10:00 AM

Gather, as you are able: a piece of bread or cracker, wine or juice for Holy Communion, and a Bible if you'd like to read along with the Scripture.

prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

arranged by Tom Fettke

Sue Hilderbrand and Kristin Young, vocalists

welcome/announcements

confession and forgiveness *(stand)*

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Forgiving God,

We spend so much of our time doubting you, doubting ourselves, failing to place our trust in you. Our lack of faith causes us to stumble, and when we fall, we fall far.

Forgive us our sin and lift us so that we can rise to the challenge of carrying out your mission. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

God is merciful and just. God offers forgiveness for all who ask it. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins and walk with the power of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus. **Amen.**

hymn of praise

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (ELW 843)

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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Verse 1

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

Verse 2

Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Verse 3

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

prayer of the day *(sit)*

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

Out of the darkness we cry to you. Enable us to find in Christ the faith to trust your care even in the midst of pain. Assure us that we do not walk alone through the valley of the shadow, but that your light is leading us into life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

word

Luke 6:43-45

"No good tree . . ."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

children's message *(Sunday)*

main reading

Philippians 2:1-13

"If then there is any encouragement . . ."

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

sermon

Pastor Patrick Fish

hymn of the day (*stand*)

"Beautiful Savior" (ELW 838)

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904
Music: SCHONSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Verse 1

Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Verse 2

Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Verse 3

Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Verse 4

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

prayers of intercession

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

As Christ humbled himself, even though he was divine, so may we learn humility, O God, after our beloved teacher. Show us where we are blind to ourselves and ignorant of the harm we do to others, and make us a blessing rather than a burden to those we serve.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

At the name of Jesus, all creation stands in awe. As a child instinctively knows its parent, so does all of earth and heaven know its Creator. May we glorify our God in all we think, do, and say.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

All around us are the tangible signs of your love: a cool breeze, a whiff of fresh flowers, a breathtaking sunrise, the sweetness of the earth's fruits. Enliven us to all that you have created and make us joyful to be a part of your beautiful world.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Christ of suffering and pain, of resurrection and restoration, be close to those who need to know your healing presence, and give your particular blessing to those whom we name before you today . . .

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces, and all who have served this country at home and abroad. We give thanks for those who have suffered the ultimate sacrifice in order for us to have life. This weekend, may we remember the fallen and live in a way that honors their legacy.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

As your saints gave their lives to you, so give us a purpose to which we would dedicate our own lives. Hearten us by their steadfast example and join us in eternal communion when our race is completed.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers, make us humble like you, and zealous for your gospel. In the name of Jesus we pray.

Amen.

sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(The congregation now takes time to exchange a greeting of peace.)

the offering of our gifts *(sit)*

"I Love You Lord" (Saturday)

by Laurie Klein, arranged by Lloyd Larson
Sue Hilderbrand and Kristin Young, vocalists

"Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones" (Sunday)

by Lowell Alexander, Orrin G. Hatch, and Phil Naish
arranged by Keith Christopher and Kristin Young
Vocal Ensemble

offertory response *(stand)*

"Now the Green Blade Rises" (ELW 379 – Verses 1 & 4)

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

Text from *Oxford Book of Carols*

© Oxford University Press 1928

Music: French Carol

Verse 1

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Verse 4

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

offertory prayer

Let us pray,

**We often think we know where we are going when you turn us in a new direction.
Steer us toward gratitude, compassion, and generosity so that all may come to know
you. Accept these gifts we offer to help further your mission. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

the great thanksgiving

The Lord be with you,
And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should
at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

We praise your name and join their unending hymn.

holy, holy, holy (*sung*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

meal

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

**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.**

communion hymn (*sit*)

"I Come with Joy" (ELW 482 – Verse 1 & 5)

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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

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Verse 1

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

Verse 5

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

the distribution (*sit*)

communion anthem

"One Bread, One Body"

by John Foley

Sue Hilderbrand and Kristin Young, vocalists

post-communion prayer (*stand*)

blessing

sending song (*stand*)

"This Is My Song" (ELW 887)

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912-1993, sts. 1-2; Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957

Text sts. 1-2 © 1934, 1962 Lorenz Publishing Company. Text st. 3 © 1964 Lorenz Publishing Company.

Verse 1

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

Verse 2

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Verse 3

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

dismissal

Go in peace, live in God's grace.

Thanks be to God!