



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

2185 Garden Springs Drive
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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday
from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Welcome!

You are one of God's
beloved children
and our honored guest.
We pray you remain safe
and well during this time.

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For Pastoral care,
please contact Pastor
Laura directly at:
(859) 230-5735.

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-----**GOD WELCOMES US TO WORSHIP**-----

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

- Psalm 118:24

Prelude

“Morning Has Broken”

Aly Hazelwood

Words of Welcome (*Please have a cracker/ bread ready for communion*)

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession And Promise of Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the life beyond all death,
the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

All: Amen.

P: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

(Silence for self-reflection)

P: God of life,

All: by the resurrection of your Son

**you make everything new. Newness scares us,
and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.**

We have not listened to voices that challenge us.

**We have resisted the Holy Spirit
moving us in new directions.**

Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.

**Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear
the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.
Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living
word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in † Jesus' name and
that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

All: Amen.

Greeting

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

All: **And also with you.**

Glory to God

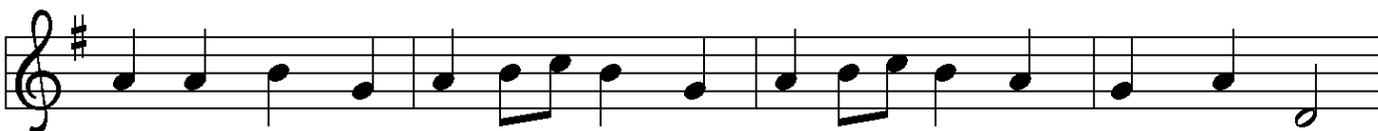
ELW Setting Ten



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. *Brief pause.* Lord of the resurrection, you died and were raised so that ultimately death would not prevail. Remind us daily that sin, and even death, have no power over us.

All: Amen.

-----GOD SPEAKS TO US-----

Introduction to the Day - *The resurrection of Jesus Christ is only the beginning of God's mission for the world. The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith. Paul ends with the good news that death is not final. The final word is our victory over death through Jesus.*

First Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57 see pew Bible pp. 935-936

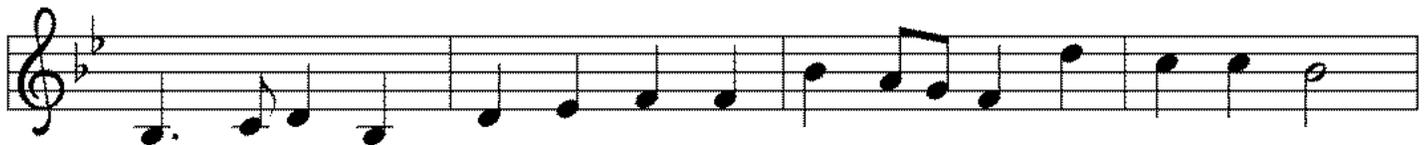
Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

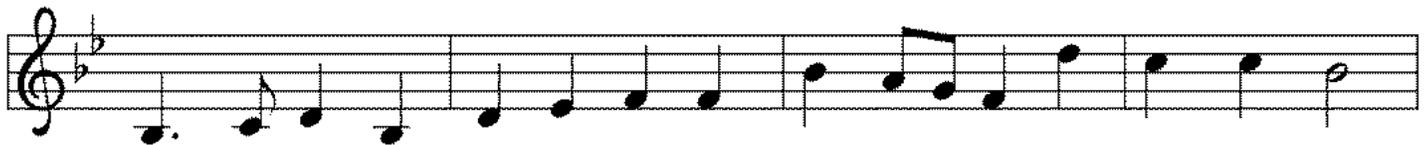
We continue with the Gospel acclamation and the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

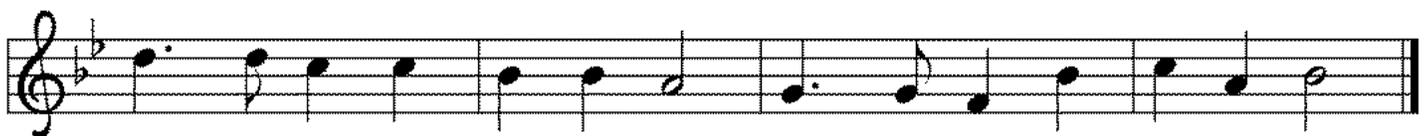
ELW Setting Ten



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel

Mark 12:26-27a

see pew Bible p. 825

P: The holy gospel according to Mark the 12th Chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Laura Altman

-----**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**-----

Nicene Creed

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**All: We believe in one holy catholic (*all-inclusive*) and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

*Each petition will end with the phrase, “Lord, in your mercy.”
Your response is “hear our prayer.”*

Prayers conclude with:

A: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Special Music

“America the Beautiful/God Bless America”

Laura Piasecki

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

P: Please share God’s peace with God’s people. Wherever you may be at, remind yourself that God’s peace is with you with a self-hug.

