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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Reaching Out in Christian Love to All

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In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

*=Stand as you are able **Bold Print** = congregation responds

ELW=Red Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

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

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

(ELW p. 97)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

“Bind us together”

W&P 18

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Refrain

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There is on - ly one God. There is
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the

on - ly one King. There is on - ly one Bod - y;
prom - ise di - vine. You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .

that is why we can sing:
you are the glo - rious new wine.

*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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Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; *ten pie - dad* *de no -*
Lord, . . have mer-cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros. *Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -*
mer-cy. Lord, . . have mer-cy on



dad; *ten pie - dad* *de no - so - tros.*
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer-cy.



Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; *ten pie - dad* *de no -*
Christ, . . have mer-cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .



so - tros. *Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -*
mer-cy. Christ, . . have mer-cy on



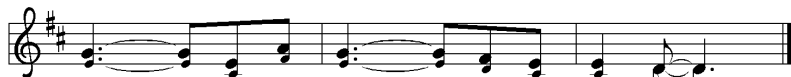
dad; *ten pie - dad* *de no - so - tros.*
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer-cy.



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; *ten pie - dad* *de no -*
Lord, . . have mer-cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros. *Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -*
mer-cy. Lord, . . have mer-cy on



dad; *ten pie - dad* *de no - so - tros.*
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer-cy.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Setting 7, page 176


Refrain



Ce - le - bre - mos la vic - to - ria de nues - tro
Cel - e - brate the feast of vic - to - ry for our



Dios. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Dig - no es Cris - to, el Cor - de - ro in - mo - la - do, cu - ya
1 Wor - thy is Christ, . . . the . . . Lamb who was slain, . . . whose . . .

Refrain



san - gre nos ha li - be - ra - do, pa - ra ser el pue - blo de Dios.
blood . . has set . . us free, . . . free to be the peo - ple of God.



2 Po - der, ri - que - zas, sa - bi - du - rí - a y fuer - za,
2 All pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength and bless - ing,


Refrain



hon - ra ya - la - ban - za y glo - ria son de él.
hon - or, thanks and praise and glo - ry to the Lamb.



3 Can - te - mos con to - do el pue - blo de Dios, y u -
3 Re - joice, sing with all the peo - ple of God! Let us



na - mos nues - tras vo - ces al him - no u - ni - ver -
join our hearts and voic - es in the hymn of all . . . cre -

sal: A - la - ban - za, hon - ra, glo - ria y po -
a - tion: All . . . bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and . . .

der se - an da - dos a Dios y al Cor - de - ro por siem - pre. A - mén.
might . . . be giv - en to God and the Lamb . . . for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

Ce - le - bre - mos la vic - to - ria de nues - tro
Cel - e - brate the feast of vic - to - ry for our

Dios, ya que el Cor - de - ro in - mo - la - do ha co - men -
God, . . . for the Lamb who was . . . slain has now . . . be -

za - do su rei - na - do. A - le -
gun to reign in glo - ry. Al - le -

lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who 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 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 68:1-10, 32-35

¹ Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

² As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
**as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at
the presence of God.**

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides
the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵ In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶ you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into
freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.

⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ 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.

⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰ Your people found their home in it;
**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the
poor.**

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³³ You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵ How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹² Beloved, 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. ¹³ But 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. ¹⁴ If 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. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And 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. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to John the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹ After 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, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So 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. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ 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.⁹ 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.¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them.¹¹ 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children’s church is concluded for the summer.

REFLECTION SONG: “Be Not Afraid” ELW 388

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Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first system, featuring a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. The lyrics are repeated below the treble staff.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ELW 742

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886; Music: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918; public domain.



