

SUNDAY WORSHIP
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HELENA MONTANA
May 24th, 2020-Seventh Sunday of Easter
Setting 8 in the ELW

***Please respond with the words in bold print.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We prepare for worship by singing our gathering song.

OPENING HYMN #656 "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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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.

The assembly sings the refrain, and a leader sings the verses.

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

*For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)*

*That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)*

*For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)*

*For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)*

THIS IS THE FEAST (Please turn to the next page)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
 peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
Refrain
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -
 le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray...O god of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Zion's Walls" arr. by Aaron Copland-Jay Bahny, bass*

WORD

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 **As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire,
let the wicked perish before God.**

3 But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.

4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds
his name is the Lord—
be exultant before him.**

5 Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

6 **God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

7 O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

9 Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;

10 **your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

32 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord,

33 **O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

34 Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel;
and whose power is in the skies.

35 **Awesome is God in his sanctuary,
the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!**

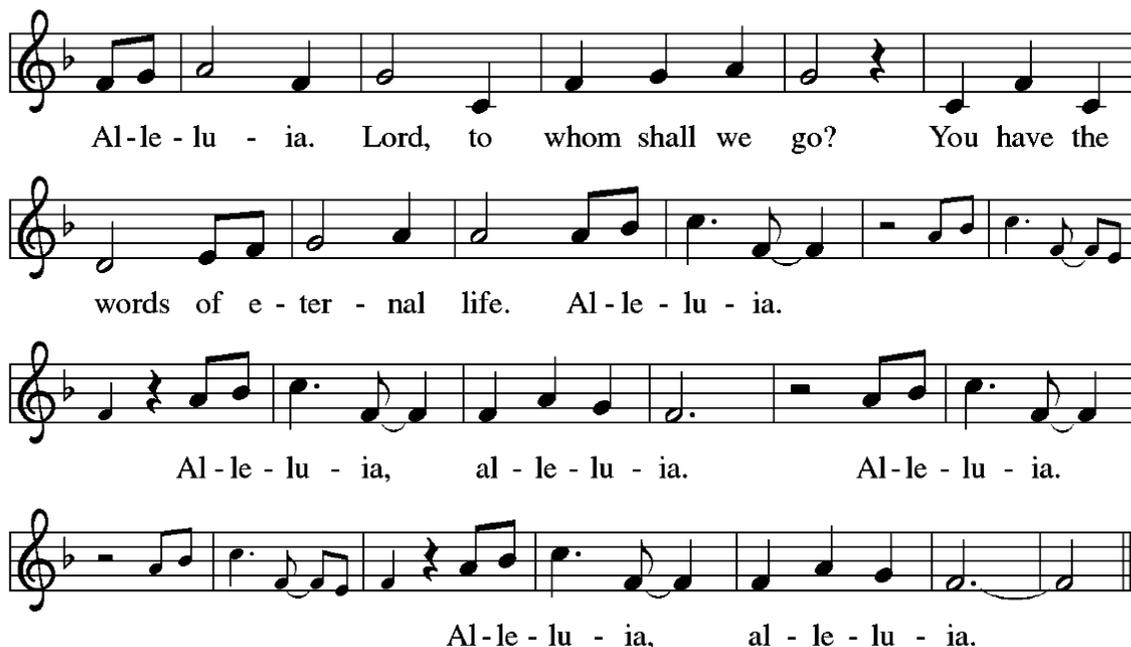
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter beginning with the 15th verse.

Glory to you oh Lord.

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, oh Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #581 "You Are Mine" verses 1-2

*I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice
I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am here.*

*I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light
Come and rest in me.*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #581 "You Are Mine" verses 3-4

*I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
and all will know My name.*

Refrain:

*Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

*I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live
(Refrain)*

APOSTLES 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Share a sign of peace or pray for peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

**Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the end,
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.**

**Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #381 "Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes"

*Peace, to soothe our bitter woes,
God in Christ on us bestows;
Jesus bought our peace with God
with his holy, precious blood;
peace in him for sinners found
is the gospel's joyful sound.*

*Peace within the church still dwells
in our welcomes and farewells;
and through God's baptismal pow'r
peace surrounds our dying hour.
Peace be with you, full and free,
now and through eternity.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All of God's Easter children said...

Amen!

