

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

P: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

C: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

P: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

C: In all that they do, they prosper.

P: The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

C: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

P: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

(Please rise as you are able)

Opening Songs

“I Lift My Hands”

Be still; there is a healer. His love is deeper than the sea.

His mercy is unfailing, His arms, a fortress for the weak.

Let faith arise, Let faith arise.

(Chorus) I lift my hands to believe again. You are my refuge.

You are my strength.

As I pour out my heart these things I remember;

You are faithful God, forever.

Be still; there is a river, that flows from Calvary's tree.

A fountain for the thirsty, Your grace that washes over me.

Let faith arise, Let faith arise. (chorus 2x)

Let faith arise, let faith arise. Open my eyes, open my eyes.

Let faith arise, let faith arise. Open my eyes, open my eyes.

I lift my hands to believe again. You are my refuge. You are my strength.

As I pour out my heart these things I remember; You are faithful God,

You're faithful God, forever.

Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio and Matt Maher, arr. by Joel Mott and Brad Henderson,
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"I Will Delight"

(In the Law of the Lord)

I will delight in the law of the Lord, I will meditate day and night.

Then like a tree firmly planted I'll be grounded in Your Word.

Blessed is the one who follows the way of the Lord.

Blessed is the one.

I Will Delight, Walt Harrah and John Schreiner, c. 1997, Maranatha! Music. CCLI 655526

(Please be seated)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: A reading from Romans: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C: We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

P: You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.

C: Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.

P: You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

C: Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.

P: Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Song of Confession “Beneath the Tree of Life”

Come and gather beneath the tree of life.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life;
Root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.

Sweet forgiveness beneath the tree of life.
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Root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.
Sweet forgiveness beneath the tree of life.

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(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19

P: A reading from the gospel of John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Pastor Emily Dalen

Sermon

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Song of Response

"God With Us"

Oh You've come to bring peace, to be Love, to be nearer to us.

You've come to bring life, to be Light, to shine brighter in us.

Oh, Emmanuel, God With Us.

(chorus) Our Deliverer, You are Savior.

In Your presence we find our strength over everything,

Our Redemption, God with us. You are God with us.

Oh, You've come to be Hope to this world for Your honor and name.

And You've come to take sin, to bear shame, and to conquer the grave.

Oh, Emmanuel, God With Us. (chorus)

You are here. You are holy. We are standing in Your glory.
You are here. You are holy. We are standing in Your glory.
You are here. You are holy. We are standing in Your glory.
You are here. You are holy. We are standing in Your glory, Lord.

Our Deliverer, You are Savior.
In Your presence we find our strength over everything,
Our Redemption, God with us.

Our Deliverer, You are Savior.
In Your presence we find our strength over everything,
Our Redemption, God with us. You are God with us.
You are God with us. You are God with us.

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(Please rise as you are able.)

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

"Everything I Am"

Ev'rything I am, Ev'rything I have, Ev'rything I can, I bring to you.

For You alone are worthy, so I come to give You praise,

And ev'rything I am I bring to You.

Scott Dyer and Joe Horness, c. 1997 Maranatha! Music. CCLI 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 **"O Mighty Cross"**

O, mighty cross, Love lifted high, the Lord of life raised there to die; His sacrifice on Calvary, has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me.

O, mighty cross, what throne of grace, He knew no sin, yet took my place;
His sacrifice on Calvary, has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me.

O, mighty cross, O Christ, so pure, love held Him there, such shame
endured; His sacrifice on Calvary, has made the mighty
cross a tree of life to me.

O, mighty cross, my soul's release, the stripes He bore, have brought me
peace; His sacrifice on Calvary, has made the mighty
cross a tree of life to me.

(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: "Friends, how good and pleasant it is to be together, in person or in spirit,
encouraging and consoling, provoking and inspiring. But now the service
is ended. Now the wider service begins. Why do you stand looking up
toward heaven? Go in peace — into the world, for the love of the
world!"

Sending Song

“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

Sending Mission:

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

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Week of May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Altar Flowers: Jess Pote

Welcome Team: 8:00 a.m. Patty Walter; 10:30 a.m. B.J., Mira & Dylan Dreyer

Tellers: Bob & Deb Schmidt

Musicians: 8:00 a.m. Ruby Bentley; 10:30 a.m. Megan Dreyer

Acolyte: 8:00 a.m. Sutton Vorthmann; 10:30 a.m. Liz Young

Reader: Annie Vorthmann

Prayers: Bob Meier; Richard Andersen; Jerry Lustgraaf; Robert Meier II; Lyn Suglia; Ava Steeve; Ed Whitehill; Brenda Riley; Roger Grant; Peggy Engle; Beth Lucy; Logan Young (Military).

Values Worksheet: Please make sure to turn in the values worksheet you received on Sunday, May 5th in worship. This will help us to continue creating a vision for St. Paul as we move into the future. If you didn’t receive a worksheet, talk with Pastor Emily or Tracy Flathers.

Baccalaureate: All friends and family of graduating seniors are invited to Baccalaureate tomorrow following Senior Awards Night. Zion is the host.

June/July Tower Talk: The Tower Talk for June and July will be combined into one publication. Please make sure to give your information to Jonelle for **BOTH** months by May 15th.

Optimist Help: We have been asked by the Optimists to help put up flags around town on Saturday morning, May 18th at 9:30 a.m. We will meet in the community center parking lot, and it will take about an hour and a half. Adults and youth are welcome to come and help! Please let Denise know if you can help with this.

100 Days of Summer: You are invited to read a Bible story each day of summer to get to know God's Word better. Read one story each day from Memorial Day to Labor Day. We'll explore the 100 most popular stories and stories that are often left out of the lectionary. Many of the stories are in the Spark Story Bible, too. Check the May Tower Talk for a reading plan. The page numbers written in are for the Spark Story Bible. If your family would like one of these Bibles, talk with Pastor Emily or Denise. Additionally, you are invited to join Pastor Emily on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. beginning May 29th for a Walk and Talk. We'll walk and discuss the stories we're reading.

Summer Worship Schedule: We'll have one service at 9:30 a.m. beginning May 26th.

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.

Bible School: We are in need of someone to lead the bible story area for big kids at VBS. It is easy to do and we give you all you need to help you get prepared! Please talk to Denise if you can help with this, even 2 or 3 people can trade days doing this.

This Week's Calendar:

Sun. 5/12: 8:00 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship
Mon. 5/13: 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
Baccalaureate at Zion
Tues. 5/14: **6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting**
Thurs. 5/16: **Denise's Day Off**
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
Fri. 5/17: **Pastor Emily's Day Off**
Sun. 5/19: 8:00 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Silver Creek 4-H F-hall

Worship Attendance on 5/5/24: 8:00 a.m.: **43**; Online: **28**; 10:30 a.m.: **66**; Online: **22**

Sunday School Attendance on 5/5/24: **24**

Stewardship Emphasis: The Mission for May: ELCA World Hunger

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