



## House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 12, 2024

### Seventh Sunday in Easter, Year B

(The “+” insignia indicates where the congregation should stand)

**Prelude:** *Simple Gifts – I Danced in the Morning*

J. Wayne Kerr

### Welcome and Gathering

**Announcements**

**Ring of the Bell** (*please remain seated*)



+Gathering Hymn: *ELW 392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (vv. 1, 4-5)*



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."

### **+Greeting**

L: 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.**

### **+Call to Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness**

L: We gather as people on a journey.

**C: We believe and we have doubts, we do good and we sin.**

**We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God.**

L: Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God.

**C: We seek forgiveness and grace from God and from those we've harmed.**

*Silence for self-reflection*

L: Almighty God,

**C: Creator of the heavens and earth, we confess that we do not always live into the message of hope and salvation, the promise of eternal life. We live in ways that make the here and now more important than the future. We live in ways that put ourselves and our own success first over the needs of others and the long-term needs of the world.**

**Forgive us for our selfish ways and call us into the path of Christ, who humbled himself and gave himself up for us on the cross, so that death might be no more and that all can share in the joy of salvation and eternal life, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

L: Open your hearts to receive the good news. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Assured of that grace, prepare to grow in Christ's love.

**C: We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.**

L: Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here. Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

**C: Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions. Amen.**

### **+Prayer of the Day**

L: Almighty God, you chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the twelve. Grant your church the courage to trust that you are present in times we do not recognize, that we might bear witness to your good news that is life for all people, through Jesus Christ our friend, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*You may be seated*

## **Word**

### **First Reading: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26**

During this time, the family of believers was a company of about one hundred twenty persons. Peter stood among them and said, “Brothers and sisters, the scripture that the Holy Spirit announced beforehand through David had to be fulfilled. This was the scripture concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. This happened even though he was one of us and received a share of this ministry.”

“Therefore, we must select one of those who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus lived among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when Jesus was taken from us. This person must become along with us a witness to his resurrection.” So they nominated two: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

They prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s deepest thoughts and desires. Show us clearly which one you have chosen from among these two to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” When they cast lots, the lot fell on Matthias. He was added to the eleven apostles.

### **Psalm: 1:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel <sup>|</sup> of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats <sup>|</sup> of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law <sup>|</sup> of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God’s teaching <sup>|</sup> day and night. R**

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

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

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

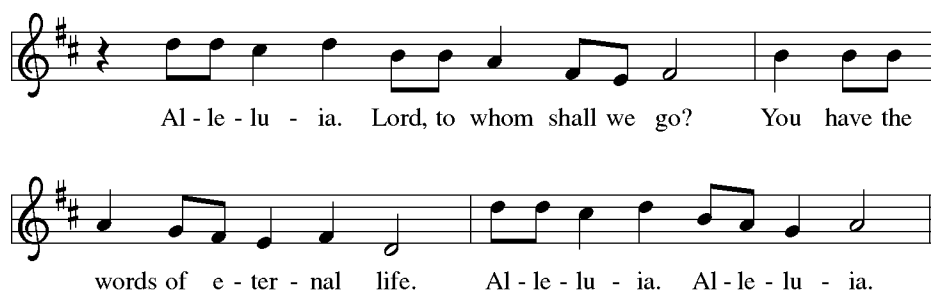
<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way <sup>|</sup> of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall <sup>|</sup> be destroyed. R**

## Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

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. Those 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. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I 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: Word of God, Word of Life: **C: Thanks be to God!**

### +Gospel Acclamation:



### +Gospel: John 17:6-19

L: The Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] “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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for 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. I 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And 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. While 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. But 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. I 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. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

L: The Good News of God. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*You may be seated*

## Sermon

Hymn: *ELW 482*

*I Come with Joy (vv. 1-2, 4-5)*



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.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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

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**+Apostle's Creed**

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

**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.**

**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.**

*You may be seated*

**Prayers of Intercession**

L: 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.

