

Sunday, May 12, 2024, 8:30 am

Seventh Sunday of Easter



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Prelude, Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn ELW 392 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (verses 1-3,5)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **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.

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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: This is Feast

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.

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

Power riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

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

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

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.**

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

Second Reading 1 John 5: 9-13

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 Reading John 17: 6-19

Children's Sermon

Sermon Rev. Kristen Massa, *Associate Pastor*

Hymn of the Day ELW 655 *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (all verses)

Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need.

As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing
that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Profession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope we are bold to say

**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 Intercession

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

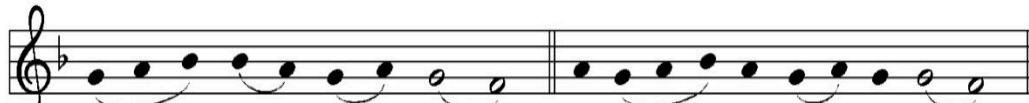
Offering Song *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.


Dialogue & Words of Institution



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



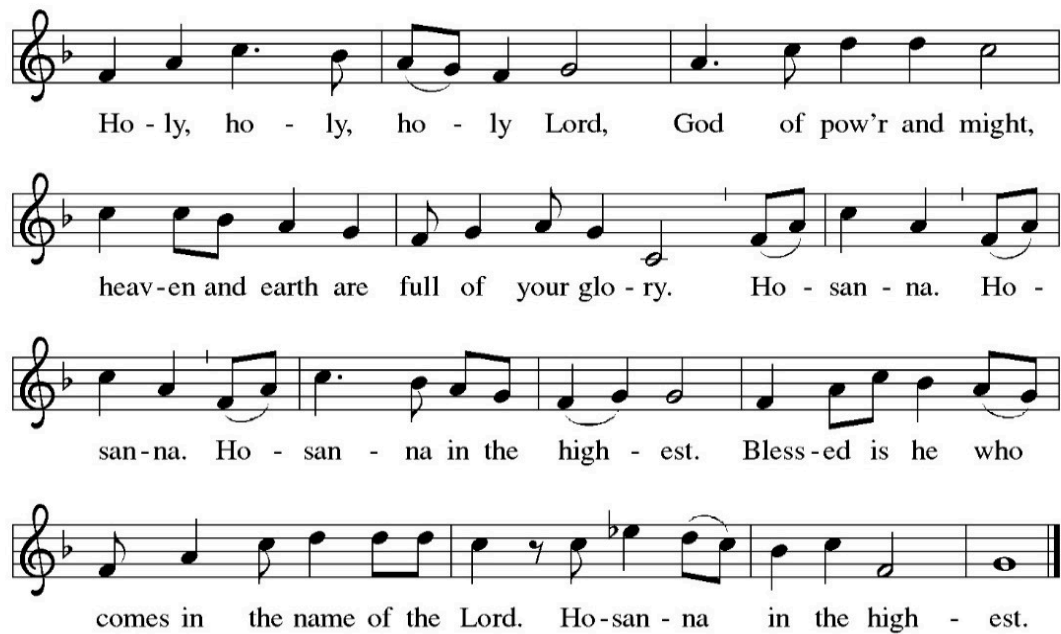
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.



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.

Communion

Our Father Arr. A. Eric Heukeshoven

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen, amen. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen, amen, amen.

Communion Hymn, ELW 494 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* (all verses)

For the bread which you have broken,
 for the wine which you have poured,
 for the words which you have spoken,
 now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us,
 by your gift of peace restored,
 by your call to heav'n above us,
 hallow all our lives, O Lord.
 With the saints who now adore you,
 seated at the heav'nly board,
 may the church still waiting for you
 keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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

Prayer After Communion

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Closing Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, ELW 855 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (all verses)

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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Offering Income May 1-6: **\$11,606.41** May Offering Goal: **\$42,862.49**

Year to Date: **\$127,466.18**
Year to Date Budget: **\$157,323.00**
Year End Goal: **\$515,000.00**

Today's Worship Assistants

Preaching: **Rev. Kristen Massa**

Presiding: **Rev. Kristen Massa**

Assisting Minister: **Julie Palubicki**

Lector: **Janet Heukeshoven**

Altar Guild: **Karen Jacobson, Caroline & Calvin
Mlynczak, Susie Olson**

Acolytes: **Wyatt Hazelton, A. Gotz**

Bread Baker: **Mandy Flesch**

Fellowship: **CLC Youth Group**

Communion Assistants: **Kathy Boone,
Karen Jacobson**

Ushers: **Brian Nisbit**

Children's Sermon:

Musicians: **Sunrise Singers**

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Ken & Arlene Westrud (Health)

Ella Korn (Health)

Sonia Stutzka (Health)

Linda Garrison (Health)

Karen Freiheit (Cancer)

Scott Steele (Healing/Health)

Bobbi (Cancer)

Irene Warren (Health)

Jan (Health)

Sue Vandervort (Health)

Ed LittleJohn (Cancer)

Peter Huggenvik (Health)

David Ruppert (Health)

Roz Kvittem (Cancer)

Sharri Hackbarth (Health)

Gloria Sveen (Health)

Germain Amundson (health)

Dr. Arnold Fenske (health)

David Dicke (Health)

Clay Rinn (Cancer)

Linda Koch (Health)

Judy Inman (Recovery)

Bruce Anderson (Health)

Braxton Wohlferd (Heart Health)

Dian Biesanz (Recovery)

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This Week at Central: May 12th-18th

- Sun May 12: 8:30 am, Traditional Worship
9:30 am, Adult Ed
9:30 am, Youth Cinnamon Rolls
9:30 am, Sunday School
10:30 am, Modern Worship- Sunday School Sings
3:00 pm, Rochester area Handbells Concert
- Mon May 13: 9:00 am, WELCA
- Tues May 14: 9:00 am, Quilters
6:30 pm, Council Meeting
- Wed May 15: 1:30 pm, Esther circle
4:00 pm, Eucharist Minister Meeting
6:30 pm, Confirmation
- Thurs May 16: 1:30 pm, Hannah Circle
- Fri May 17: 7:00 pm, Winona Community Chorale Concert
- Sat May 18: 2:00 pm, Winona Community Chorale Concert

Next Week at Central: May 19th-25th

- Sun May 19: 8:30 am, Traditional Worship
9:30 am, Adult Ed
9:30 am, Sunday School- Last Day
10:30 am, Modern Worship- Sunday School Sings
11:30 am, WELCA Picnic- Everyone's invited
- Mon May 20: Newsletter Articles due for **June and July**
9:00 am, Social Concerns
6:30 pm, WIN
- Tues May 21: 9:00 am, Quilters
- Wed May 22: 6:30 pm, Confirmation
- Thurs May 23: 6:40 pm, Bach Society Pop up Concert