



Now they know that  
everything you have  
given me is from you;  
for the words that  
you gave to me  
I have given to them.

John 17:7, NRSV

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**7th Sunday of Easter**

May 12, 2024 – 8:00 & 10:15 am  
*Worship on Sundays: 8:00 & 10:15 am*  
*Worship on Mondays: 7:00 pm*  
*Richard L. Hartman - Pastor*

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Lutheran Book of Worship

Setting Two (*green hymnal*)

#### ✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

*The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday, is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity but mutual aboding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit.*



#### PRELUDE

*You are invited to let this prelude turn your heart to the Lord and prepare you to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Gracious God

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen**

#### OPENING HYMN 158 "*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus.*" (*Green Hymnal*)

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, His the scepter his the throne.**

**Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.**

**Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood.**

**Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.**

**Alleluia! He is near us, Faith believes nor questions how.**

**Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'ver.**

**Shall our hearts forget his promise, I am with you evermore.**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food our stay.  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer hear our plea.  
Here on songs of all the sinless. Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own.  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered , robed in flesh our great high priest.  
Here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.**

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#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: 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.**

#### **KYRIE** (*spoken*)

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy**

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

#### **SALUTATION**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*unison*)

**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. Amen**

#### **FIRST LESSON 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 Juda's treachery and death.*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was

numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

### **PSALM 1** (*responsively by verse Leader/Congregation*)

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;

**<sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>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.

**<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**<sup>6</sup>for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### **SECOND LESSON 1 John 5:9-13**

*God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.*

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL**

L: The Holy Gospel according to John the 17th chapter, beginning with the 6th verse.

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

### **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.*

”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one

of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 595 "*Jesus Loves Me*" (New Red Hymnal)

**Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.**

**Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.**

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so.

**Jesus loves me he who died heaven's gates to open wide.**

**He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.** Refrain

**Jesus loves me he will stay close beside me all the way.**

**When at last I come to die he will take me home on high.** Refrain

## **NICENE CREED**

**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,**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made  
man. 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 OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *A brief silence.*

You sanctify us in your truth, your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons, especially our Pastor Richard Hartman... who is in Washington D.C. today with police families and departments who are remembers their loved ones who died in the line of duty during National Police Week... Help them to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction, we pray especially for these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family...*Sarah, Don, Vera, Jim, Barb, Karen, Sara, George, Richard, Sandi, Sue* and for those we now lift up from our hearts... Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Your saints dwell with you in light. keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord! **AMEN**

## PEACE

L: Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: and also with you**

*You are invited to greet one another with the "Peace of the Lord" or similar words.*



**OFFERINGS** can be mailed, dropped off at church or sent through our website at [www.epiphanyfw.com](http://www.epiphanyfw.com).

If you are worshipping in person please ***place offering in basket on baptismal font.***

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Merciful God,

**C: it would have been enough for you to give us the fruit of the earth by which we live. But in this meal, by your promise, you also give us yourself. Use what we have gathered here in feeding the hungry world with your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **CLOSING HYMN 801** *"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" (Blue Hymnal)*

**Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

**Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
Thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore**

**Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways  
Thine the glory thine the story thine the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.**

**Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light  
Thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.**

## **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**May Outreach** - Collecting for the Health kits and Layettes. Items needed now:  
Bath towels 75, baby blankets 80 (no Fleece), toothbrushes 115, wide toothed combs 175  
and nail clippers 190.

**Layette items/watch garage sales** - baby clothes 6 months to 2T  
Shirts long and short sleeved , pants, socks, sleepers no feet, gowns, hats, receiving blankets, mild  
bar soap and baby blankets.

