



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

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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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Tuesday through Thursday
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Faith Practices



W O R S H I P

*“Let us give thanks, by which we offer to
God an acceptable worship with reverence
and awe.” — Hebrews 12:28b*

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2020

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

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit. ~ Matthew 28:19

Prelude

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

Confession And Promise of Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

All: Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for self-reflection)

P: Reconciling God,

**All: we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

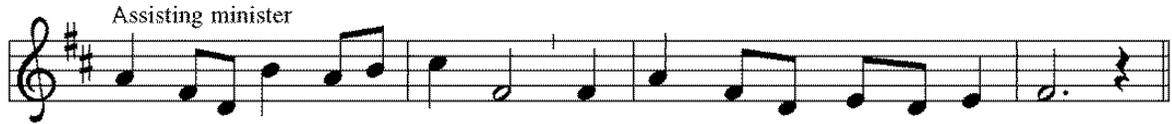
All: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God”

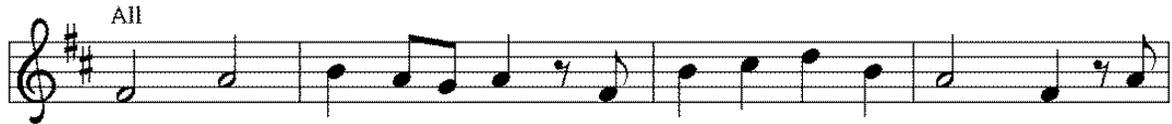
ELW Setting Four

Assisting minister



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

All



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.



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.



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.

Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray (*pause*): Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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

Introduction to the Day - *Worship is the practice of “stepping away” from the pattern and press of daily life to intentionally love God. In doing so, the disciple gains a deeper understanding and experience of the majesty, mercy and mystery of God. In worship we praise God for being God, for being our God! The disciple can “step away” from the routine of the moment to honor God in numerous ways: through participation in the public event of a worship service; through the creative act of art, drama, dance, craft, music and song; through listening to a sermon or receiving the sacrament; through an encounter of God in the beauty of creation, and more. Part of a disciple’s job description is to worship God regularly.*

First Reading Exodus 20:1-11

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Psalm 34:1-8

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

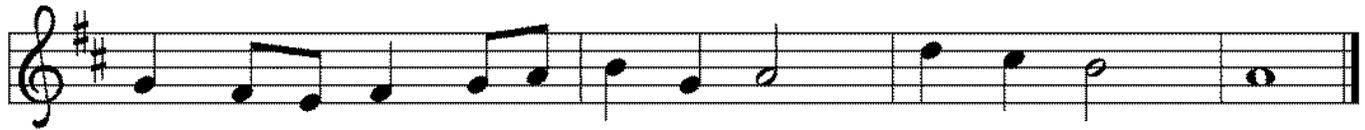
We continue with the Gospel acclamation and the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting Four



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



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

Gospel **John 4:1-26**

P: The holy gospel according to John the 4th 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**-----

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 (*universal*) church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Worship Litany

P: As disciples, we are called to do the things that enrich our journey with Jesus. Worship brings us into God's presence and calls us to prayer and praise. The psalmist David extends this invitation, "O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker." Shall we join him?

All: Yes! Lord, inspire us to come to you in our worship.

P: Shall we put God first in our hearts and in our lives?

All: Yes! Lord, inspire us to come to you often in our daily worship.

P: Shall we gather for regular worship and faith growth in community?

All: Yes! Lord, inspire us to come to you in our worship.

P: Shall we participate in the Holy Sacraments and receive God's grace as they bring us the indwelling Spirit of God?

All: Yes! Lord, inspire us to come to you in humility.

P: Leaders in homes and families, will you find informal and creative ways to give God praise through art, craft, song or daily prayers?

All: Yes! Lord, inspire us to come to you in our daily worship.

P: Children, will you be open to learning special ways you can give God praise?

All: Yes! Lord, help us to put you first in all we say and do.

P: Join me, in prayer, as we honor our call to discipleship.

All: Thank you, Lord, for giving us a voice and a heart to thank and praise you. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Each petition will end with the phrase, "Hear us, O God."

Your response is "Your mercy is great."

Prayers conclude with:

A: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

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Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

All: Amen.

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

Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

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.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your holy people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Together we pray as 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: Friends of Jesus, come to the table.

Receive nourishment for your journey. **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 Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us forever in His Grace. **All: Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

A: Let us pray. God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

All: Amen.

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

Blessing

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

All: Amen.

Announcements/Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Thank you for joining us for worship this day!

Seven Faith Practices: Followers of Jesus are inspired to develop practices and patterns for living that characterize a life that is devoted to daily discipleship. Seven common practices have been identified as key to model and nurture. Next week, we examine the Faith Practice of Invite.

Invite  Evangelism  Invite Others Often

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:14-15).

Please join us Wednesday, July 1st on ZOOM at noon or 6:30 p.m. for a discussion on Invite. Links can be found via our Midweek Email or online church calendar at <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/r>

Join us next Sunday, July 5th, at 9:30am for Worship & a sermon on Invite. Our lessons will include: Zechariah 3:6-10; Romans 10:5-15; and John 1:35-50.