**Spoken Response: L: God of Grace, C: Receive our Prayer.**

*prayers end with:* 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.**

*You are invited to share the peace with those around you as you feel comfortable.*

## **Meal**

**Offering:** *How Will They Know? Adult Women's Choir*

Natalie Sleeth/A.L. Lyon

*How will they know, the ones for whom we care,  
That God is love and with us ev'rywhere,  
That life is good, with blessings all can share,  
How will they know unless we teach them so?*

*How will they learn that though they go astray,  
God will forgive and help them find the way?  
How will they feel the Spirit day by day?  
How will they know unless we teach them so?*

*How will they grow in wisdom and delight?  
How will they choose to follow what is right?  
How can they trust the future will be bright?  
How will they know unless we show them?*

*How will they live when they at last are grown?  
What will they give to children of their own?  
Will they reflect the values we have shown?  
How will they know as on through life they go?  
How will they know unless we strive to teach them so?*

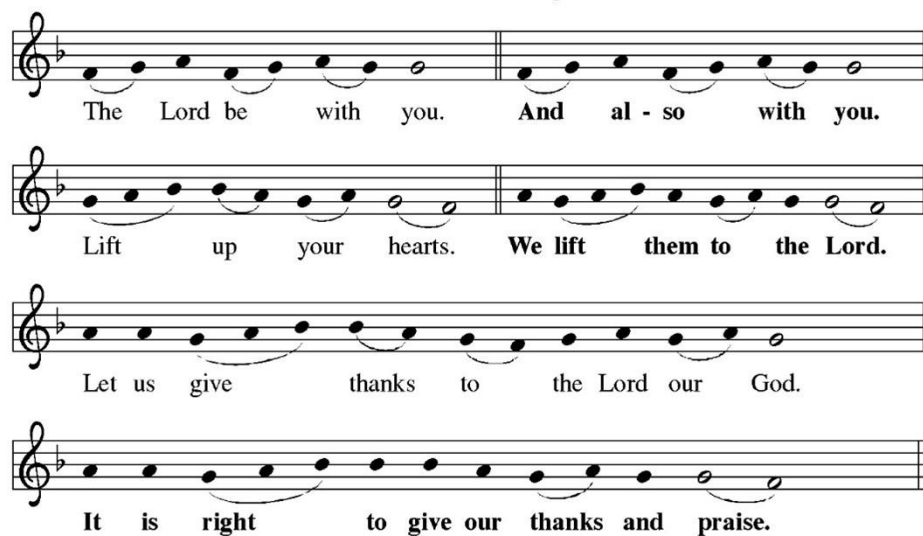
### **Offering Prayer**

L: Generous and surprising God, when we thought death had claimed your beloved Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our offerings at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to embody the gospel. In Jesus' name, we pray,

**C: Amen.**



## Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

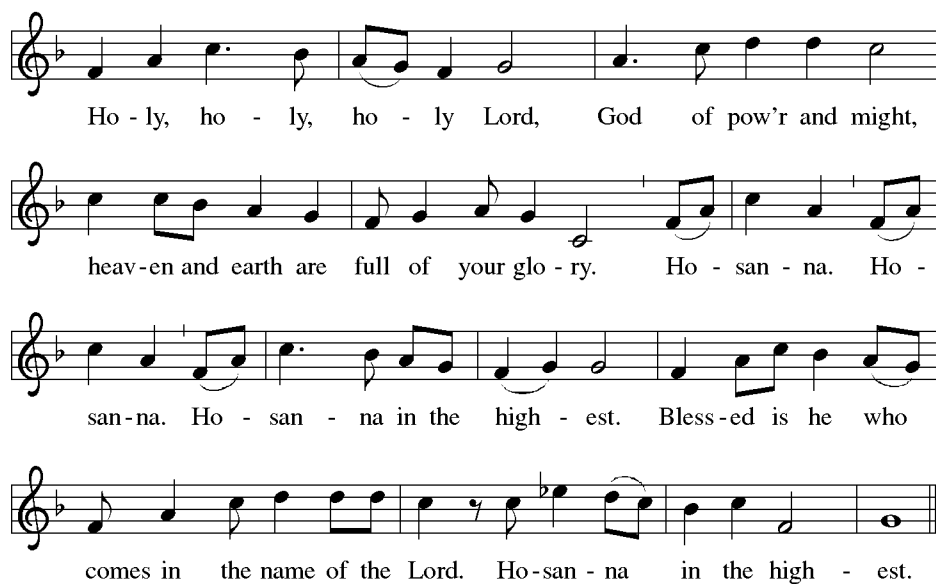
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Preface

