



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

5th Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023
10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Eight

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude: *Our God Saves*

Gathering Song: *Shout to the North*

Chorus:

Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth

1 Men of faith, rise up and sing
of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak,
in your brokenness complete. **Chorus**

2 Rise up women of the truth,
stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing pow'r
of our awesome King of love. **Chorus**

3 Rise up church with broken wings,
fill this place with songs again
of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly. **Chorus (x2)**

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Greeting

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

Kyrie

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The assembly joins in with the refrain when invited.

let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Canticle of Praise

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Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**
- 3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. **Refrain (x2)**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God’s saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God’s chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Gospel Song: *Word of God, Speak*

Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
to be still and know that You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness
Word of God speak (**repeat**)

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Gospel: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song of the Day: *Our God Saves*

In the name of the Father in the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit Lord we come
We're gather'd together to lift up Your name
To call on our Savior to fall on Your grace

Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down as Your people sing
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that

Our God saves our God saves
There is hope in Your name
Mourning turns to songs of praise
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Presentation

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Profession of Faith

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Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Thanksgiving at the Font

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

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Congregational response after the baptism:

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
...through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Music: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

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- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and ev'ry age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.



Scan code to give now.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Preparing for the Table

...So if we come to this table angry,
Let this bread and wine be our peace.

If we come to this table broken,
Let this bread and wine be our grace.

If we come to this table betrayed,
Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.

If we come to this table in despair,
Let this bread and wine be our life.

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world
and wine to quench thirsty hearts.

Thanks be to God!

Words of Institution

When Jesus ate with his friends, He took bread, and after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them saying:

"Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:

"Drink. This cup poured out for you and for all people is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break bread and share the one cup. **Thanks be to God!**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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.

Invitation to Communion and Healing Prayers

Lamb of God

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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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Distribution Song: *Eat This Bread*

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Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”

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Prayer after Communion

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Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Sending Song: *All the People Said Amen*

You are not alone if you are lonely

When you feel afraid, you're not the only

We are all the same, in need of mercy,

to be forgiven and be free

It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need

Refrain

And all the people said Amen, whoa

And all the people said Amen

Give thanks to the Lord,

for His love never ends

And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter

weak or strong, you know love is what we're after

We're all broken, but we're all in this together

God knows we stumble and fall

and He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all **Refrain**

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart

Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart

Blessed are the people hungry for another start

for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God **Refrain x2**

And all the people said Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *All the People Said Amen*

Announcements

Worship Online

Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/2PvSCQJ>
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371
Passcode: Luther

Phone in at:

(312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371
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Altar Flowers today are provided by Sam & Sue Deaver in honor of all Mothers.

Baptism

Today we welcome Andrew and Evelyn Cordes in baptism at the 10:30 service. They are the children of Dave Cordes and Megan Dahlke.

This Week at Lord of Life

Today	8:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship NOW in-person or online
Tuesday, May 9	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 10	6:00 PM	Confirmation: end of year party w/Mentors
Thursday, May 11	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry
Saturday, May 13	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast

Youth Bonfire

Sunday, May 21st at 7-8:30pm! Meet in Pastor Paul's backyard for s'mores and good conversation. Bring a chair and your own beverage.

Graduate Information Request...

We are putting together a list of graduates: high school, college, grad school. We'd love to offer them a blessing and share their graduation news with the entire church. If you'd like to include the graduate's future plans that would be great, also. Contact the office 582-7371 or office@lordoflifedbq.org

Open Closet Donations

Due to limited space, only spring and summer items will be accepted at the Open Closet. Please be sure that all donations are CLEAN AND IN GOOD REPAIR!

Roadside Cleanup

We will again be doing the spring (of a twice-annual) hiway cleanup of "our" one-mile stretch of the NW Arterial on Saturday morning, May 20. We will meet at LOL at 9:00 AM and should be done by 11:00. LOL of Life has "adopted" this section of the arterial for the past 21 years. We will need between 8 and 16 volunteers to do the clean-up efficiently. Call or e-mail Steve Heer with any questions that aren't answered on the bulletin board/sign-up in the fellowship area: ssheer@mchsi.com, or 563-451-8063.....and pray for nice weather on May 20. Thank You!!!!

Prayer List

David & Megan Dahlke – Cordes and family

Craig & Joan Cram

Larry & Barb Croghan

Kevin & Darlene Curoe

Nancy & Clarence Davis

Margret Deason

Sam & Sue Deaver

Servants:

Sunday, May 7

	Tech	Assisting Min.	Reader	Ushers
8:00 AM	Nate Frambach	Susan Hansen	Kris Erickson Eipperle	Jim & Bernie Gilbertson
10:30 AM	Jon Dienst	Al Simms	Debbie Thomas	Galen Thomas

Sunday, May 14

8:00 AM			Sandy Heer	Sam & Sue Deaver
10:30 AM			Tara Grace	Phil Granovsky

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