Worship Service Participants

Rev. Laura AltmanPastor/Narrator
Lisa Schmidley.....Office Administrator
Kelly PetersonMusic Director
Mike DeLongAssisting Minister
Kathy Gosnell & Duncan King-WilliamsLiturgists
Don Altman..... Sound Technician
Samantha KnappVideo Technician

Flowers on the altar are given by Deb & Daran Janecek in honor of their anniversary.

Celebrations This Week

Birthdays:

June 29 ~ LuAnn Schmuck

June 30 ~ Fred Justus

Anniversaries:

June 30 ~ Bill & Ruth Green

Announcements

Weather permitting, there will be two chances to attend an outdoor BLESS service in July: **July 5th at 6:00 p.m. and **July 19th** at 6:00 p.m.** The July 5th service will be a patriotic-themed service. There will be music about freedom that is more contemporary, and there will be some traditional patriotic music. Instead of having just one speaker on 7/5, **we would like to invite anyone who would like to speak for a minute or two about “why freedom is a blessing to me,” to please let me know by Tuesday, June 30th so I can finish planning the service.** Thank you! Let me know if you have questions or if you would like to speak.

The Virtual Concert has been postponed. Please watch your Guidepost and weekly E-Posts for more information.

2021 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING—Due to the Coronavirus, the plans for this gathering are on hold. However, organizers are working diligently to find a way to continue to have this meaningful event. It is important that we know who is planning to attend so we can arrange how to fund the trip. PLEASE, parents of all youth, email the committee chairperson, Christian Sorrell at macmansorrell72@gmail.com and let him know if you are planning to go.

The Grass is Growing like Crazy! If you're interested in assisting the property committee in tending to the church grounds this summer, please contact the church office.

Book Club will meet Sundays this Summer at 11:30 a.m. on ZOOM. The Next Meeting is JUNE 28. This summer, our BOOK CLUB will be reading *How to Be an Anti-Racist*, by Ibram X. Kendi. Please join us as we discuss this book on Sunday mornings at 11:30. Please note: the hard-copy book is on back-order with Amazon. Please order the electronic version, available for download immediately after purchasing. Please reach out to Haley Bergstrom or Melanie Eichner with any questions or if you need help with downloading the book (haley.bergstrom@doane.edu, meleichner@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting with you this summer! **For the next meeting, June 28th, please read Chapters Four and Five.**

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404809964?pwd=b082OTZxeVZxd09wQVlmZEtHa1JEZz09>

Meeting ID: 894 0480 9964

Password: glclex

YOUTH COMMITTEE will meet on July 15th at 5:30 pm. If we are able to gather in person, it will be at the church. Remember your masks and we will practice social distancing. If this is not possible, we will arrange a ZOOM meeting. Anyone interested in joining this committee, please contact the chairperson, Christian Sorrell at macmansorrell72@gmail.com.

YOUTH NEED YOUR HELP: The Youth continue to recycle cans to earn money for their programs. We would like to sincerely thank Fred Justus for helping with redeeming these cans for us. We appreciate you, Fred!! Fred is currently unable to continue this service and we need someone to pick up the responsibility of getting the cans to the recycling center. If you are interested, please contact Christian Sorrell at macmansorrell72@gmail.com.

SAVE THOSE PLASTIC CAPS FOR OUR YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT! As we get closer to being able to visit the church building again, please remember to be saving your plastic caps for our recycling project. The youth want to have a plastic bench made for the prayer garden, and it takes a lot of caps!! If you can't store them, Youth Chair Christian Sorrell can pick them up. Email him at macmansorrell72@gmail.com or call the church and let them know. THANKS!

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.

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 confidential. Your church family would like to help. We have members who—out of their abundance—have provided funds for this purpose. 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 one another.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- El Frantsvog, praise that El was released from St. Joe after mysterious bleeding. Continued prayers as the doctors are unsure about the cause;
- Dan Fronczak (*Pastor Laura's uncle*), hospitalized for heart issues;
- For newborn Ayla Lakin (*Granddaughter to Dee and Kevin O'Connor's friends*), praise that she was released from UK children's ICU on 6/21;
- Tammy Stevenson (*sister to Terry Stevenson*), has Stage 4 lung cancer that has spread to her brain & bones. She is discerning treatment options;
- The church – our congregation, IK Synod, ELCA, and Bishops Bill Gafkjen & Elizabeth Eaton;
- Our congregational council, committees, and Pastor Laura, as well as our following members, friends, and family:

Page Anderson;	Lavreen Hall;	LuAnn & Glenn Schmuck;
Don Blevins;	Beth Janecek;	Jill Selzer;
Geoffrey Buhlig;	Diane Klockars;	Holly Sherwood & Family;
Lisa Carr;	Janet Koerner;	Joyce & Ken Staib;
Craig Cook;	Patty Navarro;	Michele Taylor;
DeAnne Olsen Cravaritis;	Gail Pederson;	Katie Thompson;
Amanda Curtis;	Mike Popadic	Jonathan Warren;
Tom & Ruth Dooling;	Eunice Quast;	Mackenzie Webb;
Bailey Ford;	Georgia Rigsby;	Rochelle Williams;
Carla & Jim Greathouse;	Denny Roberts;	Kara Wilson;
Ruth Green;	Angela Roberts;	

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

Carla Greathouse;
Ray Roe;

Toni Steinke;
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.



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.



Hey Facebook Users - Please be sure to LIKE our Gethsemane Facebook page and be connected in a new way. You can find us by scanning this QR code or at <http://www.facebook.com/glclex>.

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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