L: 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...we **stand** to praise your name and join their unending hymn... *(please stand)*

## +Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

## +Words of Institution

## +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.**

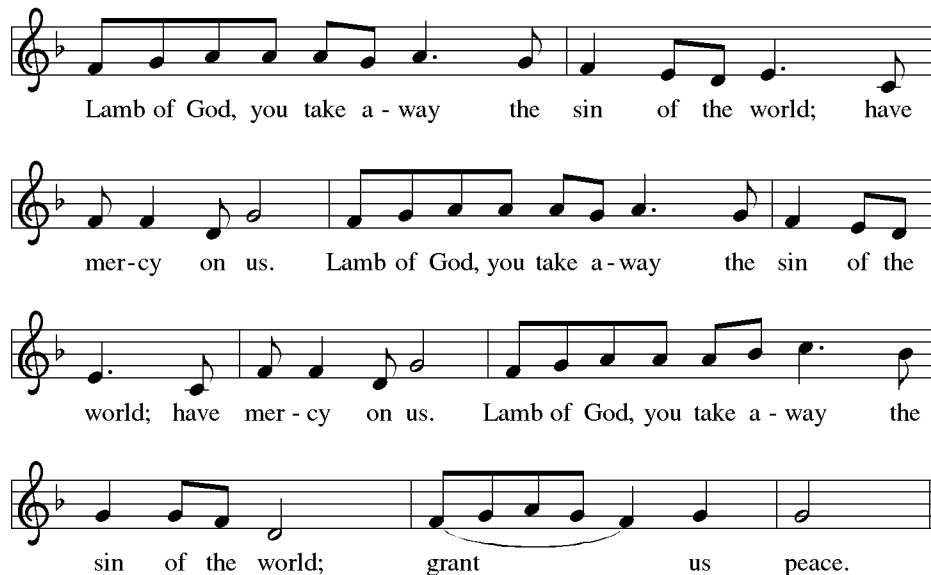
**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## +Invitation to Communion

L: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*(You may be seated)*

## Communion



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.

## Music during Distribution:

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



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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## +Prayer after Communion

L: Holy, gracious, God,

Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.

We have rested in the depth of your love and tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;

Together, at this table, you have offered us life and by your grace, we accept the life you offer.

We give you thanks in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

**C: Amen.**

## Sending

### +Blessing

L: Go out into the world in the joy and peace of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Care for God's redeemed creation; follow Christ as children of the light;

make disciples by your life and words; and glorify God by your dedication and love;

The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord's face shines upon you with grace and mercy,

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn: *ELW 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns (vv. 1, 4-5)*

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

**+Ringing of the Bell**

**+Dismissal**

L: Go in peace, seeking Christ in one another,

**C: We will, by the grace of God.**

**Postlude:** *This Joyful Eastertide*

Jon N. Kietzer

**Worship Participants**

**Presider:** Pastor Eric Luedtke  
**Preacher:** Pastor Korla Masters  
**Musicians:** Roselyn Hanson Weber, Director of Liturgical Worship  
**Organist** Jon Kietzer  
**Special Music:** HOP Adult Choir Women  
**Lector/Intercessor:** Terri Behrends-Singer  
**Communion Servers:** Pastor Eric, Monica Nelson, Sue Danielson, Wayne Peterson  
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