

Enriching the lives of people we meet by sharing the grace of God.

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024
Pastor Jonathan Rockey



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THE PRELUDE

(Please stand.)

THE WELCOME AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OPENING HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

THE INVOCATION

LSB 203

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Psalms 130:3-4

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

(Please continue standing or kneel.)

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
[John 20:19-23]

C: Amen.

(Please stand.)

THE KYRIE

*LSB 204
Mark 10:47*



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

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*LSB 204
Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 205

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together.

C: **O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Rockey

THE ANTHEM

**Children's Bell Choir
"Jesus Loves Me"**

1
Jesus loves me! this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong.

3
Jesus loves me! This I know
As he loved so long ago;
Taking children on his knee,
Saying "Let them come to me."

2
Jesus loves me! He who died,
Heaven gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

CHORUS
Yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me;
The Bible tells me so.

THE FIRST READING

*Proverbs 31:10-31
ESV Bible Page 552; Large Print Page 654*

- ¹⁰ An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
- ¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
- ¹² She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
- ¹³ She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
- ¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant;
she brings her food from afar.
- ¹⁵ She rises while it is yet night
and provides food for her household
and portions for her maidens.
- ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it;

with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
¹⁷She dresses herself with strength
and makes her arms strong.
¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
²⁰She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
²¹She is not afraid of snow for her household,
for all her household are clothed in scarlet.
²²She makes bed coverings for herself;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
²³Her husband is known in the gates
when he sits among the elders of the land.
²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them;
she delivers sashes to the merchant.
²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
²⁸Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
²⁹“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”
³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
³¹Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:9-15

ESV Bible Page 1023; Large Print Page 1213

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand.)

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB 205

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:11b-19

ESV Bible Pages 903; Large Print Pages 1073

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

LSB 206

C: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

**THE SERMON "In the World but Not OF the World -- A Mother's Prayer
Easter Changes our Lives"
Pastor Jonathan Rockey**

(Please stand.)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE For All the Faithful Women *LSB 855 vv. 1, 13; 3-4*

1 For all the faithful women
 Who served in days of old,
To You shall thanks be given;
 To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
 In tasks Your wisdom gave.
To You their lives bore witness,
 Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.

13 For Eunice and for Lois
 We sing our thanks and praise.
Young Timothy they nurtured
 And led him in Your ways.
Raise up in ev'ry household
 True teachers of Your Word
Whose lives will bear clear witness
 To Christ, our risen Lord.

A Cappella:

3 O God, for saints and servants,
 Those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages
 Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving
 And fervent prayer we raise
That, faithful in Your service,
 Our lives may sing Your praise.

4 All praise to God the Father!
 All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Holy Spirit,
 Who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went before us,
 With saints who witness still,
We sing glad Alleluias
 And strive to do Your will.

Prayer Requests may be texted to **352-448-7240 during the service.**

Please include your name in the request.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

Matthew 6:9-13

(Please be seated.)

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION FOR FOLKS AT HOME

LSB 212
Numbers 6:24-26

THE OFFERING

THE VOLUNTARY

(Please stand.)

THE PREFACE

LSB 208

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

[Colossians 3:1]

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

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

[Psalm 136]

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

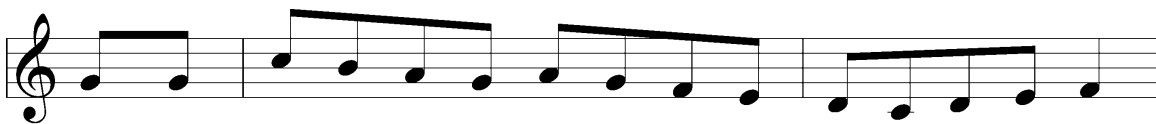
LSB 208
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

THE PAX DOMINI

*LSB 209
John 20:19*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

*LSB 210
John 1:29*



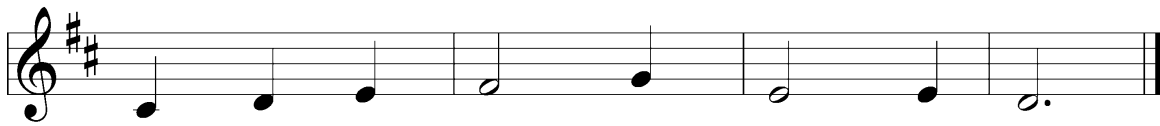
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated.)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION MUSIC

LSB 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Refrain:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
 And a light unto my path.
 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
 And a light unto my path.

