

**W**elcome to **W**orship  
**St. Luke's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**



**Christ is Risen, indeed!  
Alleluia!**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 12, 2024*



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

## **Assisting in Worship**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
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Videographer: *Beth Williams*

## **To the Glory of God**

May Altar Candles: *Carol Williams*  
May Bulletins: *Laura & Tony Damon*  
May Newsletters: *Laura & Tony Damon*

**The flowers** are given by Bob Kelley & families with this message:  
“May this Mother's Day bring you peace, happiness, and warm memories.”

**North Baltimore Food Pantry May** requested donations include: peanut butter, jellies and jams. Without our help, some families in our community will go without. Please give generously.



# Order of Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2024

*God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.*

*\*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

*Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.*

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## GOD GATHERS US

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### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

*Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Gracious God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to respond to your call."*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has set this day before us,

**ALL: a day set apart, a day of rest and praise.**

Leader: God has set our lives before us,

**ALL: a span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.**

Leader: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

**ALL: so that we might live fully in deep love.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

### \*GATHERING HYMN #413      HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

### \*AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: We confess our sins, trusting the God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please take a moment for personal confession.*

## \*KYRIE HYMN #151

1, 3 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
 2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

## \*CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: God of hope, God of mercy,

**ALL:** we confess that we have not always set our minds and hearts upon you. We have wandered off the path of righteousness and not followed your Son. For his sake, have mercy on us and forgive us. Renew us and lead us, that we may dwell in your house forever. Amen.

## \*GLORY TO GOD

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 121

*Refrain*  
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: God, creator of all living things, you fashioned a world in which lands and waterways, plants and animals, together meet the needs of all that you made. We pray that such vitality may flourish around the globe.

Bless those who work the soil and who manage animals. Uphold their towns and villages. Nurture bees and other pollinators. Protect farmlands and ranches from drought and flood. Free children from forced labor in the fields. Grant an economy that can sustain those families who treasure a rural life.

**ALL: Teach us how to share with everyone the benefits of each harvest, and accept our gratitude for all sustenance you provide, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **RECOGNITION AND BLESSING OF GRADUATES**

St. Luke's Church – Jordan Bucher, Noah Cotterman, Hank Matthes, Jace McCartney, and Avery Wymer.

St. John's Church – Heidi McDaniel

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# **GOD SPEAKS TO US**

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## **FIRST READING**

ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26

Reader: In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM READING**

*(responsively)*

PSALM 1

Reader: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**ALL: Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

Reader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**ALL: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Reader: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**ALL: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

1 JOHN 5:9-13

Reader: If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SETTING #3 HYMNAL PAGE 142



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 17:6-19

*In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: Jesus prayed: <sup>6</sup>“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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

## **THE MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY #781**

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

### **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**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.**

**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**

### **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: 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.

## \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

We pray for Lorraine, Sue, Dave, Emily, Carl, Jim, Pat, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Barb, Tony, Ron, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, Donnis, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Bob, Don, Beth, Ashley, and Pat.

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As we pray daily for peace around the world, let it begin with us. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

**ALL: and also with you.**

*Please share God's peace with those worshipping with you."*

## INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: Father, our Source and Sustainer, we're here together in the spirit of unity and purpose. We want to align our lives more closely with your divine plan. As we prepare to give our tithes and offerings, we pray that you will transform our hearts to become more like yours.

## OFFERTORY

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray together,

**ALL: God of the risen Christ, you abide with us, providing for all our needs. You guide us in your ways. In gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of your grace, and drink deeply from your cup of compassion. Amen.**

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# GOD NOURISHES US

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## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Leader: People of Easter, lift up your hearts!

**ALL: We lift them to the One who raised Jesus from the grave.**

Leader: People of Easter, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting, who in the multitude of your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore, people of Easter, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life and sing to the God of everlasting love.

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

setting 3, pg. 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, given to you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do in remembrance of me." **ALL: Amen**

Leader: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith;

**ALL: Christ died, so that sin could not hold onto us.**

**Christ was raised, so that death could not hold onto him.**

**Christ will return, to forever hold us in eternal love.**

Leader: United in the Risen Christ let us pray together,

## **\*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US**

**All: 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**

## \*LAMB OF GOD

Setting #2 Hymnal page 135



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## \*THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

### DISTRIBUTION

### THE TABLE BLESSING

Leader: Through the body, blood, and spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. This is God's promise to us. May his love and mercy strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen**

## \*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #204

THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray together,

**ALL: Gracious 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. Amen.**

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## GOD SENDS US

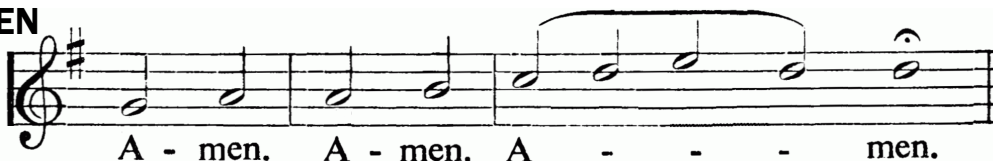
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### \*BLESSING

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made! As we go on our way, God, our light and our salvation, promises to bless us daily. Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen, indeed!**

### \*THE AMEN



### \*SENDING HYMN #676

LORD, SPEAK TO US, THAT WE MAY SPEAK

### \*DISMISSAL

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE



Wishing you the  
very best this  
Mother's Day!