Offering

*Please continue to support our ministry by mailing your offering, using your bank’s Billpay, or setting up a payment online at www.glclex.org. Scan this QR Code & click on the green “donate” button. **Thank you.** Please contact Financial Secretary Denny Roberts with questions.*



Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at your table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. **All: Amen.**

----- GOD FEEDS US -----

Holy Communion

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Lift up your hearts, people of God.

All: We lift them to the Risen Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise
to the One who gives us new life.**

P: How good it is on this day of joy, to lift our glad songs of praise to you,
Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth
are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross opened his arms to all.

Please lift up your host at this time.

P: In 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.

P: Remembering, therefore, his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection, and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you,
O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom with you
and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Remembering the one who defeated death and the grave;
we pray the prayer our Lord Jesus 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at His table.
Alleluia! Come to the feast.

All: Thanks be to God.

Distribution of Communion

*We welcome ALL to receive the sacrament, celebrating in the belief that in,
with and under the bread & wine, we receive Christ's true body & blood.*

Until we are allowed to gather in person again, we will commune in community online, and only use the host. Be assured, Christ's body and blood cannot be separated. You received both elements in your cracker or piece of bread.

Communion Table Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us forever in His Grace.

All: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

A: Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

-----GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD-----

Blessing

P: May Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to new life.

All: Amen.

P: May Jesus Christ, the Word of life, † bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

All: Amen.

P: May God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

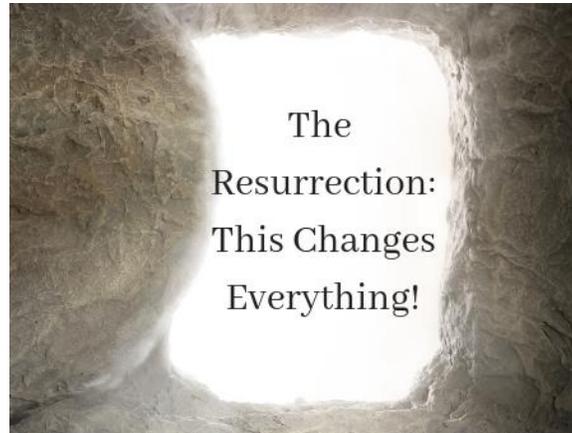
All: Amen.

Announcements/Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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**Thank you for joining us for worship this day!
Our lessons for next Sunday, May 31st, will be:**

**Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13;
and Mark 1:4-8.**

**We also meet on Zoom for prayer each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
See www.glclex.org for details.**

Worship Service Participants

Rev. Laura Altman.....Pastor/Narrator
Lisa Schmidley.....Office Administrator
Kelly Peterson.....Music Director
Melanie Eichner.....Assisting Minister
Laura Piasecki.....Liturgist
Don Altman.....Sound Technician
Holly Sherwood.....Video Technician
Jeff Forsyth.....Director

Flowers on the altar are given by El & Nancy Frantsvog in memory of El's brother Robert.

Celebrations This Week

Birthdays:

May 23 ~ Jacob Piasecki

May 25 ~ Jimmy Msemo

May 27 ~ Chris Williams

May 27 ~ Brian Pulito

May 28 ~ Brian Volland

May 30 ~ Aliyah Johnson

May 30 ~ Brian O'Connor

Anniversaries:

May 29 ~ Don & Kay Blevins

Announcements

Project Day is canceled for May 27th. We will resume Project Day when it can be held safely. Thank you.

Calling all Graduates! Please let us know if you or a family member is graduating this spring. We would like to offer our congratulations. Please provide the graduate's name, school, degree, and post-graduation plans to our church office to publish in our June Guidepost. Thank you!

Do You Have a Special Need? If you are struggling financially at this time, please let us know. We have funds available to help pay for groceries, utilities, rent, etc. The process is totally confidential. Your church family would like to help. We have many members who—out of their abundance—have provided funds for this purpose. To ask for assistance, contact Pastor Laura at (859) 230-5735. We are blessed to be part of a community of Christians who love and care for another

The Church at Home—Online Devotional: Each week you'll find an article and a devotion taking Sunday's readings and putting them into the context of our daily lives. Click the link for the article. You will need to scroll to the bottom of the article for a link to the devotion pages:

<https://spiritandtruthpublishing.com/blog/the-church-at-home-love-redux/>

Happy Times for Summer! The June/July issue of *Happy Times* magazine is here! If your family would like a copy while you're staying safe at home, please reply to this email or call Lisa S. in the church office. Each issue is full of stories, crafts, songs, and recipes for children (3-5 yrs) and their families. Request yours today!