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
 My heart forever is wandering.
 Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your
 side;
 And I will love You to the end.

Refrain

1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my
 way,
 Still You're there right beside me.
 And nothing will I fear as long as You are
 near.
 Please be near me to the end.

Refrain

LSB 772 In Holy Conversation
 LSB 701 Draw Us to Thee

(Please stand.)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211
Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 212

P: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

LSB 212

P: Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493, vv. 1; 4-6

1 A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 “You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Flowers provided today by the Dietrichs in celebration of son Rick and his wife Karen's 14th Anniversary and grandson Michael's 16th birthday

If you would like to speak with Pastor Jonathan Rockey, call 907-841-4066 or send an email to jonrock53@mtaonline.net
You may also reach him by calling the church office.



Summer Guitar Camp Starting Soon!
See Stephanie Smith for more info and to enroll.





Sunday

8:30am Coffee and Donuts
10:00am Worship with Holy Communion
11:15am (after Worship) Bell Choir practice
11:15am Fellowship Lunch - breaking for the Summer.
4:00pm Youth Middle/High School Group at Abiding Savior

8:45am Adult Bible Study
10:30am during Worship Youth Sunday School

Monday

Open Arms Chapel – 9:30am in Sanctuary (every Monday)
Card Ministry – 1:00pm in the FLC Library (1st Mon of the mth)

Tuesday

Miriam Circle – 10:00am FLC Library (2nd Tues of the mth) LSF Bible Study – breaking for the Summer

Wednesday

Seeking Hearts Bible Study – breaking for the Summer Choir Practice – 5:30pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday

FLC Ladies Book Club – May 16th @ 6:00pm-ish this months book is *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules* by Catharina Ingleman-Sundberg – Join anytime – All Ladies are welcome.

Godwink: Books for Kids collecting for Lake Forest Elementary. Give the kiddos something to feed their brains over the Summer.

Miriam Circle – monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May at 10:00 in the church library.

Adult Bible Study – Sundays in the Besalski Fellowship Hall at 8:45am – We are studying the Book of Acts.

FLC Card Ministry meets the first Monday of every month at 1:00pm. When requesting a prayer, please give address of the person or your phone number so we can make contact.

Master Builder Center – address the critical needs of the impoverished and abandoned children of Ethiopia. Food, clothing, shelter, education and the Good News of the Gospel are provided. More info is in the Narthex, and you may see Martha Cade or Marilyn Spaeth.

SERVING TODAY

STAFF

<u>Altar Guild</u> Mary Brabham Roberta Partridge	<u>Fellowship Lunch</u> See ya this Fall	<u>Lector</u> Nita Bagnall	<u>Production Team</u> Angie Burr Brandi Dotson Christopher Stewart	<u>Pastor Jonathan Rockey</u> Vacancy Pastor	<u>Stephanie Smith</u> Music Director
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HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated in our worship every Sunday.

We welcome to our communion table all baptized Christians who:

- come confessing their sins to God,
- believe in Jesus Christ as the only Savior from sin,
- desire to live a new life in Christ, and
- recognize the true bodily presence of the Lord Jesus in and with the bread and the wine.

Young people who have not yet taken part in our Communion preparation classes are invited to come forward with their parents for a blessing.

- We have gluten free wafers on the platens for those allergic to wheat.
- Grape juice is also available in the center portion of the communion trays for those wishing not to partake in wine.

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS– Please complete the Fellowship Log when it is passed

Please stop and speak with Pastor Rockey.

*The bold portions are the parts the congregation say together.

*Prayers of the Church are prayers for others throughout the world, family, and friends.

*Confession and Absolution we confess our sins to God and Pastor grants us forgiveness

*Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday

Available in the Narthex

Cry Room Children’s Bags Bathrooms

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