

6 Easter

Those
who love me
will be loved by
My Father



John 14:21 NRSV

May 14, 2023

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

“A Grand Celebration” - Hakes

Rejoice Ringers

Welcome

Blessed to be a Blessing

Give Thanks to God

Give thanks to God, all people ev-rywhere. Give thanks to God for
bless-ings that we share. Give thanks for fam - i - ly, give thanks for friends,
Give thanks to God, whose mer - cy nev - er ends.

Announcements

Gathering Hymn

“Shine Jesus Shine”

ELW #671 vs 1&3

Chorus

Shine Jesus shine, Fill this land
With the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow, Flood the nations
With grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord
And let there be light

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me *Chorus*

Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me *Chorus*

Call to Confession

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Prayer of Confession

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Forgiveness

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

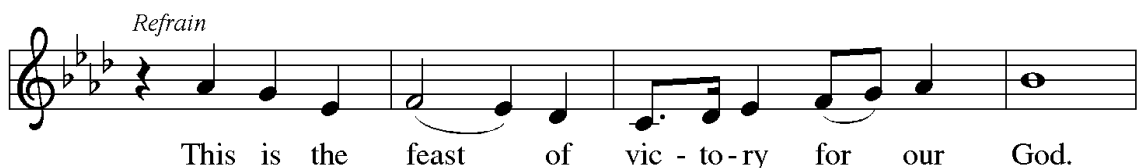
Greeting

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“This is the Feast”

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem (8:30)

“Old Irish Blessing” - Agay

Adult Choir

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: Acts 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an

unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Reading: Psalm 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter fourteen.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"Your Advocate"

Pastor Dave

Hymn of the Day

"Here I Am, Lord"

ELW #574

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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Milestone: Blessing of 2023 Graduates – Presentation of Quilts (8:30)

P: Congregation, do you promise to support and encourage these parents in the keeping of these sacred promises? If so, answer, "We will, with God's help."

C: We will, with God's help.

Apostles' Creed (10:30)

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 the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing God's Peace

Offertory

Offertory Song

"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"

ELW #182

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 the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray,

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given “for you and for all people.” For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts,

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

“Remember Me”

On the night You were betrayed, You took the bread;
After giving thanks, You broke it and said,

Refrain:

“This is My body, broken for you,
and as you eat it, remember Me;
This is My body, broken for you,
and as you eat it, remember Me.”

On the night You were betrayed, You held the cup:
After giving thanks, You lifted it up.

Refrain:

“This is My blood, poured out for you,
and as you drink it, remember Me;
This is My blood, poured out for you,
and as you drink it, remember Me.”

So, we thank You for the wine and for the bread;
For we see the life You gave and the blood You shed.

Refrain:

“And we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body, You shed Your blood;
And we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body, You shed Your blood.”

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymns

ELW #732, #483

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

ELW #543 vs 1&3

- 1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

- 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

CELEBRATE



Cole Fortwengler

Alexa Schultz

Gianna Fortwengler

Alexa Schultz

Calyn Glaser

Tommy & Polly Glaser

Taylor Hansen

Kristal & Ryan Braun, Jon Hansen

Benjamin Hohensee

Jeff & Mary Hohensee

Grace Julien

Jeff & LuAnn Julien

Bryn Nesvold

Aaron & Jackie Nesvold

Rylan O'Neill

Mark & Becky O'Neill

Emma Radloff

Doug & Patricia Radloff

Addison Rustin

Shane & Stephanie Rustin

Blake Soukup

Katie & Jason Wohlers
Jeremy & Jenny Soukup

Logan Wick

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Saige Wilfahrt

Shawn & Steven Wilfahrt

Katie Wilker

Heidi & the late Paul Wilker



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Deacons: (8:30) Linda Postel	(10:30) Darlene Meier
Acolytes: (8:30) Vayda Melzer, Jesalyn Skoglund	
(10:30) Teegan Schmiesing, Landin Shafer	
Communion Server: (8:30) Katie Wilker	(10:30)
Lector: (8:30) Denise Kamm	(10:30) Deb Egeland
Ushers: (8:30) Jennifer Hauth, Jim Hulke	(10:30)
P/P: (8:30)	(10:30)

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	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget
5/7 General Offering	\$ 9,914.75	\$ 187,513.14	\$ 193,041.14
5/7 Building Fund	\$ 895.00	\$ 22,078.50	\$ 20,096.11
TOTAL:	\$ 10,809.75	\$ 209,591.64	\$ 213,137.25
5/7 World Hunger	\$ 114.00	\$ 3,166.00	

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	10:30AM Sun.	7:30PM Wed.
5/7/23	237	116	76

In Our Prayers This Week:

Jean Anderson, Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Brad Haynes, Sharon Hulke, Mike Hysten, Joyce Jobe, Ken Johnson, Lyndon Jones, Mavis Jones, Ann Julien, Dave Marsh, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Gabrielle Rolloff, Ted Sauers