We Are All In This Together—An Update on the Valenzuela Family: A fifth grade student from Garden Springs Elementary School, Amaury Valenzuela, died two weeks ago from unexpected health complications. There was an out-pouring of support from the community and the GoFundMe set up for funeral expenses raised more than needed in only a week. The total contribution was not achieved by huge donations, but by small amounts given by many. Small things done in great love—they add up. Thank you to all who helped these last couple weeks—in whatever way that you could. Please continue to keep Amaury, his family, friends, and teachers in your prayers.

Prayer Meetings—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom: Join your church family for an opportunity to share about your experience and pray for our community. Use the password “prayer” to join the gathering at the following link. Please call the church office for assistance. All are welcome!

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/536413900?pwd=Sjl6ci9HRlZlZbGdIZFdNMVZJd1Q1UT09>

PRAYER REQUESTS

- The Family of Mary Elizabeth (*David Williams' sister*), who passed away last week, soon after cancer was found throughout her body;
- Joyce S. (*friend of Pastor Laura*), as she is 23 weeks pregnant with triplets, has been hospitalized after losing one on 5/14, and is expected to give birth anytime;
- The church – our congregation, IK Synod, ELCA, and Bishops Bill Gafkjen & Elizabeth Easton;

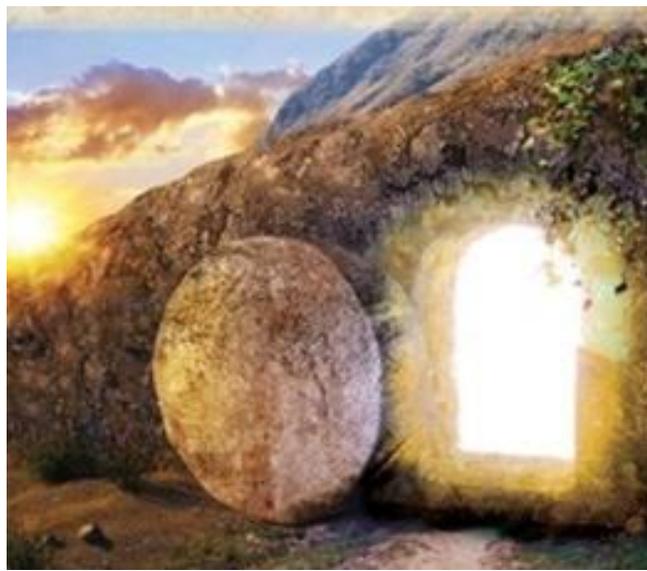
- Our congregational council, committees, and Pastor Laura, as well as our following members, friends, and family:

Page Anderson;	Carla Greathouse;	Georgia Rigsby;
Don Blevins;	Jim Greathouse;	Angela Roberts;
Geoffrey Buhlig;	Lavreen Hall;	Denny Roberts;
Lisa Carr;	Jean High;	The Roe Family;
Craig Cook;	Beth Janecek;	Jill Selzer;
DeAnne Olsen Cravaritis;	Diane Klockars;	Family of Betty Stuckert;
Amanda Curtis;	Janet Koerner;	Michele Taylor;
Tom & Ruth Dooling;	Patty Navarro;	Katie Thompson;
Family of Helen Felice;	Sherisa Patterson;	Jonathan Warren;
Bailey Ford;	Gail Pederson;	Rochelle Williams;
Eldred Frantsvog;	Eunice Quast;	Kara Wilson;

- Those who struggle to or are unable to attend services, including:

Carla Greathouse;	Toni Steinke;
Ray Roe;	Shannon Talley.

Please remember to pray daily for the families listed on Gethsemane's monthly newsletter calendar, those who are serving in the military; for all those wishing to return to the work force; for the countries in conflict; and for all those whose needs are known only to God.



How to Connect With Us

Miss a Sunday? Just want to hear part of the service again? We are on YouTube! Each service is streamed LIVE and can be seen from wherever you are. Or use the "share" feature to pass on the message to friends! Search for "Gethsemane Lutheran Lexington" on YouTube and find us!



Check out GLC's Website! Please see our webpage at <http://glclex.org/> for our updated information on ways we connect to the community and see the great things GLC is doing. Please contact the church office with any questions.



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Pastor Laura works out of her church office Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and works from home Monday afternoons and Saturdays. An up-to-date schedule is posted outside her door. Her Sabbath time includes Monday mornings and Fridays. For any emergencies, please use her cell phone: (859) 230-5735.

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