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TRADITIONAL SERVICE
MAY 11/12, 2024
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Welcome to Worship

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PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

ASSISTING:

5 PM Pr Connie Tiede

8 AM Pr Sue Wallager

9 AM Pr Sue Wallager

READER:

5 PM Judy Bendiske

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 AM Sandy Benson

ORGANIST: Mary Jo Gothmann

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: *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* 392



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
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
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
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vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea."
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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:

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GRADUATE BLESSING (9 AM):

Leader: Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare for your new endeavors, we invite you to take this time to thank God and your loved ones for giving you strength and guiding you through life's challenges.

Leader: Parents of the graduates, today we ask you to reaffirm your promise made at their baptism. Will you continue to lift your child to God in prayer?

If so, place your hand on their shoulder and repeat after me: I bless you, I thank you and I wish you peace. I will continue to hold you forever in prayer.

Parents: **I bless you; I thank you and I wish you peace. I will continue to hold you forever in prayer.**

Leader: Graduates, will you also bless your parents? Place your hand on their shoulder and repeat after me: I bless you; I thank you, and I wish you peace. I promise to hold you forever in prayer.

Grads: **I bless you; I thank you, and I wish you peace. I promise to hold you forever in prayer.**

Leader: Zion, do you promise to support these graduates and their families, be with them in their celebrations and sadness, and to faithfully pray for them? If so answer: In God's love, we support you.

Cong: **In God's love we support you.**

Let us pray: Gracious God, you bless your servants with many gifts. We thank you for the milestone that these graduates have reached. Be with them all as they begin their new journeys and help them to know that your love is guiding them. Bless their families that have encouraged them and give them all strength in your holy presence. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM)

LESSONS: Psalm 1

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 17:6-19

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: by Pastor Mike Pancoast

HYMN OF THE DAY: *May This Church Be Like A Tree;*

Leader: 1. May this church be like a tree, behind your house, there in your garden, meeting-place for joy, and feast, and simple prayer beneath its branches. With its roots in earth so fertile, and its arms raised high to heaven, may this church bear fruits of justice, acts of loving and compassion. *Refrain*

All: *Refrain*



Tree ev - er grow - ing by liv - ing wa - ter,
run - ning e - ter - nal, flow - ing from God.
Tree ev - er grow - ing by liv - ing wa - ter,
run - ning e - ter - nal, flow - ing from God.

Leader: 2. May this church be like a tree there in the street or in the plaza, for the birds a nesting-branch, for passersby a welcome shelter. May it stand as if it's watching, near my house, just round the corner, waiting for this weary pilgrim with its arms wide to embrace me. *Refrain*

Leader: 3. May this church be like a tree, O God, that thrives where you have planted; may it stand to show the way, your way of loving and self-giving, off'ring shade, and fruit for sharing, giving up its wood for burning. May this living church that names you be a tree of life eternal. *Refrain*

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.)

MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (9 AM):

"I Will Not Leave You Comfortless" by Young Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

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

**We give thee but thine own, whate'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.

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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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4;
anonymous, st. 5

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942
Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956
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*We have areas in the
sanctuary where a wheel-
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Ushers can assist you.*

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able outside the sanctu-
ary. 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 (5 PM & 8 AM):

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

CHORAL BLESSING (9 AM):

"Italian Blessing" by J. Campbell

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you,
and be gracious unto you, and give you peace. Amen.*

SENDING HYMN: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, vs 1-4 873

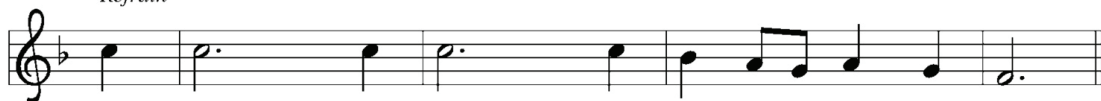


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-1891, alt.
Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834-1916

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE