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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence. You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.*

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## **HOLY COMMUNION** *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP* **“NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION”**

### **GATHERING**

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

### **WELCOME AND PRELUDE**

### **\*EASTER CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise be to God,  
**who rescues us from the power of darkness;  
who redeems us, and sets us free!**

Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all creation,  
**through whom all things were made,  
in heaven and on the earth.**

Praise be to the Spirit of God,  
**whose presence sustains us,  
and whose breath renews all creation.**

Behold! I am making all things new!  
**Come, O God, and make your home among us.  
Pour out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

—*from New Heaven, New Earth,  
an Easter and Earth Day worship resource (Canadian Foodgrains Bank)*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN     *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

ELW 579

\*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

ELW 157

*(Please refer to Hymn #157  
in Evangelical Lutheran Worship for the melody.)*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

**Amen**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Now the Feast and Celebration*

ELW 167

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

Acts 16:16-34

*The owners of a slave-girl who used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for "healing" her and, consequently, ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*With the Voice of Singing*

Shaw

### SECOND READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

*The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

ELW 364

Verse 1 and Refrain

### \*GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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

Holy Spirit, active behind prison doors, guard the saints who suffer for the faith, protect the innocent and arrange for their release, and be with all prisoners, that they may hear the message of your presence and love. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

Come, Lord Jesus, into our every day, at our every meal, through our every illness, by our side, morning, noon and night. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

Lord Jesus, when you pray for us to the Father, and we listen in, you fill us with expectation to be with you and to know the love of God that has been present since the foundation of the world. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

Lord Jesus, intimate with the Father, you have asked the Father that his love may also be in us. For making his name known to us, we give you thanks. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

In confidence that you are listening, Lord Jesus and Master Healer, hear our prayers for persons in need, especially... . Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

*Other prayers may be added here in speech and silence.*

Eternal God, we give thanks for the myriad of witnesses who have served you in a multitude of ways, especially... . Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus: **Come into our hearts to stay.**

In resurrection hope we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in the promise of new life; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“How Beautiful Are the Feet” from *The Messiah*

Händel



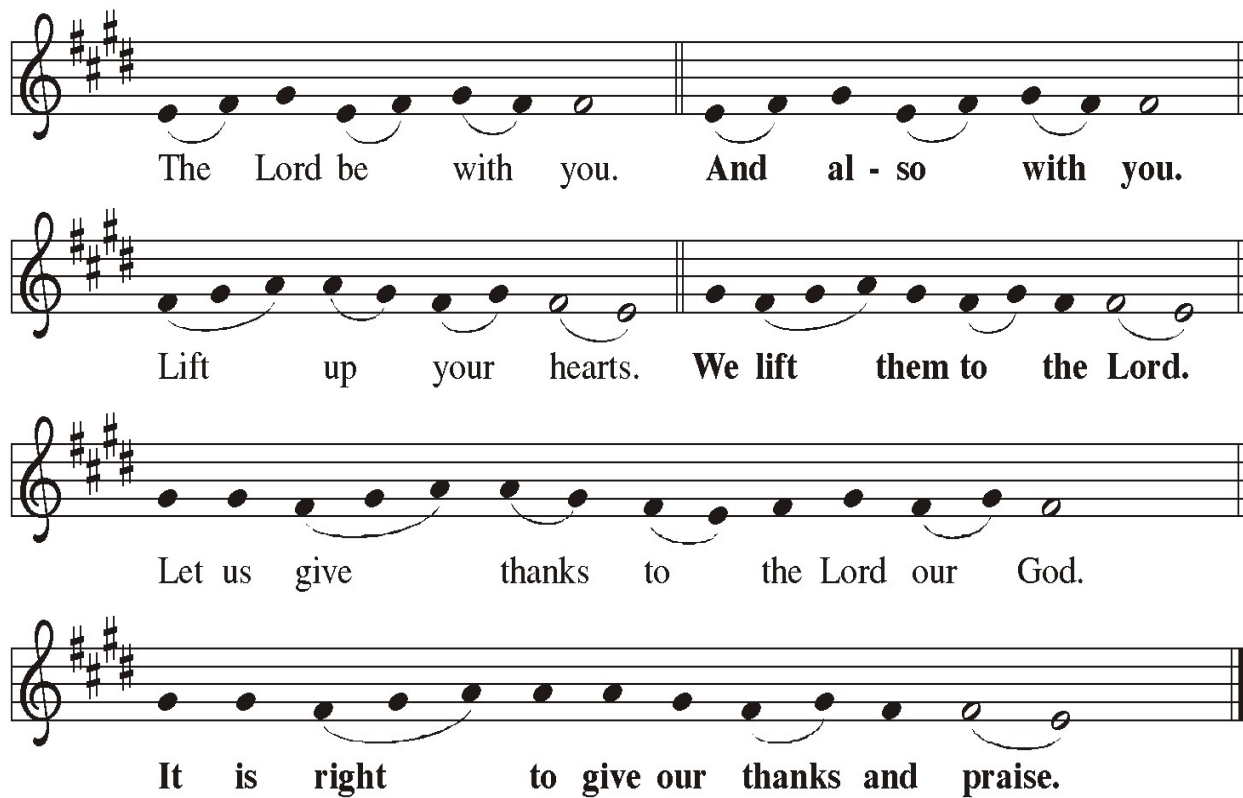
## MEAL

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

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

### \*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 for Ascension

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who enthroned forever at your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest. 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:

