

**May 5, 2024; 9:00 am**  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Communion

## **We Gather Together**

*Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.*

*Copies of the Glory to God hymnal and Common English Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary for your use during worship.*

### **Prelude: Rejoice, the Lord is King**

*John Darwall, arr. By Cindy Berry*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

*Rev. Dr. Craig R. Alwin*

### **Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

*Pete W.*

God calls us to a feast!

**The table is set,**

**and we will come from east and west,**

**from north and south to sit at Christ's table.**

Compassion, love, and grace are poured out like fine wine.

**We come to share our stories and God's story,**

**to share our hope and our pain,**

**to share our wisdom and our laughter.**

The table is set, so come let us worship God together!

### **\* Opening Prayer**

God of songs and wonders, old and new, your powerful love for this world continues to astound us. In these last days of Easter, we gather to recall the love that brought Jesus into this world and into our lives: as savior, friend, and brother. We thank you for welcoming us into your household of ministry, directing us to share the mystery of your love, and encountering the mysteries of your inbreaking resurrection presence. Amen.

### **\*Opening Hymn: "He Reigns"**

*Peter Furler and Steve Taylor  
Cantor, Carol W.*

### **\*Call to Confession**

*Pete W.*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*Pete W.*

**Easter is such a wonderful season, Lord. Hope springs anew in our hearts. As the earth is being refreshed by the warmth of spring, so we have been refreshed and made new by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we want to stay in this euphoria forever. But you have called us to go into the valley, to those who need to hear of your love and to feel your caring presence. In his words of hope, Jesus prepared his disciples to be witnesses. We have heard these words before, but far too often, we have turned our backs to this message. We don't quite believe that we are capable of actually living our whole lives in your love. So we act in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful of others. We take more time pampering ourselves than we do helping other people. It is easier to justify our selfish desires than it is to witness to your transforming love.**

*Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. **Turn us around. Help us to face our weakness and your forgiving grace. Heal us of our sins, and place us again on the paths of peace. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

### **\*Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

**\*Sung Response: PH 577** "Glory be to the Father"

*arr. Richard K. Avery & Donald S. Marsh*

**Moment for Mission**

Paper Product Drive

Sue B.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters & Solution Center

## **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**Psalm Reading: Psalm 98 (Common English Bible)**

(page 551 in the pew Bible, page 741 Common English Bible)

Sing to the Lord a new song

because he has done wonderful things!

His own strong hand and his own holy arm

have won the victory!

The Lord has made his salvation widely known;

he has revealed his righteousness  
in the eyes of all the nations.  
God has remembered his loyal love  
and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
every corner of the earth has seen our God's salvation.  
Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!  
Be happy!  
Rejoice out loud!  
Sing your praises!  
Sing your praises to the Lord with the lyre—  
with the lyre and the sound of music.  
With trumpets and a horn blast,  
shout triumphantly before the Lord, the king!  
Let the sea and everything in it roar;  
the world and all its inhabitants too.  
Let all the rivers clap their hands;  
let the mountains rejoice out loud altogether before the Lord  
because he is coming to establish justice on the earth!  
He will establish justice in the world rightly;  
he will establish justice among all people fairly.

**Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17 (Common English Bible)**

(page 109 in the pew Bible, page 1314 in the Common English Bible)

“As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I

heard from my Father I have made known to you. You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

**Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**Sermon:** "Remain in my Love"

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

**Sung response:** "Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

*Kurt Kaiser*

## **We Respond to God's Word**

### **THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**Offering Music:** "Trust and Obey" *Daniel B. Towner, arr. Craig Curry*

**\*Offertory: PH 593** “Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow”

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Pour your Spirit upon these gifts, O God. Send them into the world as a sign and song of your joyous work of love. Use them to call and welcome into your house of love all who are *your* friends and *our* brothers and sisters. Amen.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**GTG 507** “Come to the Table of Grace”

*(Remain seated, we sing this song as the table is being prepared for communion)*

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

This is neither a Presbyterian table, nor even the church’s table. This is the Lord’s table. It is prepared for those who love the Lord and for those who desire to love him more. All who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this meal.

**GREAT PRAYER OF 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 God thanks and praise.**

Holiness is the melody of who you are, Gracious God, and blessed is the Song of your heart, Jesus Christ. As he loved you, so he loved us: keeping your word close in his heart, he came singing of your gracious love; abiding in your promises of hope, he came bringing the harmony of peace for our fragmented lives; coming to judge the world with righteousness, he laid down his life for his friends, trusting and believing that the funeral dirges they sang on that sad Friday, would be rearranged as Easter cantatas on that first morning of the new creation.

