



7th Sunday of Easter — May 24, 2020

Prelude: “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*” - Anna Laura Page

CALL TO WORSHIP (*read responsively*)

Leader: Christ is risen!

Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Mysterious God, you reveal yourself in the risen Christ,

C: Who gives us a glimpse your glory.

L: Almighty God, you reveal your name in the Word Incarnate,

C: Who gives us the promise of new life, even when death is all around us.

L: Gracious Father, Caring Mother, you reveal your love in Jesus,

C: Who tells us that we are your beloved children.

L: Holy Spirit, even in the midst of suffering, loss and grief, you reveal the abiding presence of God,

C: Who calls us to cast all our anxiety on you.

L: Holy God, unite us together as the body of Christ,

C: Who makes us one in you, even when we are apart.

L: As witnesses of the resurrection, let us boldly proclaim: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn: ELW #362 – “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” – Verses 1-4

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing, praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide, flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!**
- 2 Praise we Christ, whose love divine, gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go, through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!**
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love, eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**

Greeting:

L: 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.

Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray. O God of glory,

**C: We give you thanks for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, who suffered for us
and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering
and in joy, that we may be one in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

First Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (NRSV)

- Peter Schott

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Psalm 68:4-10, 32-35 (*read responsively*)

- Anna Burger

L: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;

C: I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

L: In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

**C: You give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

L: O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

**C: The earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

L: You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

C: Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

L: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

**C: You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

L: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

**C: How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

L: The Holy Gospel according to John the 17th chapter. **C: Glory, to you O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-6,1011 (NRSV)

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶"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.... ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – by Pastor Joe

Hymn of the Day: ELW #581 – “You Are Mine”

**1 “I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.”**

**2 “I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.” Refrain**

Refrain:

**“Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.”**

**3 “I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.” Refrain**

**4 “I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!” Refrain**

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Prayers of Intercession - Each petition ends with the following response:

L: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer:

**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: *We invite you to share the bread and wine/grape juice with one another at home.*

Communion Hymn: ELW #656 – “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind, is like to that above.**
- 2 Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**
- 3 We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**
- 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Dismissal - L: Go in peace. Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Postlude: *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” - Marilyn Ham*

Thanks to Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Joe Larson
Alpha Roeszler, Piano
Peter Schott, Lector
Anna Burger, Psalm
Tammy Lanaghan, Media Coordination

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Mark's Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** and a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation—welcoming all people, including LGBTQ individuals.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: We are not holding onsite worship at Temple Beth El Synagogue until further notice. Live-stream services will be on Sundays at 10 am via Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/stmarkslutheranfargo.

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Join us on Zoom through the internet or by phone following Sunday worship:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpcOutqzIjELNIbn-fUwAvM2rdj-Gtw](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpcOutqzIjELNIbn-fUwAvM2rdj-Gtw)

You can also call into this meeting at: 1-301-715-8592;

Meeting ID: 874 725 599; Password: 037564

YOUR PRAYERS ARE INVITED for the sick: Jim Jordan (Charlie's brother), Matuor Dot Alier and family, Patti Pranke (Alpha's sister), Jerry Jacobson (Mel's brother), Kermit Jensen, Leah Martell Torkelson, Chris Maki, Dona Jordan, Viola Ware, Brad Graber, Avis Twamley, and Karla Ware.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: Donna Hokanson; Mary Jane Haugen; Ben Huynh; and Tammy Lanaghan
Fargo Conference Prayer: Martin's Lutheran Church Casselton, ND – Pastor Mike Jacobson and Pastor Keith Walka.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due on Tuesday, May 26. Thank you.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 5:30 p.m.

OFFERINGS: During this time, please continue to send in your offerings as you are able. Our mailing address is **St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 417 Main Ave, Ste #401, Fargo, ND 58103**. You can also donate **online** on our website at: www.stmarkslutheranfargo.com/donate.html.

Theatre B - "B At Home": Saturday, May 30 at 7:30 pm: Tune in for a guest performance of "Antigone" from the Moorhead High School theatre. This online play is being directed by St. Mark's member Jon Leiseth; and his sons, Isaac and Phoenix, are also involved in its production. The play can be viewed on the Theatre B Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TheatreBFargo/>
Please consider supporting their "B At Home" program by buying a "Virtual Ticket" by making a contribution. The normal ticket price is \$25, but they gratefully accept free-will donations of any amount.