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An asterisk () indicates when the congregation stands. Hymns and page numbers are from the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship service book that is located in the pew rack.*



PRELUDE.....ERIC RAISLER

Welcome and Announcements

OPENING PRAYER:.....PASTOR TIM

God, with you there is no darkness. Your character has no shadows, and you are pure and good. Yet in our broken world, we see so much darkness around us. Pain, sickness, and disease are in our community and in many of our homes. Bring your light and restoring presence to the dark places in our lives. Bring your hope to hearts that feel defeated. Bring your love and compassion to those in pain. Give us faith to say with the psalmist, "Lord, you light my lamp; my God illuminates my darkness." May your light of hope shine in the darkness for families today. Show us glimpses of your presence with us and the comfort you bring. In the busyness of today, help us to take a moment to be still and sit with you. To slow down, breathe deeply, and release our burdens to your strong hand. You are trustworthy, good, and true, and we thank you for caring for us so deeply and beautifully. Open our eyes to see you at work today. Give us your light. In Jesus name, Amen.

* Processional Congregational Hymn #866 ELW "We are Marching in the Light"



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



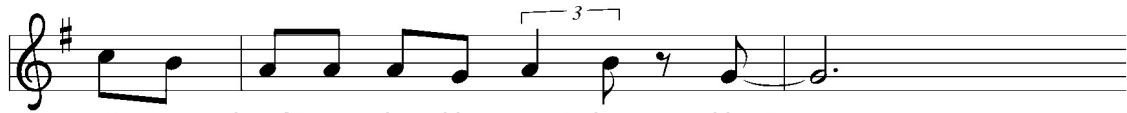
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si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...



"I Can Do All Things"
Cherub Choir

(Children are invited forward.)

Verse 1 + Hymn #677 ELW "This Little Light of Mine" is sung as the children come forward.

Verse 1

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 2 & 3 Hymn #677 ELW "This Little Light of Mine" is sung as the children return to their seats.

Verse 2

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 3

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Psalm 150, (pg. 509 in the pew Bible, read in unison.)

Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with the psaltery and organs. Praise him with the timbrel and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals; praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

"A Place in the Valley" - Nancy Price and Don Besig

Chancel Choir

READER

ELIJAH WHEATLEY

Lord of Joy, the world craves good news. The world craves your love and joy. Fill us with that love and joy. Help us to see the plight of others, to hear the sighs of need, the howls of pain, the cries of despair, and to respond, always, in the love and joy, of you our Saviour and our Lord.

"Every Time I Think of You" - Ruth Elaine Schram

Chancel Choir

READER

MOLLY ANDERSON

God, your light is the commencement and culmination of creation. From now until forever you are the light of life. You invite us to walk in your light and become lights to the world. Revive our hearts to sing, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine!"

*** The Lord's Prayer, ELW pg. 145**
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.

The congregation may be seated.

"70,000 Reasons" - Myrin, Redman and Larson

Chancel Choir

"GOD IS OUR REFUGE IN DISTRESS" BY MARTIN LUTHER ANNALISE WHEATLEY

God is our refuge in distress, our shield of hope through every care, our Shepherd watching us to bless, and therefore will we not despair; although the mountains shake, and hills their place forsake, and billows o'er them break yet still will we not fear, for Thou, O God, are ever near. God is our hope and strength in woe; through earth He maketh wars to cease; his power breaketh spear and bow; his mercy sendeth endless peace. Then though the earth remove, and storms rage high above, and seas tempestuous prove, yet still will we not fear, the Lord of Hosts is ever near.

"God is Our Refuge" - Allen Pote

Chancel Choir accompanied by Soren and Charlie Bortnem on trumpets

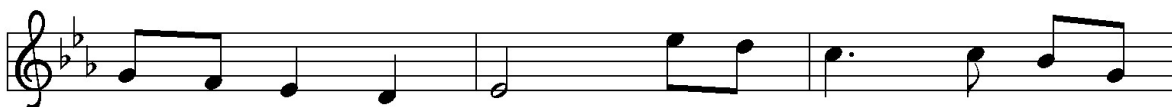
* Congregational Hymn #561 ELW "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" vs. 1-3



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
 2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
 3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
 dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
 hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
 each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
 won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
 a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
 chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
 of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

* The Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

The congregation may be seated.

The Offering of Gifts

"Allegretto (MVT 3) from Sonatina Op. 71" - Mauro Giuliani

Eric Raisler, Guitar Solo

Offering of Song #673 ELW "God, Whose Almighty Word" vs. 1

God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took flight:
 hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
 let there be light.

The best songs take us to amazing, unexpected places. They teach us things about ourselves and others. They get into our heads and roll off our tongues. They share memories, wishes, struggles, and feelings. Often, songs can relay thoughts with greater emotion and power than words simply spoken or on the page. They reach our hearts, our souls, and our dreams. The Leonard Cohen classic 'Hallelujah' is such a song.