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

*APOSTLES CREED

**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 INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Response: Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

***PEACE**

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

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

OFFERING

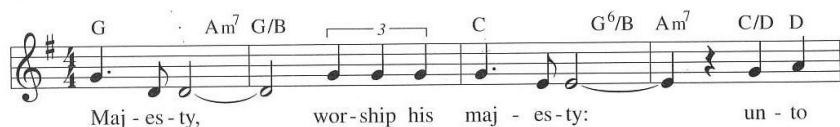
OFFERING HYMN:

"Majesty"

W&P 94

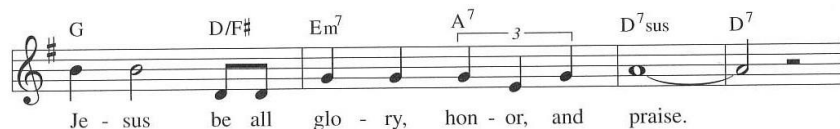
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G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B Am⁷ C/D D



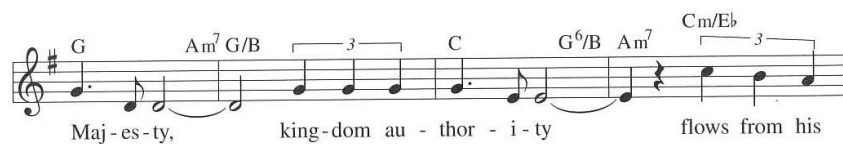
Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty: un - to

G D/F# Em⁷ A⁷ D⁷sus D⁷



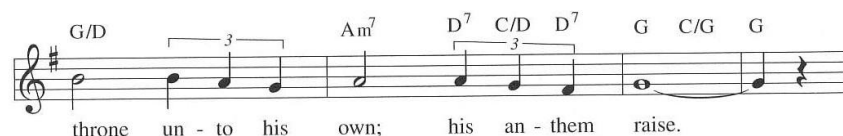
Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise.

G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B Am⁷ Cm/Eb



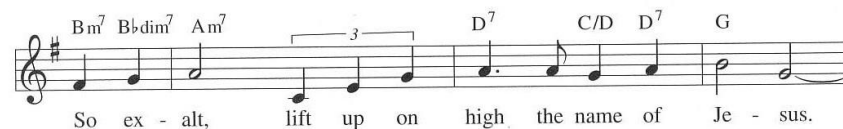
Maj - es - ty, king - dom au - thor - i - ty flows from his

G/D Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷ G C/G G



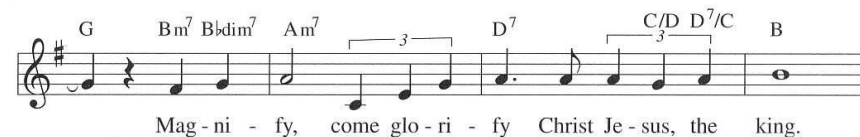
throne un - to his own; his an - them raise.

Bm⁷ Bbdim⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷ G




So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus.

G Bm⁷ Bbdim⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷/C B




Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the king.

Am⁷ D G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B



Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty:

Am⁷ Cm/Eb G/D Am⁷



Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied,

King of all kings. Je - sus who

died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

***DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

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,
 for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
 the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
 who in dying has destroyed death,

and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn: page 181



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.



di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

***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**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

(Page 182)

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

ELW 754

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Jesus, the Very Thought of You



- 1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
 a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
 how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
 grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

"One Bread, One Body"

ELW 496

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One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles - sing which we bless, and we, though man - y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



- 1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

***TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

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

***BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

"Blessed Assurance"

ELW 638

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Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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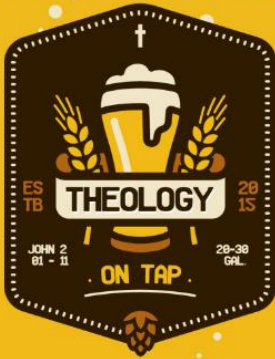
Tithes & Offering

Palestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:
Palestine Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 189
Huxley, IA 50124
3. **Give online through Easy Tithe.**
Go to our website www.plchuxley.com and click on the bright red ONLINE GIVING tab on the right located above our "Reaching out in Christian love to all" statement. **OR** scan the QR code to take you right to our tithing page.
4. **Text GIVE** to 515-207-6435.



