

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 12, 2024**

Prelude / Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17*)

L: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

**C: our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.**

L: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

**C: we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.**

L: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

**C: young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched,**

**lift the new, new songs of faith.**

**Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Litany of Praise

See Insert

Sharing the Peace

Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Responsive Reading

Psalm 1

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**C: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

**C: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**C: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Reading

1 John 5:9-13

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

*This Little Light of Mine*

Gospel Reading

John 17:6-19

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Message

Song

*Word of God, Come Down to Earth*

ELW 510

Prayers

L: On this day when we remember our mothers, let us offer our prayers to Jesus, the son of Mary.

L: Because on this earth we are all sons and daughters of Eve, let us pray for the whole world and the church universal,

**C: that we might see each other as brothers and sisters.**

L: Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our Prayer.**

L: As Rebecca gave birth to Jacob, and in so doing she gave birth to a whole nation, we pray for our own nation and its leaders, and for leaders around the world,

**C: that they may lead with compassion and mercy.**

L: Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our Prayer.**

L: As Rachel’s son Joseph was mistreated, beaten, and wrongly jailed, we pray for all in this world who are in trouble of any kind.

**C: We pray for the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the victims of war and all who live in fear.**

L: Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our Prayer.**

L: As Hannah, the mother of Samuel, went to the House of the Lord to pray with earnest integrity, we earnestly pray for those in this community,

L: Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our Prayer.**

L: As Naomi took Ruth into her home, we pray for those who act as surrogate, spiritual mothers.

**C: We pray with gratitude for all those who give the gift of love and nurturing.**

L: Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our Prayer.**

L: As Elizabeth gave birth in old age, and as she saw her son John the Baptist carried off to persecution,

**C: we pray for all those who are sick, those who are suffering,**

L: and those with any need, especially. . .

L: Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our Prayer.**

L: Lord Jesus, who wishes to gather your people as a mother hen gathers together her brood, we offer to you our prayers.

**C: Accept our gratitude for all who mother, bless all who mother, and give all mothers your comfort and strength. And help all of us, brothers and sisters, to be your family on earth, as we shall be in Heaven. Amen.**

Offering / Offertory

*A Fragrant Offering*

Word’s of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Communion Songs

*One Bread, One Body; You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

ELW 496; 484

Blessing / Benediction

Closing Song

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

ELW 855 vs. 1, 3, 4

Dismissal

Bell / Postlude

*You are a beloved child of God, deserving of love  
and respect and God is using you to care for the world.*

Litany of Praise

*(sung refrain)* **Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts  
This is the day the Lord has made  
Let all the earth rejoice**

*(spoken)* Come and celebrate, people of God!  
**Sing and shout your praise!**  
For our God comes to us:  
**triumphant and victorious,  
yet gentle and humble of heart.**  
God comes bringing peace,

offering hope and freedom to all who despair.

**Let's worship God together!**

*refrain*

(spoken) Praise the Lord, all people  
let the sound of our praises be heard!

**Great is God's power!**

Creator of the universe,  
**whose breath gives life,  
whose hands create beauty,  
whose love brings freedom,  
whose glory fills the earth,  
to you alone our praise we bring.**

*refrain*

(spoken) Savior of the world,  
whose touch gives healing  
whose words offer forgiveness  
whose suffering brings life  
whose death is victory.

**Great is God's power!**

**Praise the Lord, all people  
let the sound of our praises be heard!**

*refrain*

(spoken) **Praise the Lord!  
With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!  
Praise the Lord!  
Never forget the good things God has done for us.  
Praise the Lord, all the earth. Everyone, everywhere!  
We too will praise the Lord!**

*refrain*

*We Thank*

Ushers; Tech Desk  
Reader: Gail Thompson

*May 12, 2024*

Organist/ Pianist: RaNae Martinson  
Communion Servers

*Nordland's Week*

Today 9:30 / 10:30 Education & Fellowship / Worship  
10:30 am Worship, Happy Mother's Day!

Mon. – Wed. Church will not be accessible on these days as the Parking Lot will be  
resurfaced and needs time to dry. Thank you! – Property Board

Wed. May 15 Winds newsletter articles and notices due to the church office  
6:00 pm Sisters at Heart at Vangie Rowell's, potluck appetizers

Sat. 8:00 am Men's Group  
Sun. 9:30 am Last Day of Sunday School, Education / Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship & Presentation of High School Quilts to: *Hayden Andrews, Madison Brey, Renee Gaebe, Juliana Kopka, Wyatt Moline, Carter Sweetman*

Day Camp with GLLM Camp Staff will be at Nordland on June 24-27, 1-5 pm, registrations start next Sun.

Food For Kidz totals- 107 boxes = 34,240 meals! Thank you all who participated and donated!!

Meatball Supper at Paynesville Lutheran Church on Wed. May 15, 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Dine-in or Take-out, freewill offering. Join us at 5:15 pm for performance by the Recovery Choir of Paynesville.

The summer light suppers with Bible Study following will begin June 12 at 5:30 pm, also July 10 & Aug. 14. Bible Study leaders will be Keith Pearson, Mark Kopka, & Donna Putney. We will be looking for NLCW to help serve the suppers. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the NLCW bulletin board today for volunteers to make salads, dessert, or breads for each month. Maybe find a few gals to work with and plan your menu!