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Brad Ulgenes, Preaching

Dodie Walsh, Piano

Connie Conley, Choir Director

Angela Conley, Lay Leader and Musician

Gretchen Mundinger, Lay Leader and Musician

In our prayers this week: for all those who are suffering from Covid-19 and the healthcare workers who are treating them, peace to all during anxious times, Patsy Buckingham, Judith Sterling, Ellen Hanpa, Greg Johnson, Sandy Volden, healing for Henry, healing for Max, Luken Kestrel, Suzanne Corzine, Jeff Shirley, Jeremy Stockstad, Alex Betz, Pete Tyanich, Georgine Larson, John Shields, Hazel Aasved, Kelly Harris, Chris Waugh, Rosita Moe, Gordy and Nancy Justus, Luke Almas, Tatiana Ceaicovschi, Gina Hultin, Chris Gibbs, Beth Tait, Holly Morgan-Fitterer, Dustin Michelle, Randy Holmes, Dave Hanson (Mildred Twingley's Son-in-Law), Lester Anderson, the children at Intermountain, for those who are alone, for those who suffer from depression, for the homeless in our community, and for all who seek health and wholeness

For those who have died and now rest in God's merciful care:

Faye Terrio, Tim Westby, Dorothy Bird, John McCarvel, Bob Hanson, Idell Glass, Michael Carter, Patricia Field, Ed Noonan, Robert Anderson, Treva Thoms, Don Magnus, Phil Duncan and all the Saints in heaven

For those in residential living centers, extended care or homebound:

Pete Tyanich, Mike Kieckbusch, Donna Anderson, Milo and Hazel Aasved, Marilyn Metropolis, Esther Fuehrer, Sally Miller, Ada Harlen, Maury Knutson, Marge Mihelish, Audrey Anderson, Doris Crider, Violet Kerr (Janice Larison's aunt), Phillip Kerr (Janice Larison's brother)

Missionaries: Willie, Anne, and Micah Langdji in Cameroon
Mark and Marina Dotson in Russia

Pandemic Prayer: *Great God, you are an ever-present help in times of trouble, and that's why we're praying now. We are troubled and we're worried things are going to get more troubling. This virus is spreading around the world: so many are seriously ill, or will be seriously ill, so many health care systems are stretched or will be stretched. Be with front line medical workers, give them courage to do their work and keep them safe. Be with public health officials as they make decisions for the common good, and politicians as they roll those decisions out. Help us to be kind to one another, because anxiety can make us snappy. Help our communities to be resilient and expansive as we reach out to help all who are isolated and afraid. In these times of shutdowns and slowdowns, when travel is restricted or banned, as routines are disrupted and we spend less time together or more time together, help us zero in on what is essential. Thank you that love is also contagious and stronger than any virus. You will be with us, and we will be with each other in sickness and in health. Amen.*

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
(Romans 12:12)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Next Sunday, May 31st, we will be celebrating our graduates! Graduating High School seniors and their families will be here with us to receive a special blessing and their graduation quilts. Your St. John's family is very proud of you on achieving this momentous milestone. Congratulations and may God continue to bless and keep you.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 31st immediately following worship in the sanctuary.

LECTOR SIGN-UP

We are looking for lectors to read the lessons for us each week. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Thank you!

QUILTER UPDATE

Our Quilters have been working behind the scenes to get our quilts and school bags packed up for shipment to Lutheran World Relief. They are still in need of large boxes to pack up the quilts. Please save the date of July 10th, which is the day the truck is currently scheduled to come and pick up the boxes. They could really use some muscles to help load the truck. For more information please speak with Linda or Mildred. Thank you!

God's Work, Our Hands

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Join as for a virtual Bible study on Zoom, Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. from the comfort of your Home. The study will be led by Bing and Mary Crosby. If interested please email Bing at bingcroz@yahoo.com. Bing will help you with access and how to use Zoom. The only requirements are a phone, pad or PC with internet access. The course is from The Great Courses, "Jesus and the Gospels, video lectures led by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, Emory University. There are 36, 30 minutes video lectures, followed by questions and discussion.

SOCIAL MINISTRY SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MAY-FLORENCE CRITTENTON

Now that many non-profits who do such important work in our community are hurting during these uncertain times, the social ministry committee feels strongly that we support our local friends and neighbors. These are especially challenging times for those that are struggling with mental health or substance use challenges, and those that may be homeless or living in unsafe conditions. For the residential families at Florence Crittenton, it is hard to be away from their families and their hometowns. Right now, Florence Crittenton is their family and doing everything to ensure they are healthy and safe, well cared for, and receiving the services they need to continue moving forward and working towards their goals. Please send in your offerings to the church and mark "Social Ministry" on your check and/or envelope or mark "Social Ministry" on the pew offering envelope and place your offering in the plate by the door.