



A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.  
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TRADITIONAL SERVICE  
APRIL 27/28, 2024  
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## Welcome to Worship

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### PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

### ASSISTING:

8 AM Pr Connie Tiede  
9 AM Pr Mike Pancoast  
11 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

### READER:

5 PM Kathy Johnson  
8 AM Marlene Gray  
9 AM Kathy Quade  
11 AM Carol Loyd

ORGANISTS: 5 PM, 8 & 9 AM Mary Jo Gothmann 11 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, One God, the fountain of living water, through whom we have life and salvation. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of Baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.

**We give you thanks, gracious God, for the gift of water that sustains life and creation and for the gift of Baptism.**

God, speaking through the prophet Isaiah said: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

**Thank you for the gift of Baptism and for our identity as baptized children of God. Thank you for the promise that in the waters of Baptism you have called us by name and we are yours, now and forever.**

Thank you for the new life in Jesus Christ that is available through the promises of Baptism.

**Show us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your Baptismal promises of forgiveness, grace, love and eternal life. Thanks be to God!**

GATHERING SONG: *Now the Green Blade Rises*, vs. 1-3 ..... 379

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE:

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

BAPTISM (5 PM): Eloise Nicole Swan

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM)

LESSONS: Acts 8:26-40

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.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON: by Pastor Sue Wallager

HYMN OF THE DAY: *The Rice of Life* (Verse 1 sung by Jonathan, All sing verses 2-4)

Leader →	1	The	rice	of	life	from	heav - en	came	to
	2	True	rice	the	hun - gry	world	has	fed,	the
All →	3	The	rice	of	God	for	all	is	meant; no
	4	The	liv - ing	rice,	for	all	a	sign,	came

bring true life from God a - bove. Re - ceive this gift; God's  
rice re - quired for life be - low. Pro - vide this gift; God's  
one who comes is turned a - way. Be - lieve in Christ whom  
down e - ter - nal life to give. A - bide in Christ, the

(Last time)

mer - cy claim; in joy and pain give thanks for love.  
 mer - cy spread; in weak - ness God's com - pas - sion show.  
 God has sent; in hum - ble trust God's will o - bey.  
 liv - ing vine; in Christ, with peo - ple, die and live.

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**THE 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.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

*After each petition*

Through your resurrection power...

**Hear us, Living God.**

**SHARING THE PEACE:**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)*

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**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC (8 & 9 AM):**

"Plink Plank Plunk" ..... by Thompson  
 Ringmasters; Jonathan Campbell, dir.

**OFFERTORY:** *We Give Thee But Thine Own*..... 686

**We give thee but thine own, what'er the gift may be;  
 all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**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.**

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.**

**DISTRIBUTION/ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC (8 & 9 AM):**

“Joydance” ..... by Behnke  
Ringmasters; Jonathan Campbell, dir.

**Let All Things Now Living**

**881**



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 deeps of the ocean proclaim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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*Refrain*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show  
 us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
 2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.  
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
 this is the way we will live with you.

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Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

### Mobility Concerns

We have areas in the sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.

### Children Welcome

Activity bags are available outside the sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.

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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION:

The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

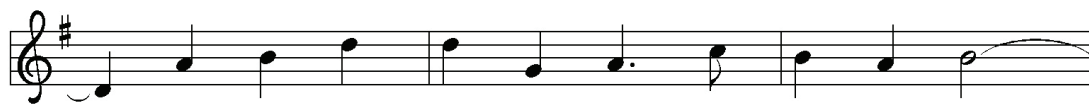
### SENDING HYMN: *We Know that Christ is Raised*, vs 1,2 &4 ..... 449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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### DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE