Seventh Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day: May 12, 2024 @ 10 a.m.

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.

<u>Prelude</u>.....<u>Eric Raisler</u>

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshiping either online or in person today. Ushers will pass out the Welcome and Communion Register to those attending in person. Please write each person's name on a separate line and place a check mark in the column next to your name if you are communion today. Leave the register on your pew as you exit.

* Blessing of Mothers

Pastor: God of all creation, pour out your blessing on all mothers and those who provide motherly care. You have made them in your image and given them children to love and care for in your name. Bless them with a heart like your heart: loving and kind, comforting and strong, nurturing and grace-filled. As they participate in your ongoing creativity, give them discernment to help their children discover their unique gifts. As they teach their children, grant them wisdom to know what is truly valuable. As they strive to share your unconditional love, give them long-suffering patience and a lively sense of humor. As they model your mercy, help them extend the forgiveness they themselves freely receive from you. In all circumstances fortify their faith, that they may love you above all. We ask this in Jesus' name.

People: Amen.

* Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

People: Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: Gracious God,

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

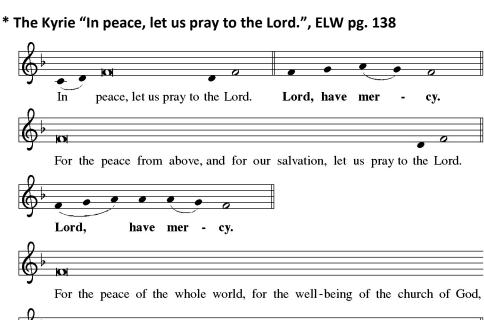
* Gathering Hymn #453 ELW "Baptized and Set Free" vs. 1-4

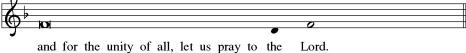


* The Greeting, ELW pg. 138

PastorThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People..... And also with you.



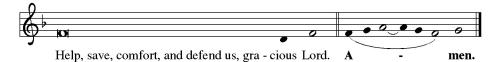






For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,





* Hymn of Praise, "This is the feast..." ELW pg. 149 (sung)



* Prayer of the Day (in unison)

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.

The congregation may be seated.

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 Verse 3

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. 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.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader......Word of God, Word of Life.

People......Thanks be to God.

The Introduction and Second ReadingTammi Dahlman

Reader God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's

commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and

faith.

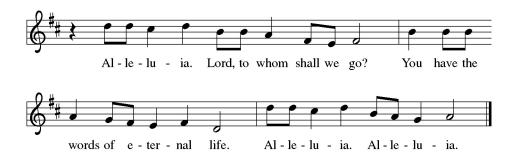
Reader A reading from 1 John 5:1-6 pg. 996 in the Bible in the pew rack.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader......Word of God, Word of Life.

People......Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation, ELW pg. 142 (sung) "Alleluia, Lord, to whom..."



Pastor The Holy Gospel according to John.

People Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel Reading Pastor Tim

Pastor: The Gospel according to John 15:9-17 pg. 874 in the pew Bible.

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Pastor The gospel of the Lord.

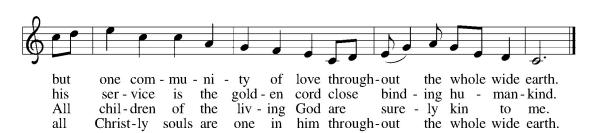
People Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon Pastor Tim

* Hymn of the Day #650 ELW "In Christ There is No East or West" vs. 1-4



- I In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis ci ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



Baptism, ELW pg. 227

<u>Pastor</u>: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: I present Ellis for baptism.

Procession of Faith, ELW pg. 229

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Parents and Sponsors respond: I renounce them.

<u>Pastor</u>: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents and Sponsors respond: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents and Sponsors respond: I renounce them.

<u>Pastor</u>: People of God, do you believe in God the Father?

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

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Thanksgiving at the Font, ELW pg. 230

Baptism of Ellis Noelle Dobbs

Welcome of the Newly Baptized, ELW pg. 231

<u>Congregational Representative</u>: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

* The Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

* The Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Each petition will end with

Pastor: "God of grace.

People: "hear our prayer."

To close the prayers:

Pastor: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding

love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

People: Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

The Offering of Gifts

The ushers will pass the offering plates to those who are worshipping in person. Offerings can be mailed to PO Box 448, Cokato, MN 55321, or install our app on your cell phone.

