

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 12th, 2024 (11:11 am)

CRISIS AND RESPONSE

Psalm 1

Acts 1:12-26

1 John 5:9-15

John 17:11-19

Our Great High Priest Preserves Us in the Name of His Father

On the eve of His Passion, Christ Jesus intercedes for the disciples as their merciful and great High Priest. He prays that His Father would protect them “*from the evil one*” and preserve them in His name (John 17:11–12, 15). Along with His prayer, Christ Himself comes to the Father by His self-sacrifice upon the cross, thereby consecrating Himself for the sake of His disciples, “*that they also may be sanctified in truth*” (John 17:19). To that same end, He speaks to them in the world and gives them His Father’s Word, that is, Himself. His apostles, in turn, have written these things “*to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life*” (1 John 5:13). For “*this life is in his Son,*” whom He has given by His Word, and “*whoever has the Son has life*” (1 John 5:11–12). By this apostolic testimony, disciples are gathered together “*with one accord,*” as one Body in Christ, “*devoting themselves to prayer*” and waiting upon the Lord in “*the upper room*” of His Church on earth (Acts 1:13–14).

WELCOME – (Ana)

GATHERING SONG – RAISE A HALLELUJAH

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies

I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief

I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody

I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder you’re gonna hear my praises roar

Up from the ashes hope will arise

Death is defeated the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me

I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee

I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery

I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

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Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies

Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief

Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody

Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me

Sing a little louder

I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder you’re gonna hear my praises roar

Up from the ashes hope will arise

Death is defeated the King is alive
I raise a hallelujah

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AS WE BEGIN and CALLING ON GOD'S NAME (Pastor)

P - In the name of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P - Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C - Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have not put seeing You as our Lord in all matters as our life's priority. We have not lived at all times filled with charity in all things and toward all people. We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these, our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us to see our Lord more clearly and graciously build Your kingdom among us here in every way. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Pastor)

P - God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a blessed life on earth and finally a glorious eternal Easter vision of the Savior and life full and complete with Him in heaven forever.

C - Amen.

PSALM 1 – THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED (Pastor and Congregation)

P - Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C - nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

P - but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

C - and on his law he meditates day and night.

P - He is like a tree planted by streams of water

C - that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

P - In all that he does, he prospers.

C - The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

P - Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

C - nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

P - for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C - but the way of the wicked will perish.

P - Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C - nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

P - but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
TOGETHER - and on his law he meditates day and night.

KIDS SONG – LITTLE FEET BE CAREFUL

1 I washed my hands this morning,
O very clean and light
And lent them both to Jesus,
To work for Him till night.

***Little feet be careful
Where you take me to,
Anything for Jesus,
Only let me do.***

2 I told my ear to listen
Quite closely all day thro',
For any act of kindness
Such little hands can do.

***Little feet be careful
Where you take me to,
Anything for Jesus,
Only let me do.***

3 My eyes are set to watch them
About their work or play
To keep them out of mischief
For Jesus' sake all day.

***Little feet be careful
Where you take me to,
Anything for Jesus,
Only let me do.***

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KIDS MESSAGE (Marilyn)

WORSHIP SONG - RESCUER

Chorus

He's our Rescuer

He's our Rescuer

We are free from sin forevermore

Oh how sweet the sound

Oh how grace abounds

We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

Verse 1

There is good news for the captive

Good news for the shamed

There is good news for the one who walked away

There is good news for the doubter

The one religion failed

For the good Lord has come to seek and save

Verse 2

He is beauty for the blind man
Riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary
Rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Bridge

*So come and be chainless
Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary*

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PRAYER BEFORE READINGS *(Reader can do this prayer)*

Dear God. Thank you for this opportunity to listen to your Word. I ask that you open our hearts and minds to your Holy Spirit, and that we can understand what You are saying to us, your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING FROM ACTS 1:12-26 - **(Kevin)**

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ "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. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ 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.) ²⁰ "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."

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² 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." ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph

called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

READING OF THE EPISTLE OF 1 JOHN 5:9-15 - (Kevin)

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

That You May Know

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵ 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.

READING OF THE GOSPEL FROM JOHN 17:11b-19 - (Kevin)

Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² 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. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

WORSHIP SONG – STAND IN YOUR LOVE

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
Oh, I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken

My fear doesn't stand a chance

When I stand in Your love

My fear doesn't stand a chance

When I stand in Your love

My fear doesn't stand a chance

When I stand in Your love!

Shame no longer has a place to hide
I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
Oh, I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken!

'Cause my fear doesn't stand a chance

When I stand in Your love

***My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love!***

There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name, power in Your name!

***My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love!***

Oh, oh-oh, I'm standing in Your love
I stand in Your love
Standing on the rock
Oh, I'm standing, standing in Your love

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MESSAGE – “CRISIS AND RESPONSE” – Acts 1:12-26

WHOSHIP SONG – MAN OF SORROWS

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid
 Silent as He stood accused
 Beaten mocked and scorned
 Bowing to the Father's will
 He took a crown of thorns

***Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee***

 Sent of heaven God's own Son
 To purchase and redeem
 And reconcile the very ones
 Who nailed Him to that tree

*Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed*

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER (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.**

WORSHIP SONG – DRAW ME CLOSE

Draw me close to You never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire no one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way bring me back to You

You're all I want

You're all I've ever needed

You're all I want

Help me know You are near

Help me know You are here

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***¹As a Lutheran Church, we believe that Jesus' body and blood are really and truly present in the Lord's Supper.
And we believe that Jesus is giving real and true spiritual gifts to us through this eating and drinking:
forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is pure gospel for our comfort and spiritual strength.***

COMMUNION PREPARATION

These are our statements about Holy Communion:

- **I know I am a sinner.**

¹ "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink."
(<https://catechism.cph.org/en/sacrament-of-the-altar.html>)

- I believe that Jesus is my personal Savior.
- I believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine.
- I intend, with God's help, to change my sinful life and live for him.
- I understand that when I come to this table, I publicly state that I believe these things.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: "**Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**" In the same way also, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "**Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**"

DISTRIBUTION - SONGS: "BREATHE", "GOODNESS OF GOD" AND "DRAW ME CLOSE"

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (Pastor)

THANKS TO THE LORD

BENEDICTION (Pastor)

P - The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING SONG – PRAISE

Let everything that has breath

Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord

I'll praise in the valley

Praise on the mountain

I'll praise when I'm sure

Praise when I'm doubting

I'll praise when outnumbered

Praise when surrounded

'Cause praise is the water

My enemies drown in

As long as I'm breathing

I've got a reason to

Praise the Lord oh my soul

Praise the Lord oh my soul

I'll praise when I feel it

And I'll praise when I don't

I'll praise 'cause I know

You're still in control

'Cause my praise is a weapon

It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout
That brings Jericho down
 Praise the Lord oh my soul
 Praise the Lord oh my soul
 I won't be quiet
 My God is alive
 How could I keep it inside
 Praise the Lord oh my soul
*I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You*
 Praise the Lord oh my soul
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 Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
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I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul
 *Let everything that has breath
 Praise the Lord
 Praise the Lord*