\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

## Holy, Holy, Holy

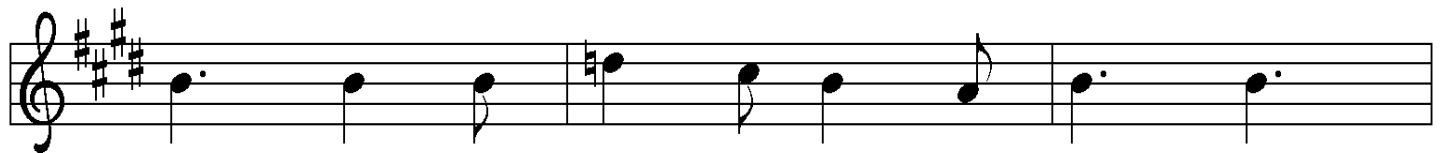
### *Great Thanksgiving*



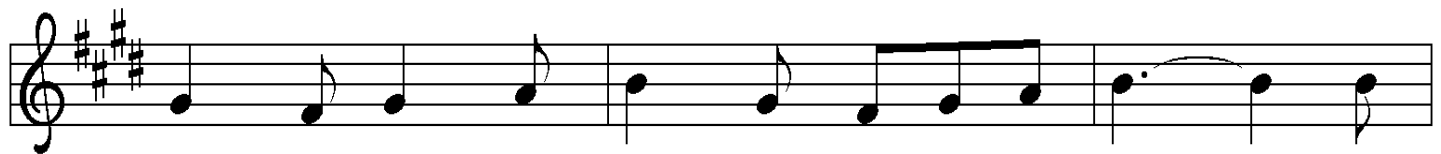
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever. **Amen**

#### **\*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**

#### **\*EASTER INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ.  
**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

**\*BLESSING**

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

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL**

*A representative of the congregation addresses the pastor whose call is concluding with these or similar words.*

Dennis, on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2000, we of Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church called you to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's Table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and Jane and your family have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

*The Bishop addresses the assembly with these or similar words.*

People of God, members of Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, do you release Pastor Dennis Lauritsen from service as your pastor?  
**We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

*The Bishop addresses the person whose call is concluding.*

Dennis, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church?  
Response: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the ministry of Dennis among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning. You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us. Help Dennis and Jane and their family and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.

As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## SENDING

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

## \*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

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

**Amen**

## \*RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

ELW 534

## \*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Marche Romaine*

Gounod

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Bishop Wilma S. Kucharek

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Carole Pollitz

LIVE STREAM

John Broussard

USHER

George Valek

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Kristine Boike



## IN THE PRAYERS...

***Members of the Congregation:*** Heather Greer, Shirley Kostelny, Luddy Kovalsky, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Lois Mika, Mary Sasuta, Edward Sefara and Gregg Valek. ***Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:*** Betty Bartel, Kurt Behrendt, Wally Bisping, Rich Caliendo, Bill Costello, Dan Costello, Eric Dennison, Becky Dice, Barbara Dykes, Melissa Foe, Denise Fricano, Walid Jabbar, Drew Janos, Ron Kelly, Michael Kerney, Nicole Kisiel, Jeff Kubik, Lenyce Lawrenson, Darlene Loughlin, Artem Molovkina, Donald Neal, Gail Purcell, Mary Lee Rosland, Sandy Rossella, Greg Schaefer, Thomas Sicaras, Gus Sicaras, Peter Spilotro, Kathy Stenson, Janie Tarbox, Marta Vrtichova and Tom Zajac.

**Farewell and Godspeed to the Lauritsen's  
today following the Liturgy:  
A Celebratory Retirement Luncheon  
in Thanksgiving for Our Shared Ministry.  
Please join us in the dining hall.**



***Soli Deo Gloria!***  
**To God Alone Be Glory!**

## COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

***Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165***

***Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>***

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

***The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886***

***Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>***

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

***John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963***

***Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>***

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

***Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754***

***Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>***

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.

***Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866***

***Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>***

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.

### Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2025:* \$2,615.00

*Offering Received for the Above Categories:* \$0.00

*Shortage:* \$0.00

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