

Our Tree of Life



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Sixth Sunday of Easter – ELW SETTING THREE

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



May 14, 2023

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are ...Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

'Holy Spirit, Truth Divine' vs. 1-4

#398

1 Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2 Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine; kindle ev'ry high desire; purge me with your holy fire.

3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, fortify this will of mine; by your will I strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.

4 Holy Spirit, peace divine, still this restless heart of mine; speak to calm this tossing sea, stayed in your tranquility.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819-1892. Music: Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625.

Greeting

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Words: Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9, Composed by Richard Hillert, ©2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Augsburg Fortress.

Prayer of the Day: **P: Almighty and ever-living God, C: you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

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Psalm 66:8-20

ELW Psalm 66

L: ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

C: ⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

L: ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

C: ¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

L: ¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

C: ¹³ I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

L: ¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

C: ¹⁵ I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

L: ¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

C: ¹⁷ I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

L: ¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

C: ¹⁹ but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

L: ²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

NT pg. 183-184

Children's Message

Pastor Denise Fossen

Special Music

'The Gift of Love'

Jonathan & Carol Ydstie

Words by Hal H. Hopson and based on 1 Corinthians 13.

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Music: ©2006 Augsburg Fortress Publishers. Contributors: Thomas Pavlechko.

Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

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P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord... **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Denise Fossen

Hymn of the Day

'Be Thou My Vision'

#793

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931. Music: Irish traditional.

Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers for the People of God

P: ... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'My Hope is Built on Nothing Less'

#596

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

(Refrain): On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *(Refrain)*

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood; when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. *(Refrain)*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!

(Refrain)

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868.

Offertory Prayer

P: Generous God, in this meal ...through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

SHARING THE MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

'Holy, Holy, Holy'

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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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.

Invitation to Communion

'Lamb of God'

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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Distribution Hymn:

'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'

#631

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee! Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887.

Distribution Hymn:

'Thy Holy Wings'

#613

1 Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

2 Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

3 Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite.
Music: Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version. Text © 1983 Gracia Grindal, Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

Distribution Hymn: *'There is a Balm in Gilead'* #614

(Refrain): There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)

2 If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." (Refrain)

3 Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend; and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)

Text based on Jeremiah 8:22. Text & Music: African American spiritual.

Eucharistic Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

Benediction

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **C: We Will! Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn *'Now Thank We All Our God'* #840

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878. Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662.

Bells


Postlude

Revelations 22- Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Pastor Denise will be away from May 15th through May 21st. If you have any needs or concerns, you can call Ranet Schmeichel at (320) 760-0266 while Pastor is away.

Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle. Please join us downstairs following worship for coffee and fellowship.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Curt & Penny Hormann in memory of Peggy Paulsen and in honor of Shirley Hormann and Emily Sigler. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

OFFERING UPDATE: Here are the expenses for April: \$31,569.91. Here is what we received: \$23,851.22. We deficit spent \$7,718.69. A large portion of this was the purchase of the new office printer which we took out of operating reserve. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at www.firstenglish.net. 

Birthday Wishes go out today to Connie Newman who turns 82 on May 17th!

For all the Women on Mother's Day whether you are a mother, mother at heart, trying to be a mother or having a difficult day-please accept a carnation on behalf of the Evangelism Board as you leave the service today!!!

Pastor Denise will be away this upcoming week continuing education. You can call Ranet Schmeichel at (320) 760-0266 while Pastor is away. And The Right Reverend Bishop Craig Anderson, Ph.D. will lead our next service on the 21st.

The last day of Sunday School is 5/21. There'll be games & an Ice Cream Sunday bar.

Camp House Opening Weekend: Green Lake Lutheran Ministries invites you to join them May 19-21 to help in giving the camp buildings a spring cleaning so they're ready for summer. The cost for lodging and food is covered by your hard work in helping them out. Let them know if you plan to join by emailing Gretchen Bachman at gbachman@gllm.org.

Are you interested in a MN Twins game June 22nd against the Boston Red Sox? Tickets have been reserved in section 126-127. Most seats are under an awning in the shade. Transportation will be via a coach bus. Payment will be due when final prices are determined. If you're interested, please fill out a form for each person attending and place it in one of the finished surveys boxes at the entrances of the Sanctuary or office. Have any questions? Contact Deb Henningson @ 320-815-8522.

