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BRIEF ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

SETTING II



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Family

PRELUDE: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken by Franz Joseph Haydn, Instrumental

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us 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 Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Hymn #380, Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! – Five verses

- 1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.
- 2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow
blessings on his church below.

3 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
life eternal waits for you;
joined to Christ, your living head,
where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at God's right hand,
as a victor you shall stand.

4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,
cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.

5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
and on earth his peace and love!

(Pg. 120)

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.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

(Pg. 122)

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of

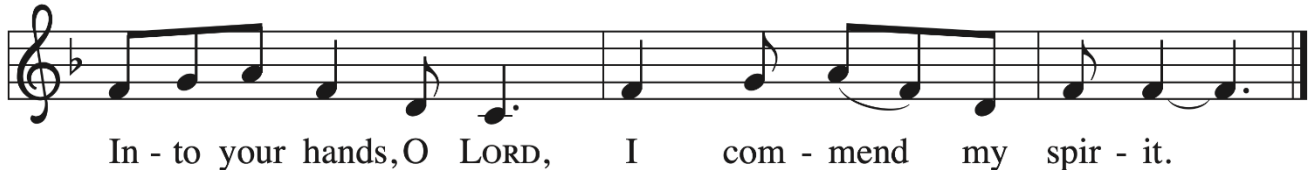
God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A time of silence follows the readings.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Refrain



¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be I put to shame;
deliver me I in your righteousness.

²**Incline your I ear to me;**
make haste to de- I liver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag I and
my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead I me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly I set for me,**
for you are my tow- I er of strength. R

⁵Into your hands I com- I mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, I God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are I in your hand;**
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who I persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine up- I on your servant;
save me in your I steadfast love." **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL (Pg. 124)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus

said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it." (The gospel is proclaimed, concluding...)

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Mike Patterson

CHOIR ANTHEM: St. Paul's Choir, Peace I Leave with You by Felix Mendelssohn; arranged by Hal H. Hopson (Based on John 14:27)

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us (*especially...*). Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in service to the Lord at St. Peter's Episcopal Church and Victory Christian Center. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of that peace.

OFFERING HYMN: Hymn #464, Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal – Four verses

1 Bread of life, our host and meal,
Jesus, feed us.
Christ, by faith, to see and feel,
feed us with your love.

2 Bread now break and wine now pour,
Jesus, feed us.
Make us one, our hope restore;
feed us with your love.

3 Grant forgiveness in the feast
Jesus, feed us
for the greatest and the least;
feed us with your love.

4 Thank you for this gift we share.
Jesus, feed us.
Save God's children everywhere;
feed us with your love.

OFFERING

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to stand
and to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your heart.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that at all times and in all places we
give thanks and praise.

(The minister continues with the preface of the day.)
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Pg. 130)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again after supper, He took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

And now we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:
**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, the power, and the glory, forever
and ever.
Amen.**

Come to the banquet for all is ready and all belong and are welcome to
Christ's table.

(We practice open Communion with both bread, gluten free wafer, wine, or
grape juice.)

(Lamb of God Will Be Sung, Pg. 135)

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Communion Hymns

HYMN #477, I Received the Living God – Four verses

Refrain

I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

- 1 Jesus said: I am the bread,
kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me
need not ever fear to die. *Refrain*

Refrain

I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

- 2 Jesus said: I am the way,
and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home
to be one with us anew. *Refrain*

Refrain

I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

- 3 Jesus said: I am the truth;
come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart,
and my word shall make you free. *Refrain*

Refrain

I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

- 4 Jesus said: I am the life,
far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread,
and my Spirit you shall know. *Refrain*

Refrain

I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

HYMN #379, Now the Green Blade Rises – Four verses

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

HYMN #384, That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright – Four verses

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.
- 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.
- 4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen
us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one
another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study

Please join Pastor Mike for Bible Study after the worship service.

WELCA is hosting today's Coffee Hour. Thank you, ladies!

Carson City Strings practice; Friendship Hall, Thursday, May 11th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Youth Group will host a Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 13th at 2:30 p.m. Contact Traci Angel for more information.

As we honor our mothers on May 14th, please take a few moments to look at the children's quilts and lap robes Stitches has on display. The quilts will be given to the Advocates to End Domestic Violence shelter for the children who come there. The lap robes will be given to seniors in area nursing homes, assisted living facilities, etc.

Thanks to all our wonderful women who make the quilts and lap robes on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Friendship Hall. We would love to have you join us.

Sarah Jevne, Stitches Co-Chair
Shirley Rickard, Stitches Co-Chair

Blessing of the quilts, Sunday, May 14th.

WELCA has scheduled a tour of FISH as requested by some of our members. It will be on Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m. The tour usually lasts 30 to 40 minutes. Please confirm with Joan Schultz at cc.jfran@yahoo.com or call (775) 883-6833 if you plan to attend, so that we can report a headcount. Perhaps we can meet at church and carpool.

On Saturday, May 20th at 3:30 pm, we will be having a ceremonial tree planting and military honor guard ceremony on the church lawn in celebration of Angelo DeFelice.

The congregation is invited to the ceremony and to the reception at the DeFelice home after the ceremony. Hope to see you all!

HELP US!

We need a member to lead our Stewardship Committee.
Please contact Pastor Mike or Louise Griffith to help.



SENDING SONG: Hymn #654, The Church's One Foundation – Five verses

- 1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation

of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

- 5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

**POSTLUDE: Have Thine Own Way Lord by Adelaide A Pollard,
Instrumental**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

See you next week!

Worship Volunteers

Greeter – Judy McPhail

Reader – Kim Neiman

Communion Assistant – Nick Cotsonis

Ushers – TBA

Counters – Judy McPhail and Deanna Fine

Acolytes – Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Youth Acolyte – TBA

Live-streaming Assistant – Nick Cotsonis

Musician – Dave Lingsjo

Altar Guild: Nikki Rohrs and Vicki Hamilton

Church Attendance Stats:

Sunday, April 30, 2023; 47 adults; 0 children; 22 online

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sharon Gesick, shoulder surgery; Judy McPhail, surgery; Nellie Revelle's daughter Karin Randle; Denise Muller; Doug and Pat Thunder; Jay Olshen, a severely fractured ankle; Beverly and Grant, friends of Susan Bunker-Niles, Grant suffered a stroke; Vera Logie; Tom, a friend of St. Paul's; Patricia Rickard, mother-in-law of Shirley Rickard, stage-4 lung cancer; Joan Yeskie; Mike Harrell (Dave and Ellen Harrell's son), COVID-19; son-in-law John Samp, a growth on his skull and spine, and daughter Vicki Ranger, early-onset dementia; Glenn Laursen; Edward Yoho; Madelene Yoho; Fern Yoho; Maxine McGregor (Madelene's sister); and a special prayer for all those living with devastating diseases and life-threatening injuries.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Jim Kennett; Audrey Stroub; Bev Steinert, ongoing vision issues; Bob Stroub; Wayne Opperman; Bill Sandell; Frank and Shirley Bartlett; Carol Kalleres, continued health issues; James Wilson, continued health issues; Mary Ann Adamik, healing; Ellen Harrell, medical issues; Betty Razor, healing; Karen (Hone) Nolte; Hannelore Hanke; and Diana Johns.