



"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving"

5th Sunday of Easter

Communion Worship

May 15th, 2022

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If you are a VISITOR with us today, we are so grateful that God brought you here. Please sign our Guest Book in the church or send an email to sothlc@sothem.org. We are so glad that God brought you to this time of worship.

*NOTE: Bold text indicates worshippers' response, and *' means please stand as able.*

BELL & PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME AND MUTUAL MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.** P: Christ is risen! **All: He is risen, indeed!**

* Green #143 GATHERING HYMN *"Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resound"* page 5

* CONFESSION In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Almighty God, who knows our hearts, desires, and from whom we can hide nothing: By the Holy Spirit, purify our thoughts, inspire us to know how to perfectly love you and share this love with the world. **Amen** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who we believe is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *Silence for self-examination.* Most merciful God, **we confess that we struggle with sin and need you to free us from its power. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone; by what we have said, and by what we have left unsaid. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors, or ourselves the way you love us. For Jesus' sake, have mercy on us. Forgive us so we are transformed and delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS Our Almighty God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us and die for us, and for Jesus' sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of Christ's church, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY O Lord God, **you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GROWING

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem. A reading from the Book of Revelation, chapter 21, verses 1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized. A reading from the Book of Acts, chapter 11.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life." Here ends our readings.

MESSAGE

Pastor Mary Eide

Green #345 HYMN OF THE DAY "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" page 6

GIVING

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

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 into hell.* 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

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**)

*NOTE: Giving to support God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill can be mailed to (Mailing address: 207 University St., Elk Mound, WI 54739 – OR – by going on our website (www.sothem.org) to **GIVE** tab to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Setting up an account with GivePlus is easy!*

* OFFERING PRAYER We freely give **back to God what was first given to us, in order to grow and build God's kingdom. With gratitude and thanksgiving Lord, we offer you our time, energy, skills, and the things we treasure. Receive the gifts we bring, in the name of Jesus Christ, our strength and our Savior. 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 **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* INVITATION The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

HOLY COMMUNION – *All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing. If you or a family member would like communion brought to them, please tell an usher.*

* POST COMMUNION PRAYER We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✚ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

* Blue #745 SENDING HYMN "Awake, O Sleeper" page 7

* DISMISSAL Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

TODAY: **8:45am** **Final Sunday School for the school year**
 10:00am **Holy Communion Sunday**
 7:30pm **Baccalaureate Service/Reception at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church**

Monday 7pm AA Meeting
 Tuesday: 4-6pm Food Pantry
 Friday: 10-Noon Food Pantry
 Saturday Armed Forces Day
 Sunday: 10:00am Worship
 11:00am Fellowship

LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP Camp booklets are available at church, near the Mailboxes. You can also access information at their website: <http://lutherpark.org/>

- Parents: Use Code: **SH50** when you register, and the church will pay 50% of camp costs!!
- We have additional scholarship money available
- AND there are *Camperships* available through Luther Park. (Camperships forms available at church and online)

How to register? ONLINE or Mail in registration form or register online with deposit.

CHURCH THRIFT SALE held Friday 6/3 8am-5pm -Saturday 6/4 8am-Noon.

You can begin bringing your clean, already priced items to the church.

ELCA **WOMEN’S** Chippewa Valley Conference **2022 RETREAT** at Luther Park Bible Camp
 944 24 ¼ Street, Chetek, WI 54728 www.LutherPark.org

Wednesday June 8th & Thursday 9th 2022

Presenter: Sallie Ankerfelt **Music** with Dottie Hayden

Early Bird Registration \$75 before 5/31/2022. \$80 after 6/1/2022.

Registration forms at church or can be emailed to you, just call or email the church if you’d like a registration form.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FLYERS/REGISTRATION FORMS available for **Make a Splash**

with Jesus” Aug. 1st-4th 6-8pm 3-year-olds through incoming 6th graders.

Looking for 7th-12th graders and adult volunteers. Contact Jaime Folczyk or Holly Sweeney.

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
 Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
 grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

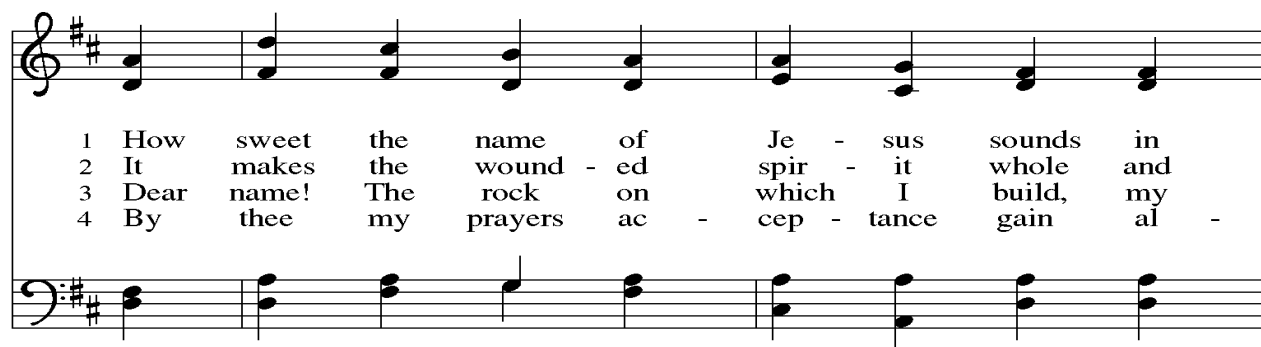
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How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

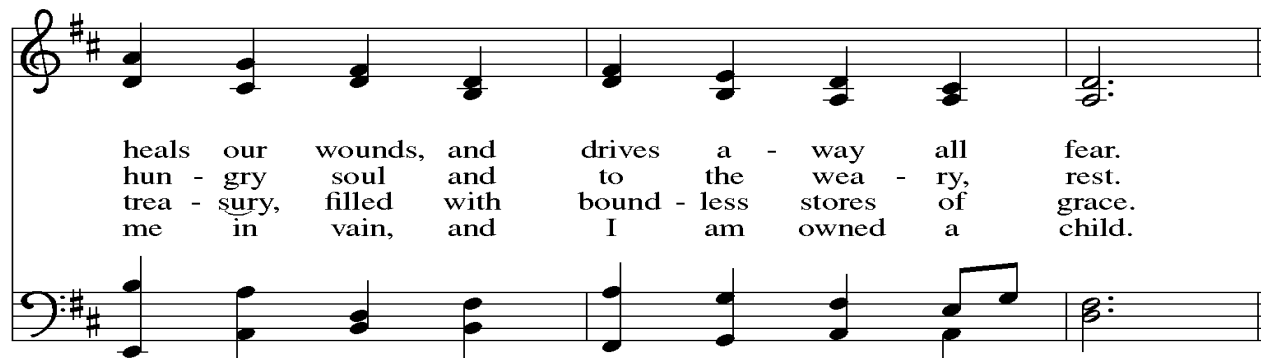
SING Verses 1-3
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1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.
Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains four numbered verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The lyrics are:

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;

2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,

3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;

4 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.

to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.

with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.

A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984
 Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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