**The Prayer of the Day** is a Rogation Prayer. The words *rogate* and *rogation* both come from the Latin root meaning “ask” or “pray,” so naturally the Rogation Days are special days set apart for just that: Christians praying, petitioning our Father in heaven. As the Book of Common Prayer puts it: “Rogation Days are the three days preceding Ascension Day, especially devoted to asking for God's blessing on agriculture and industry.”

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**AN INVITATION** – you are invited to an Open House celebration for Rose Marie Hosley’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The party will take place at St. Luke’s Church on Saturday, May 18 from 2-4 p.m. Please come and celebrate with us. Karen Krauss and family

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**Next Sunday**, May 19, is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and other disciples and marks the beginning of the Christian church’s mission to the world. The liturgical color for Pentecost is **RED** so wear something **RED** to worship next Sunday. We will also begin distributing the 2023-2024 Church Pictorial Directories.

You are invited to a special event.

## Stay Planted in God’s Word

Women’s night of fellowship and growth.

Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

St. Luke’s Lutheran Church

North Baltimore

Decorating



Dinner and Devotions

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**Help is needed** – if you have not been personally impacted by the tornadoes ripping through our country, give thanks to God. Lutheran Disaster Response is out and about helping to assess damages and begin reaching out to those in need. With the number of communities devastated money and volunteers are greatly needed. If you would like to make a financial donation you may do so through the church. Make you check out to St. Luke's Church, mark it for tornado assistance (or "where need most") and put it in the offering plate. If you would like to volunteer to physically help in the storm torn communities contact Lutheran Disaster Response.

<https://elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

**Include God in everything you do.**



## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE WHERE NEEDED MOST

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### [ELCA.org/disaster](https://elca.org/disaster)

In the face of disaster, Lutheran Disaster Response shares relief today and builds resilience for tomorrow. From wildfires to hurricanes to refugee crises, we are present when disaster strikes, ready to accompany communities through relief and recovery. We are also in communities when there are no impending disasters, preparing people to mitigate the effects of a disaster and enabling them to bounce back more quickly.

Lutheran Disaster Response relies upon strong partnerships with global companion churches, ELCA synods and Lutheran

social service organizations. We recognize that every disaster is local and responses need to be rooted in community. Our partners know their communities the best and can address local needs.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response share healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disaster. Together, we can reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need. Give today to support survivors in the United States and around the world, wherever and whenever a disaster may strike.

**Gods Work  
Our Hands**

# Sermon Notes

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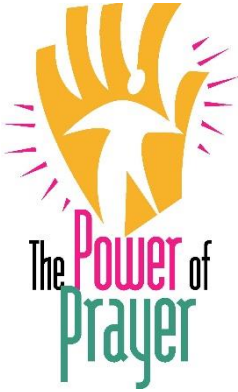
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2.

3.

Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for mothers. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Lorraine Ferguson, Sue & Dave Ebersole, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Pat Wheeler, Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha Carter, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Jennifer Dochod, Tony Matthes, Ron Stewart, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.

BLESSINGS FOR A BEAUTIFUL  
MOTHERS' DAY!

## Move In Day

Each fall is the perennial move-in day on or near college campuses. Legions of parents descend with carloads that include tiny refrigerators, Ikea furniture, electronics, area rugs, and posters. They unload the one they have birthed, raised, nursed, instructed, and reprovved for eighteen or so, to prepare him or her for independence. Then, just like that, the parents are gone, perhaps wiping away tears. Perhaps their final words were ones they hoped would be good choices.” “Study well.” “Make up too late.” But in simple prayer: “O God, portion of Jesus’ great (John 17:6-19), he protect the disciples time for direct end. In this pleading like a loving parent who wants the best for the ones he has sheltered, taught, loved, reprovved, and sent. Jesus begs for God to hold them in the truth that is to do as they have been taught, to follow the model established for them. Jesus asked for the disciples to be protected and surrounded so that they may not be lost. He prays for the disciples to have their joy completed, and to live what they have seen and understood from their rabbi. May we, like the disciples, live in the truth of the gospel, love as we have been loved, have our joy complete, and, above all, know that God is with us.



stick. “Study well.” “Make “Watch your time.” “Don’t stay every parental heart is a be with them.” In the final prayer for the disciples entreats the Father to love and as a parent who knows their supervision is coming to an preparation we hear his

*Happy Mothers’ Day!*