We are looking for volunteers to prepare and serve coffee on Sundays going forward. Please contact the office or Kristi Ehrenberg if you are willing to help. ☕

Kristi Ehrenberg will be stepping down as temporary coordinator of coffee volunteers at the end of June. We are seeking someone willing to serve as the coordinator. Contact Kristi for further details about the duties or the church Secretary if you feel led to serve our congregation in this role. We may need to suspend coffee & snack service for the summer months unless we have someone assume this role who desires to continue it through the summer and beyond. You are welcome to bring in your own coffee or other beverage to drink during the church service if it is in container with a lid to avoid spills.

A Taste of Syttende Mai in Downtown Milan this Saturday, May 20th, 10 am – 4:00 pm. Kviteseid Smorgaas Tea at Kviteseid Church 10-1:00 pm. Musicians 12-2:00 pm. Uff-da Parade 2:00 pm. Traditional Norwegian Arts, Crafts, & Food and Children's Activities.

The Synod Assembly is at Gustavus Adolphus College June 9-10. Please contact the church office to let someone know if you'd like to attend as a FELC delegate. Last year's assembly had to be cancelled due to a lack of participation, hopefully this is not the case for this coming year.

We are seeking to fill the FELC Youth Leader position. It will start at approx. 20-hours per week during school year, less in the summer. Limited evenings and weekend hours for youth ministry activities and chaperoning youth events and trips. There is potential for future growth in hours with program growth. If you, or someone you know is interested, please drop off resume and references at the church office or e-mail them to the pastor at pastor@firstenglish.net.

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at 5:30 pm at Tabor Methodist Church in Big Stone City, SD. Speaker will be Debby Schmitz of Harvey, SD. Her topic is "Coping with Life's Changes." Special feature will be Marie Loutsch of Grant County Visiting Neighbor program and special music will be provided by Marilyn Gapor, a soloist singing one song in English and one in the National Language of the Philippines. The cost is \$6.00, and you can register with Carol Rabe at 605-862-8570 or just be a walk-in. Free nursery by reservation.

There is no confirmation while Pastor Denise is away. The 7th-8th graders are done with confirmation, but the 9th graders will meet on May 24th, after school at 3:30-5:30 pm. Also, please pick up your confirmation projects.

There is no Sunday School today.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Ken Henneberg; Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Brandi Tweeter; Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Baby Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; Baby McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; Jerry Stotesbery; and Terry Ward. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Swede & Janet Anderson; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. *If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.*



This Week's Ministry Assistants — May 14th

Organist: Carol Ydstie	Lay Assistants: Jim & Ranet Schmeichel
Tech Desk: Matt Karels & Marina Thomson	Acolytes: Mason & Rylie
FWV: Paula Reisdorph & Marilyn Chindvall	Lector: Terry Kalberg
Ushers: Glenn Henningson, Ron Athey, Art Vollmer, & Larry Dahle	
Greeters: Paula Reisdorph & Ev Johnson	Coffee Servers: Kayes

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — May 21st

Organist: Lisa Berdan	Lector: Liv Wollschlager
Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson	Acolytes: Bryson & Raimi
Ushers: : Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Dick & Adam Strei	
Greeters: Wollschlager Family	Coffee Servers: TBD

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 5/14 MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 am Worship – Communion – KDIO & FB Live
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am Fairway View Worship Pre-Recorded

Mon – 5/15 Pastor Denise Away Continuing Education through 5/21

Tues – 5/16 8:30 am Day of Love
4:00 pm Fairway View Donnie's Diner Group

Wed – 5/17 9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast
5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 5/19 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 5/21 9:00 am Contemporary Worship – KDIO & FB Live
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & last day of Sunday School





May 14, 2023, Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 14:15-21

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of “already” and “not yet,” we live in the uncertain and unsettled time between your resurrection and your anticipated return. Empower us through the promised Holy Spirit to take delight in the here and now, and live lives of purpose in bringing your redeeming justice to bear in all creation. Through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.” (John 14:16-17)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The disciples feared for a day when Jesus might no longer walk with them. Never fear. Jesus promised an Advocate to remain with them forever.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- When have you needed an advocate? When have you needed to advocate for another?
- For the littles: Who stands up for you when you need help?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God's Holy Spirit bring truth, light, and justice into your world. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Do some research to discover underserved populations in your community. Consider how you might step in to advocate for them. It might be a support rally, writing letters, or getting involved in their lives on a more personal level. Push yourself just outside your comfort zone.



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 93; Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44

Tuesday, Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12

Wednesday, Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24

Thursday, Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Friday, Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7

Saturday, Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30