As we remember his life, death and resurrection, as we seek to follow his command to love, we sing of that mystery we call faith with not only our voices, but also through the piercing silence of simply being present, cancelling out the cacophony of worldly noise. With all creation, we sing your new song of love.

Abide in us at this Table, as you pour out your Spirit on these gifts of the bread and cup, and on your children gathered in this place. The broken bread reminds us that you loved us first so that, as we eat of it, we might put the needs of the hungry, the searching, the hurting, the lonely before our own. The cup of grace nourishes us so we can join the oppressed and the outcasts, intertwining our branches with theirs, so we all become part of the Vine of justice and of hope.

Then, when we no longer sleep in death, but are gathered around your Table with our sisters and brothers of all time and places, we will join in singing with one voice and heart, "Glory, glory, hallelujah. You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, because you created all things. Glory, glory, hallelujah, the alpha and omega, reigns forevermore."

We ask these things through Christ, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit be glory now and forever. AMEN.

And now, lifting our voices together in unity, we pray the prayer Jesus taught:

### **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.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.**

**Amen.**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD – (words of institution]**

## **SHARING OF THE MEAL**

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.  
Come, share in the mystery of this holy meal.

**The Bread of Life**

**The Cup of Salvation**

**Music during communion:** “I Love You, Lord” *Laurie Klein*

“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

*Stuart Townsend, arr. Carol Tornquist*

## **PRAYER OF THANKS**

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**\*Sending Song** “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Friends and Beloved of Christ, you have been chosen to go into this world with the message of God’s love. Bear fruit of hope and joy, peace and justice, with all that you meet. May God’s peace be with you all. AMEN.

**Postlude: “Doxology”**

*Louis Bourgeois, arr. By Victor Labenske*



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\*Karen & David H.  
\*Lorele C.  
\*Laura C.  
\*\*Tom H.

\*\* Tom H. is the father of Mike H. Tom had a massive stroke on Wednesday. "He is currently at Theda Care fighting. It appears that he has lost mobility on the right side of his body and, at this point, is unable to communicate with us. He needs a lot of prayers!"

The names with an asterisk (\*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer. If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact a Deacon or the church staff.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

May Deacon of the Month  
Gail Kamphuis

May Elder of the Month  
Sue Baker

## **This Week at Church**

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am

10:15-11:15am

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- Adults Sermon Discussion (Parlor)
- 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 6
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 3
- Preschool – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Room 8

11:30-12:30pm

6:00-7:30pm

7:00-8:00pm

### **May 5**

Worship / Communion

Fellowship Time

Growing Connections

Learning Team Meeting (Parlor/ Zoom)

Boy Scout Troop 702

Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

### **Monday**

10:00-11:30am

1:00-2:00pm

### **May 6**

Staff Meeting

Deacons Meeting

### **Tuesday**

7:00-8:00pm

### **May 7**

FMSC Planning Meeting

### **Wednesday**

8:00-9:00am

12:30-1:30pm

4:30-5:30pm

5:30-7:30pm

### **May 8**

Men's Breakfast

Scholarship Team

Bell Choir

Women in Faith

### **Saturday**

9:00-12:00pm

### **May 11**

Table Tennis

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am

10:15-11:15am

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- Adults Sharing stories of the special women in our lives.
- 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 6
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 3
- Preschool – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Room 8

### **May 12 / Mother's Day**

Worship

Fellowship Time

Growing Connections

## LOOKING AHEAD

May 8	5:30pm	Women in Faith
May 11	9:00am	Table Tennis
May 12	9:00am	Worship / Mother's Day
May 15	4:00pm	Loaves & Fishes
May 17	7:00pm	Cribbage
May 18	9:00am	Table Tennis
May 19	9:00am	Worship / Pentecost
	10:15am	Growing Connections – Kat Griffith will take about the immigration crisis
May 20	6:30pm	Session
May 25		Salute the Troops (1/2 Marathon)
May 26	9:00am	Worship / Trinity Sunday
May 27		Memorial Day (Church Office will be closed.)

## Financial Giving and Gratitude

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## WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR APRIL 28,2024

Individuals in Person: 102

Zoom Households: 6

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
04/28/2024	\$764.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$75.00	Pave the Way
04/22--26	\$731.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	10.00	Vanco Online "Pave the Way"
	<b>\$1580.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>