Cohen, who is considered one of music's greatest poets, expertly includes several obvious Biblical references and utilizes the single word, "Hallelujah," as its chorus. He references the stories of Samson and Delilah from the Book of Judges. He also talks about King David and Bathsheba.

The song is about the struggle between having human desire and searching for spiritual wisdom. It's being caught between those two places. It's because of these themes that the song has since become timeless.

Crazily enough, that heartfelt, transcendent song had to travel a long, steep, winding, obstacle-filled road to reach the public and become the phenomenal hit it is today. In fact, it only became the iconic ballad modern audiences know— and a key song in the soundtrack of the movie *Shrek* decades after it was originally conceived and recorded.

"Hallelujah" - Leonard Cohen, Roger Emerson
Chancel Choir

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it." (New Living Translation) Have you ever been in a room that had no windows, and when you shut off the lights it was so dark you could feel it? It is our human nature to fear the darkness. Some will say that they don't fear the darkness, but just try to navigate in a strange room with no lights. Do you feel afraid... that lost feeling? We don't like that. We don't know what we may bump into. We don't have control of the situation when we are in that kind of position. We like to think that we are in control. On the other hand in this verse John says, "the light shines in the dark." This statement is even more exciting when you finish it with, "and the dark has never extinguished it." If you take a light into the dark room I mentioned moments ago, you will find that no matter where in the room you put the light or no matter how small the light, the darkness can't hide the light. Like putting red pigments into a base white paint, no matter how much white you put in the paint is no longer pure white. Once light enters a dark room it can be seen by all.

"Light of the World" - Karen Marrolli
Chancel Choir accompanied by Soren and Charlie Bortnem on violins

A READING BY BOB KAUFLINANNALISE WHEATLEY

Music plays a huge role in both the New and Old Testaments. Throughout Scripture, music has been demonstrated to be a gift or blessing from God Almighty. Through this gift, people can render praise and thanksgiving to Him, as well as express emotions– from the most profound sorrow to the most exhilarating joy. God’s Word has shown us the following things about music:

1. Music is a gift and blessing from God.
2. Music is powerful.
3. Music is used to praise God and to create an atmosphere to receive God’s Spirit.

“When In Our Music God Is Glorified” - Green, Stanford, Ziegenhals
Chancel Choir w/ the congregation please join us on verse 5

55 Congregation

5. Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!—

60

— Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:—

65

— Al - le - lu - ia! —

A MUSIC PRAYERPASTOR TIM

Gracious God, envelop each of us in the warmth and comfort of Your divine love. In a world filled with anger and fear, let Your light be ever visible to guide us through dark times. Strengthen our faith and help us find solace in You. As we seek Your embrace, may each of us become a beacon of hope for those who are frightened and lost. Teach us to love as You love, so that we may carry Your light to all corners of the world. In Your tender mercy, grant us peace and everlasting joy. Amen.



* The Dismissal
Pastor: Who are we?
People: **We celebrate grace,
appreciate all God's people
through sharing Christ's story!**

POSTLUDE..... ERIC RAISLER



Special Acknowledgments

Readers: Molly Anderson, Annalise Wheatley, Elijah Wheatley
Choir Directors: Tracy Hagstrom Durant, Laura Lynk, Lisa Danielson
Accompanists: Eric Raisler, Elijah Wheatley
Guitar: Eric Raisler
Violin/Trumpet: Soren and Charlie Bortnem
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WORSHIP HELPERS: TODAY & UPCOMING, THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

MAY 5, 2024 AT 10 AM—CHOIR CONCERT/SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acolyte: Jorjah Verhey

A-V/Streaming: Ryan Albrecht, Kip Lynk

Greeters: Gary & Deb Wilking

Coffee Host: Sue Thomson

Counters: Ryan Albrecht, Tonya Jenkins, Katie Davis

Lector: Kip Lynk

Children's Sermon: Pastor Tim

Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant and Tom Durant, cantors.

Nursery: Carissa Chap, Molly Anderson

Ushers: Ryan Anderson, Kip Lynk, Todd Goudy

MAY 12, 2024 AT 10 AM—SUNDAE SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY/ELLIS DOBBS' BAPTISM

Acolyte: Brynn Weinandt

A-V/Streaming: Ryan Anderson, Donnie Dennis

Greeters: Carl & Bev Rokala

Coffee Host: Duane & Tammi Dahlman

Communion: Patti Albrecht, Riley Beckman, Amy Sluis, Dara Lind

Counters: Sue Thomson, Lorelei Sullivan, Bunny Carlen, Stacy Raymond

Lector: Tammi Dahlman

Children's Sermon: Pastor Tim

Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant and Tom Durant, cantors.

Nursery: Abbe Dale, Molly Anderson

Ushers: Ryan Anderson, Kip Lynk, Todd Goudy

MAY 19, 2024 AT 10 AM—DAY OF PENTECOST/GRADUATING SENIOR SUNDAY

Acolyte: Annalise Wheatley

A-V/Streaming: Max Clemen, Abe/Jean Abrahamson

Greeters: Carol Lee

Communion: Tammi Dahlman, Josh Harmala, Jorjah Verhey

Counters: Sue Thomson, Lorelei Sullivan, Bunny Carlen, Amy Sluis

Lector: Tom Berggren

Children's Sermon: Pastor Tim

Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant and Tom Durant, cantors.

