

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

P: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

C: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

P: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

C: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

P: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

C: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

P: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:

C: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

P: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

(Please rise as you are able)

Opening Songs

"My Life Is in You, Lord"

My life is in You, Lord; My strength is in you, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord; In You, it's in You;
My life is in You, Lord; My strength is in you, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord; In You, it's in You

I will praise You with all of my life, I will praise You with all of my strength
With all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in You. (chorus)

Daniel Gardner, c. 1986, arr. 1992, Integrity's Hosanna! Music, CCLIC # 655526

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Jesus, Name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord;
Emmanuel, God Is With Us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God;
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe,
Light of the world.

Jesus, Way of Salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords,
The Way, the Truth, and the Life, mighty Creator, my Savior and friend.

JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES, c.1974,1978, Scripture in Song, 655526

(Please be seated)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our
Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia! Immersed in the
promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice
thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.**

P: Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your
creation through the flood into a new day.

**C: Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into
freedom's land.**

P: In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless
baptismal life.

C: Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with
the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you
opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as
Easter people.

**C: We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Song of Confession “Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God wash over me.

Holy Presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Holy Presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.
Holy Presence love divine cast out my fear.

Daniel Iverson, c 1935, 1963, Moody Press CCLIC655526

(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

P: A reading from the gospel of John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be

done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Emily Dalen

Song of Response

“Whom Shall I Fear”

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?

(chorus) I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind.
The God of angel armies is always by my side.
The One who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine.
The God of angel armies is always by my side.

My strength is in Your name, for You alone can save.
You will deliver me, Yours is the victory.
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? (chorus)

And nothing formed against me shall stand,
You hold the whole world in Your hands.
I'm holding on to Your promises, You are faithful You are faithful.
And nothing formed against me shall stand,
You hold the whole world in Your hands.

I'm holding on to Your promises, You are faithful You are faithful.
You are faithful.

(chorus) I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind.
The God of angel armies is always by my side.
The One who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine.
The God of angel armies is always by my side. (repeat chorus)
The God of angel armies is always by side.

Ed Cash, Scott Cash, and Chris Tomlin, C. 2012 Worship Together Muisic, CCLI 655526

(Please rise as you are able.)

Graduating Senior Recognition

Intercessory Prayers

P: Risen Lord,

C: Receive our prayer.

We Share God's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: Let us share God's peace with those around us.

(Please be seated)

We Bring Our Tithes and Offerings

(Please rise as you are able)

Offering Song

"I Offer My Life"

(chorus) Lord, I offer my life to You, Everything I've been through, Use it for
Your glory. Lord, I offer my days to You, Lifting my praise to You, As a
pleasing sacrifice. Lord, I offer You my life.

I OFFER MY LIFE, Claire Cloninger and Don Moen, c. 1994, Word Music, CCLIC 655526

Offering Prayer

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

Words of Institution

P: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Remembering our Lord, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us...

**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.**

(Please be seated)

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table. All are welcome.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song

"Feed Us Now"

Feed us now, Bread of life, in this holy meal;
Let us know your love anew; We hunger for you.

Feed us now, Bread of life, come and live within,
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

Piece of bread, glass of wine; Lord, this food is good!
Love and mercy come to us;
Your promise we trust. Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand,
How His mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.

God is here, O so near; nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where-er' we go; Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near, in this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on you, on the bread that is true.

FEED US NOW, c1976, Robin Mann, 655526

(Please rise as you are able)

Communion Blessing

P: And now, may the body and blood of our crucified and risen Lord
strengthen you and keep you in His grace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit
of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, You reign forev—er; Our Hope, our strong Deliv—r'er

(chorus) You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak. You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, You reign forev—er; Our Hope, our strong Deliv—r'er *(chorus)*

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Sending Mission:

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Week of April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome Team: 8:00 a.m. Doug & LaJean Wehring; 10:30 a.m. The Stephanie Melby Family

Tellers: Doug & LaJean Wehring

Musicians: 8:00 a.m. Deb Schmidt; 10:30 a.m. Deb Schmidt

Acolyte: 8:00 a.m. Keira Ragland; 10:30 a.m. Addi Pedersen

Reader: Sheryl Henderson

Prayers: Stanley Vorthmann; Robert Meier II; Lyn Suglia; Jeri Schnepel; Ava Steeve; Ed Whitehill; Brenda Riley; Roger Grant; Peggy Engle; Beth Lucy; Logan Young (Military).

Prayers for those grieving the loss of a loved one: The family of Zach Brennecke.

Today we are honoring our graduating seniors. Our graduates are Rhylee Casey, Emmalyn Hansen-Stearns, Camille Karr, Ava McGreevy, Brock Poland, Charlie Schrage, Nolan Waterman, Levi Young, Caleb Cooper and Aaron Ehmke. If you would like to give them a card or gift but will not be at church that day, you can place it in the basket that will be on the green bench outside the church office the week before the service.

The final day of Sunday School is May 5th. We will recognize all faith formation volunteers at both services. Kids will sing at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Vacation Bible School Prep: Come and help the VBS Team get decorations ready for VBS week! We will meet next Sunday right after the late worship service in the upstairs library. We will have pizza for lunch.

Get Signed up for VBS!: Registration forms for 4-year-olds through 6th grade are out for our week of VBS on June 3rd - 7th, and can be found at church and on our website. Also, please consider how you can help with VBS by volunteering. See the volunteer sign-up outside the church office.

Baccalaureate: All friends and family of graduating seniors are invited to Baccalaureate on Monday, May 13th following Senior Awards Night. Zion will host.

This Week's Calendar:

Sun. 4/28: 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship/Recognizing Graduates

Mon. 4/29: 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wed. 5/1: 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Final SPY Cell Group

Thurs. 5/2: **Denise's Day Off**
8:30 a.m. Maint. Day
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Fri. 5/3: **Pastor Emily's Day Off**

Sun. 5/5: 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Final Adult Bible Study/Final Day of Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. VBS Decorating Prep. (Library)
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Silver Creek 4-H in F-hall

Worship Attendance on 4/21/24: 8:00 a.m.: **55**; Online: **36**; 10:30 a.m.: **43**; Online: **17**

Sunday School Attendance on 4/21/24: **14**

Stewardship Emphasis: The Mission for May: World Hunger

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