* 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 Great Thanksgiving, ELW pg. 144

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

* The Preface

* "Holy, holy, holy" ELW pg. 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

* 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.

"Lamb of God...", ELW pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; grant us peace.

* Communion Hymn #474 ELW "Bread of Life from Heaven" vs. 1-5



* The Blessing

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

* Sending Hymn #836 ELW "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" vs. 1-3



- 1 Joy ful, joy ful we a dore thee, God of glo ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv ing and for giv ing, ev er bless-ing, ev er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove. stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea, Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



* The Dismissal

Pastor: What are we called to do?

People: ELC Cokato celebrates grace, appreciates all God's people through sharing Christ's story!

<u>Postlude</u>....<u>Eric Raisler</u>

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WORSHIP HELPERS: TODAY & UPCOMING, THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

MAY 12, 2024 AT 10 AM-SUNDAE SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY/EASTER 7

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

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Counters: Sue Thomson, Lorelei Sullivan, Bunny

Carlen, Amy Sluis

Lector: Tom Berggren

Children's Sermon: Grace Lundeen

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

JUNE 2, 2024 AT 9 AM-PENTECOST 2

Acolyte: Molly Anderson

A-V/Streaming: Ryan Albrecht, Kip Lynk

Greeters: Gary & Kathy Lundeen

Communion: Gary Lundeen, Amy Anderson, Becca

Clemen, Annalise Wheatley

Counters: Tom Berggren, Kristin Bortnem, Patti

Albrecht

Lector: Nancy Anderson

Children's Sermon: Pastor Tim

Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant

and Tom Durant, cantors.

Ushers: J. David Anderson, Riley Beckman, Tim

Sullivan, Dean Svela

WEEKLY STAYING CONNECTED



MAY 9-MAY 19, 2024

PRAYER CONCERNS

Brad Loge Ginny Grosser Marilyn Dahlquist

Brady Wanous Briana Torvick Toby Kotila

Jon Gunderson Gary Peterson Emilia Brustuen

We are praying for Dwight Hackbarth as he recovers from knee surgery.

BAPTISM OF ELLIS NOELLE DOBBS

Ellis is the daughter of Jack and Lea Dobbs and the granddaughter of Abe and Jean Abrahamson, members of our church. Her sponsor, Rachael Dahlman. Please welcome Ellis as a new member.

GIRLS OF GRACE MEETS

Girls of Grace meets on May 18th at 9 am in Fellowship Hall. They will be making pie crusts for the Corn Carnival.

COUPLE'S TRIP TO BWCA

If you are interested in going to the Boundary Waters trip this summer, sign up (on table in the NW Entry) and Pastor Tim will send you more information.

♦♦HELP NEEDED**♦**♦

Help Needed! In April, we started receiving a deposit into our checking account twice a month from Accenture LLP Corporate. It looks like it may be someone's offering or a company match.

If this is you or you have any details, can you please contact Amy Sluis right away (952-250-4158 or finance@elchome.net). She is in need of information on how to record this deposit.

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. 9 am-12 pm.
- 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.

Youth/Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

• 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 \$6,029.85.

5/5 All Choir Concert: We had 152 people and 72 viewers.

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BUILDING HOURS

Mon.-Friday.: 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

Scan QR code, give thru our church app or send check thru the mail or offering during service.

Schedule of Events for 5/9-5/19/2024

THURS., 5/9

9 AM Quilter group meet

SAT., 5/11

7 AM Men's Bible Study

SUN., 5/12 EASTER 7/MOTHER'S DAY/SUNDAE SUNDAY

Before & after service, coffee fellowship

9 AM Sundae Sunday: Last day of Sunday School 10 AM Worship Service in person & livestreamed,

Ellis Dobbs' Baptism

11 AM Soren Bortnem's music lessons

TUES., 5/14

4:45 PM Global Missions meets

THURS., 5/16

9 AM Quilters group meet

SAT., 5/18

7 AM Men's Bible Study

8 AM Fellowship Hall Reserved

9 AM Girls of Grace meets

SUN., 5/19 DAY OF PENTECOST/SENIOR SUNDAY

Senior Breakfast at 8:45 a.m.—9:45 a.m. celebrate with our graduating seniors in Fellowship Hall. All welcome.

10 AM Worship Service in person & livestreamed

11 AM Soren Bortnem's music lessons

11 AM Parsonage Task Force meets