**Quilt items/watch garage sales** - for blankets, sheets, mattress pads that we can use as middles  
and backs.

**Ushers/Greeters** - There are Greeter scheduled for May, need more for 8:00.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** There are 6 Sunday's available for flowers  
*July 14th, September 1st, and 29th, November 3rd, 10th and 24th!*

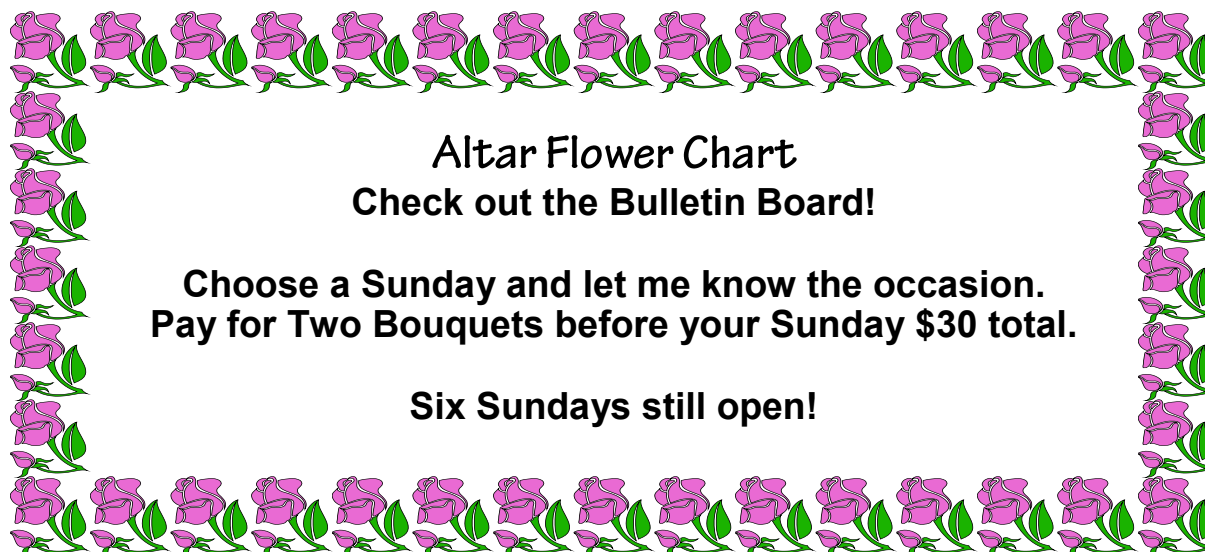
**Military Outreach** - Current items needed – Slim Jim's,  
Beef Jerky (1.25 oz.) Gum, mints, chewy granola bars, power bars, drink mixes, individual servings  
of coffee, flavored drinks, Emergen-C

### **Congregational Annual Meeting**

Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 breakfast and 9:00 meeting. Need a quorum to vote on elec-  
tions, budget and driveway! Sign up sheet on bulletin board.

### **Lutheran Night at the TinCaps - June 18th**

Tickets \$12 ordered and paid by June 2nd, Sign up sheet on bulletin board.  
\$1 of each ticket goes to support the Care Package Program of Worship Anew for elderly adults and  
care givers.





## CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY 5-12</b>	8:00am & 10:15am 12:00- 3:30pm	Worship <i>Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 pm	NO WORSHIP
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:00 pm	Hillsboro Board Meeting in Library
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:00-7:00 PM	Meaningful Day
<b>SATURDAY</b>	11:00am-12:00pm 12:00pm-4:00pm 6:00pm - 8:00 pm	Zo Baptist prayer meeting/undercroft Private Event Zo Baptist Worship
<b>SUNDAY 5-19</b>	8:00am & 10:15am 8:45am 12:00- 3:30pm	Worship Breakfast and Annual Congregational Meeting <i>Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School</i>

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

*Thank you for sharing your time and talents!*

**Leaders 8:00**  
**Organist/Pianist**  
**Leaders 10:15**  
**Lector 8:00**  
**Lector 10:15**  
**Greeter 10:15**

Sue Johnson & Steve Haag  
Amanda Pickett  
Rebecca Norberg & Steve Haag  
Cheryl Ralston  
Melissa Hartman  
Sally Mertz



Mike Rumfield - May 15th!  
Hank Schroeder - May 16th!  
Kay Evans - May 16th!