Thank you. Continue to pray and know God is with us.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Question freely. Think deeply. Drink a little.

**Join us, Sunday,
May 31st at 5:30 p.m. @
Flight in Huxley!**

SIGN UP!

To MOW!

If you are willing to mow the church, there is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall or you can sign up in the link on the weekly announcements.

SERVICE HOURS are *happily* given to high schoolers that want the volunteer hours!



Register for SUMMER VBS! @ Fjeldberg Lutheran Church

VBS 2026
June 21-25
5:30P-8:00P

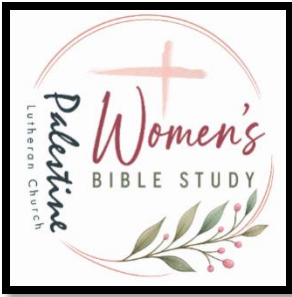
REGISTER AT:
WWW.FLCHUXLEY.ORG/VBS

TRUE NORTH
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World



K.I.C.K kids are invited to help the cemetery place individual flags by veteran headstones at **6 p.m. Wednesday, May 20th!**





As a result of our recent surveys, it has become clear that many women are interested in a women's Bible study. We plan to begin one—or possibly several groups—the first part of June. Because the surveys did not gather quite enough detail, we've created an additional information sheet to help us form groups and studies that are

meaningful for everyone.

There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall, or you may fill out the form on the weekly announcements. Either option is perfectly fine, and we will combine all responses.

We are asking for your preferences regarding:

- The day and time you would like to meet
- Topics or types of studies you are interested in
- How often you would like the group to meet
- Whether you would be willing to lead or co-lead a group

If you could sign up by **May 29**, it would be very helpful as we begin planning.

Thank you for your response—more information will be coming soon.

Blessings, **Vallery Eisenmann**



COLLEGE GRADUTE CONGRATS TO ONE MORE . . . Grant Twedt!

Grant graduated from DMACC in May with an Ag Business Degree. He's going on to ISU in the fall to further his education. Congratulations, Grant!



Welcome to Worship! We're glad you're here (physically or virtually), guests and members alike, and pray that you will find in our worship an opportunity to praise God and hear God's Word.

All baptized Christians who believe that Christ Jesus is truly present in the sacrament to forgive, strengthen and bless us, are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

A Focus on Relationship (*based on John 17*)

The prayers of Jesus in today's reading come at the conclusion of what is called the "Farewell Discourse" in John's gospel, which takes place prior to Jesus' arrest in the garden. In this discourse Jesus repeatedly emphasizes themes of relationship, mutual love, and service as he teaches, gives final instructions, and prays for the disciples.

In John, more than in the other three gospels, *relationship* is the ultimate focus of the life of faith. Jesus' mission on earth is to bring people into knowledge of and relationship with God the Father. Jesus exemplifies perfect relationship with the Father and wants all people to know this same intimacy with God. He also prays that his disciples might live in such a loving and mutual relationship with one another. Moreover, he prays that we might be one, so that our unity reflects the unity of the Father and the Son.

Our relationship with God is strengthened and refreshed in faith communities that worship together, attend to each other's needs, and serve others and creation in acts of love and compassion. In the Bantu languages and philosophy of Africa, *ubuntu* refers to the moral conviction that "I am because you are," or "I am because we are." Ubuntu recognizes that our well-being and our futures are bound up in the well-being and the future of others.

Christianity is a religion of relationship, not of self-efficacy. In an increasingly individualistic and fragmented world, our faith in Christ demonstrates a bold witness to the power and beauty of community. How might Jesus be leading us and the church in this subversive work? How might mutual love and interdependence be signs of our faith, forging a path of healing for our broken world?