

### Announcements

- [Update from Worship + Evangelism Committee]
  - Our Worship & Evangelism Committee has been engaging in prayerful discernment and discussions as we continue to journey back to a "new normal." Starting in May, our goal is to celebrate communion and sing during worship services. In order to do this, it is **essential** that we maintain 6 feet between households and follow instructions for the safety of all. This may mean changing seats as worshippers arrive to accommodate everyone. As long as we maintain appropriate distance and follow instructions, we look forward to continuing our journey toward our "new normal" together. We thank you for your patience and understanding.
- A reminder that we will have a special congregational meeting today after worship to approve our newly revised congregational constitution.
- SPY Team at 6:00 tonight!

### Centering Prayer + Opening Dialogue

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **and his mercy endures forever.**

They cried to the Lord in their trouble, **and he delivered them from their distress.**

He sent forth his Word and healed them, **and saved them from the grave.**

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, **and loving in all his works.**

The Lord upholds all who fall; **He lifts up those who are bowed down.**

The Lord sustains them on their sickbed. **And ministers to them in their illness.**

The Lord is my strength and my song, **and he has become my salvation.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **and his mercy endures forever.**

### \*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.

**\*Gathering Hymn** | *Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed* (old recording)

*How can it be? The One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,  
to conquer ev'ry sting of death; Sing, sing hallelujah!*

[chorus]

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.*

*Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!*

*For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes;*

*Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ, He is risen. [chorus]*

*Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed;*

*But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing hallelujah. [chorus]*

*Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and pow'r of grace;*

*And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting. [chorus]*

*The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now works in us to pow'rfully save;*

*He frees our hearts to live His grace; Go tell of His goodness. [chorus]*

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**\*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.**

**Children's Message**

**First Reading | Psalm 13**

Lord, how long must I wait? Will you forget me forever? How long will you turn your face away from me?

**How long must I struggle with my thoughts? How long must my heart be sad day after day? How long will my enemies keep winning the battle over me?**

Lord my God, look at me and answer me. Give me new life, or I will die.

**Then my enemies will say, "We have beaten him." They will be filled with joy when I die.**

But I trust in your faithful love. My heart is filled with joy because you will save me.

**I will sing praise to the Lord. He has been so good to me.**

## **Second Reading | Ephesians 3:14-21**

I bow in prayer to the Father because of my work among you. From the Father every family in heaven and on earth gets its name. I pray that he will use his glorious riches to make you strong. May his Holy Spirit give you his power deep down inside you. Then Christ will live in your hearts because you believe in him. And I pray that your love will have deep roots. I pray that it will have a strong foundation. May you have power together with all the Lord's holy people to understand Christ's love. May you know how wide and long and high and deep it is. And may you know his love, even though it can't be known completely. Then you will be filled with everything God has for you.

God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us. Give him glory in the church and in Christ Jesus. Give him glory through all time and for ever and ever. Amen.

## **\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.*

*Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.*

*Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.*

## **\*Matthew 6:5-13**

“When you pray, do not be like those who only pretend to be holy. They love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners. They want to be seen by other people. What I'm about to tell you is true. They have received their complete reward. When you pray, go into your room. Close the door and pray to your Father, who can't be seen. Your Father will reward you, because he sees what you do secretly. When you pray, do not keep talking on and on. That is what ungodly people do. They think they will be heard because they talk a lot. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need even before you ask him.

This is how you should pray.

‘Our Father in heaven,  
may your name be honored.

May your kingdom come.

May what you want to happen be done  
on earth as it is done in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us.  
Keep us from sinning when we are tempted.  
Save us from the evil one.'

## Reflection + Prayer Practice

**Hymn of the Day** | *This is My Song* ELW 887 (old recording)

*This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.*

*This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;*

*But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.*

*But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.*

*So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.*

*O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you, and hearts united learn to live as one.*

*So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations; myself I give you; let your will be done.*

## Prayers for the Church

**Hymn of Response** | *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* ELW 752 (new recording)

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place.*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

## Prayers for the World

**Hymn of Response** | *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* ELW 752 (new recording)

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place.*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

## Prayers for Those in Need

**Hymn of Response** | *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* ELW 752 (new recording)

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place.*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness. In your great compassion blot out our offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sins, for I know my transgressions, and my sins are ever before me.**

Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. So you are justified when you speak and upright in all your judgments.

**Purge me from my sins, and I shall be pure. Wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Create in us a clean heart and renew in us a right spirit, O Lord. Give to us the joy of your saving help again, and sustain us with your bountiful spirit.

**Open my lips, O God, and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

Lord God, you are the one who forgives us and teaches us what is right and shows us the way we should go. You are the one who provides us with all that we need and protects all those who call upon your name. Help us, O God, to remember your unfailing love, to give thanks for your forgiveness and your mercy, and to rely upon your saving and healing power. For these and all our blessings, help us now to praise you with thankful and contrite hearts, we ask it in Jesus' name. **Amen**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **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.**

*In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in my life, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in our song, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your church, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your world, Lord, be glorified today.*

**\*Final Blessing + Dismissal**

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**