Nursery: Lisa Danielson

Ushers: Ryan Anderson, Kip Lynk, Todd Goudy

MAY 26, 2024 AT 9 AM—HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY/SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Acolyte: Genevieve Anderson

A-V/Streaming: Amber & Greg Peterson

Greeters: Abe & Jean Abrahamson

Communion: Ellie Nelson, Phil Lee, Kristin Bortnem, Brynn Weinandt

Counters: Tom Berggren, Kristin Bortnem, Patti Albrecht

Lector: Abe Abrahamson

Children's Sermon: Ryan Weinandt

Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant and Tom Durant, cantors.

Ushers: Ryan Anderson, Kip Lynk, Todd Goudy



PRAYER CONCERNS

Brad Loge	Ginny Grosser	Marilyn Dahlquist
Brady Wanous	Briana Torvick	Toby Kotila

We are praying for Tom Durant as he recovers from back surgery.

PT CUSTODIAN POSITION

We are looking for a new part-time custodian. If you know of someone, please recommend them or talk to Pastor Tim. The job description and applications are located in the Narthex and on the website, <https://www.elchome.net/employment-1>. In the meantime, Tim Bey is taking over the position temporarily.

WELCA SPRING GATHERING RECAP

The WELCA Crow River Conference Spring Gathering was at Peace Lutheran Church in Cosmos. A wonderful brunch of French toast bake, eggs and fruit was served to over 100 people. The speaker was from the Terebinth Refuge. A place for exploited teenage girls to women. Half of the offering will be used to support this, and the other half will support the SWMN Synod Women of the ELCA. Two hundred sixty-one care kits were collected, plus other kits assembled by the churches. The pews in the sanctuary were decorated with quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped service coffee and cookies during this past school year! We will be pausing coffee and cookies during the summer months and will resume when Sunday school begins again in the Fall. We would love to add some new faces to those that help serve so we'd love for you to consider helping in the Fall. Amy Sluis will post the sign up as we get closer to September.

YOUTH & FAMILY**ALL AGES**

* Volunteers for Vacation Bible School are needed! I am looking for adults to lead small groups, games, and crafts for VBS June 3-June 5. Please let me know if you are willing to be a volunteer! I am in need of youth volunteers as well. 9am-12pm.

* Starting at the end of April in the Narthex will be Bibles for our graduating Seniors. Please take time and highlight your favorite verses for them. They will be receiving these Bibles on Sunday May 19th.

Sunday School/Sheep Shack (Ages 3-6th Grade)

* Cherub Choir performs next on Sunday May 5th.
* Sundae Sunday May 12th is the last day of Sunday School.

Youth/Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

* First Sunday of the Month: JR & SR High Bible Study Sunday May 5th 9:15am in the Chapel after Cherub Choir.
* Senior Sunday is Sunday May 19th. Come at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast as we talk to our graduating Seniors and their future plans. They will be receiving their Quilts and Bibles at the 10 am worship service.

ELC OFFERING, ONLINE VIEWERS, & PEOPLE

General/Easter Offering for 4/21 to 4/27 was \$4,302.93.

4/28 Easter 5: We had 134 people and 84 viewers.

Evangelical Lutheran Church Cokato

"ELC Cokato celebrates grace and appreciates all God's people through sharing Christ's story."

PLAN A VISIT

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HOURS

Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICES

At Church: 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

On YouTube: 10 a.m.

Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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WAYS TO GIVE

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Schedule of Events for 5/2-5/12/2024

THURS., 5/2

9 AM Quilter group meet

SAT., 5/4 RAISLER/WILSON RECITAL

7 AM Men's Bible Study

1 PM Sanctuary Reserved

2 PM Eric Raisler & Nathan Wilson's Recital

SUN., 5/5 EASTER 6/ALL CHOIR CONCERT

Before & after service, coffee fellowship

9 AM Sunday School, Adult Forum

9:15 AM Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study

10 AM Worship Service in person & livestreamed

11 AM Soren Bortnem's music lessons

MON., 5/6

10 AM Staff meeting

7 PM Property Committee meets, Worship & Music meets

WED., 5/8 CONFIRMATION FINALS

3:30 PM Sheep Shack Bunch (Gr. 4th-6th)

5:30 PM Soren Bortnem's music lessons

6:30 PM Confirmation Class (Gr. 7th-9th)

THURS., 5/9

9 AM Quilters group meet

SAT., 5/11

7 AM Men's Bible Study

SUN., 5/12 SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY/ DOBBS' BAPTISM

Before & after service, coffee fellowship

9 AM Sunday School, Adult Forum

10 AM Worship Service in person & livestreamed

11 AM Soren Bortnem's music lessons