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Easter Season

Online and in-person worship



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Worship Bulletin

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is the day:

**All: when tears are wiped away;
shattered hearts are mended;
fears are overcome with joy.**

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord:

**All: rolls away the stone of fear;
throws off death's clothes;
goes ahead of us into God's future.**

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made:

**All: death holds no fear for us;
sin has lost its power over us;
God opens the tombs of our hearts, to fill us with life.**

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made! Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen indeed – Alleluia!

Written by Thom M. Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies: <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Join me in a time of confession and forgiveness.

God of Life, we are in awe of what You are doing in all of creation and in us.

**All: Break open our hearts of stone to perceive Your goodness and mercy.
Break open our minds when we have closed ourselves to the needs of this world.
Break open our whole lives, to live into Your created intention for us:
to love You and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
Break us open, O God, as dawn breaks across the land.
In the name of the risen Christ, who broke open the tomb, we pray. Amen.**

Pastor: If Christ can break forth from the tomb, there is nothing that can hold us in our sin and death. In the name of the Risen Christ, you are **✝** forgiven. You are loved. You are set free to love one another in this world. Share the good news of the resurrection, of new life in Christ, now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WORD – *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING**ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26**

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

¹⁵ During this time, the family of believers was a company of about one hundred twenty persons. Peter stood among them and said, ¹⁶ "Brothers and sisters, the scripture that the Holy Spirit announced beforehand through David had to be fulfilled. This was the scripture concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ This happened even though he was one of us and received a share of this ministry."

²¹ "Therefore, we must select one of those who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus lived among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when Jesus was taken from us. This person must become along with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³ So they nominated two: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

²⁴ They prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's deepest thoughts and desires. Show us clearly which one you have chosen from among these two ²⁵ to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." ²⁶ When they cast lots, the lot fell on Matthias. He was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**JOHN 17:6-19**

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶ "I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this 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 comes from you. ⁸ This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

⁹ “I’m praying for them. I’m not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. ¹² When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. ¹³ Now I’m coming to you and I say these things while I’m in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. ¹⁴ I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. ¹⁵ I’m not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. ¹⁶ They don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. ¹⁷ Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR LUCY WYNARD

SONG OF THE DAY

One Thing Remains

Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford
& Jeremy Riddle

Verse 1

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains
One thing remains

Verse 2

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains

Chorus

Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me
(REPEAT)
Your love

Bridge

In death in life I'm confident and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great love
(REPEAT)

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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

You are encouraged to share your prayer concerns by typing a name or a few words in the comment box on YouTube or Facebook, or by saying the names aloud.

Intercessor: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. *A brief silence.*

Intercessor: Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your people full of love and joy, always ready to testify to your Spirit's work. . . . Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative nature. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. . . . Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Gracious Ruler, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. . . . Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need. Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. We pray especially for those on our hearts, whom we name now . . . (*... pause 10 seconds . . .*). Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us, and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. . . . Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints. . . . *(short pause)*. . . . Keep us united with them in your lasting love.

All: Amen.

Intercessor: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Take a moment to creatively share a sign of peace with those with you. Think of others whom you wish a blessing of Christ's peace. Pray for them briefly, and consider texting, calling, or writing them a note this week.

OFFERING

You are encouraged to continue to give as you are able in this time of worshiping online. You can mail your offerings to St. Paul: 617 St. Lawrence Ave, Beloit, WI 53511. Or give online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526>. Please check the eNews and newsletter for other ways to support God's Work, Our Hands in our community and around the world.

SENDING – <i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i>
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SENDING SONG

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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SENDING BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go now as God's chosen witnesses, to testify that Christ has been raised and that we are raised with him. Do not be afraid.

May God raise you from all that would entomb you;

May Christ Jesus ☩ abide in you and give you life;

And may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear and fill you with God's love.

***People:* Amen.**

Pastor: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

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Jan Knutson (Sunday)

Katie Hassenfelt (Thursday)

Dave Knutson (Sunday)

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

*We offer our prayers and deepest condolences to the family and all who loved
Jane Svennevig, who passed away on April 13,
and Stella Dressler, who passed away on April 18.*

May God comfort and sustain those who mourn.

Mark S.; Amber V. (Judelle & Ray Murphy's daughter); **Joy M.** (Judelle & Ray Murphy's granddaughter); **Linda M.; Pat S.** (Henry Pann's cousin); **Kristina** (Pat Baker's granddaughter); **Terry & Marlene G.** (Beth Rodermel's friends); **Beth R.; Ellwyn E.** (Cathy Oswald's brother-in-law); **Ray** (Chet Organ's brother); **Janice S.** (Katie Hassenfelt's mother); **Dick H.** (Katie Hassenfelt's father-in-law); **Tracy C.** (father of Tori & Trevor Carr's father); **Dick P.** (Chet Organ's friend); **Charlene B.; Jennifer and all those who seek shelter; Robin B.** (Resa Haile's friend); **Rick M.; Roger E.; Amy F.; Will S.; Kathy W.** (Pastor Lucy's mother-in-law); **Lynn** (Jan Knutson's college friend); **Jane and Egil; Tori C.; Tom** (Billie Kenitzer's brother); **RL; Kathy P.; Juelane** (Mark Mueller's sister); **Larry & Shayne M.** (St. Paul Soup Lunch friends); **Carol M.; Steve H.; Timothy W.; Shirley** (Ken Harris's mother); **all who have been diagnosed with or are waiting for test results or are otherwise affected by COVID-19; and all those affected by the violence in our nation and around the world; and friends and family in the military.**

*Names will usually be kept on the prayer list for two months unless otherwise requested.
Please let us know if you have any additions for the prayer list.*



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE. *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710