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GATHERING

NOTE: Congregational Responses in Bold Type

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP CELEBRATION of the living Christ's presence in our midst. Christ comes to us with new life and strength for Christian living in daily life through the hearing of the Word, preaching, prayer, song, and community. **ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US** in the Fellowship Hall following worship for conversation, coffee, and snacks.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Cruger/Bach

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Eternal God our creator,
in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God \ddagger forgives you all your sins.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Blessed Assurance

Hymn 638
v. 1 & 3



1 Bless-ed as-sur- ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

OT 2

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 130

Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)

¹Out of the depths

 I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

 O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

 in your word is my hope.

**⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

 with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel

from all their sins.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

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Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the

one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

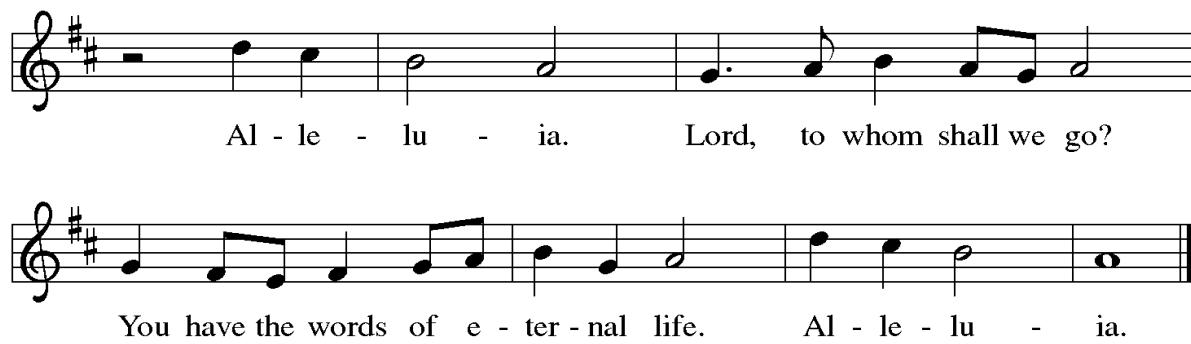
^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;]²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat.²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.”²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter;²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.”³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev Jason Talsness

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Hymn 658

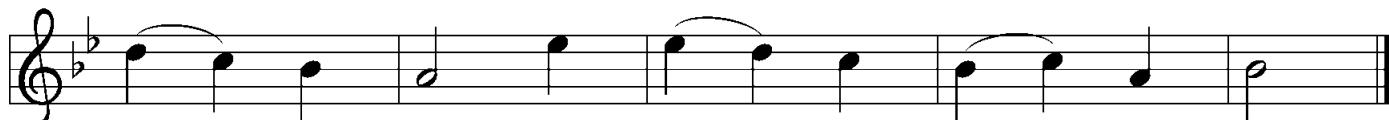
v. 1 & 4



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang-ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.

Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

APOSTLE'S 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.

BLESSING OF THE MATS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response after each prayer: in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Response at end: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen.

MEAL

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day
on the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

(Communion will be distributed by Pastor Talsness. For those who prefer grape juice, please indicate that to Pastor when he approaches your row.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Arioso

Schreiner

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self in this meal.
Filled again by your grace, may we live as witnesses
to your love, for you are Lord forevermore.
Amen.

SENDING

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

May God, whose power working in us,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

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

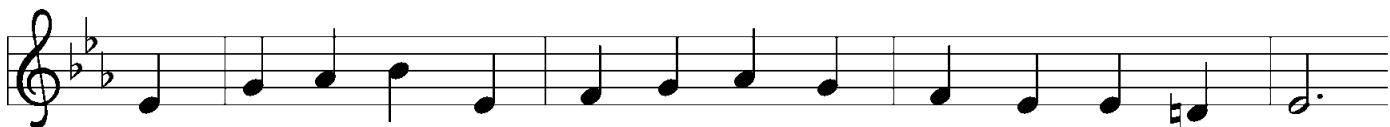
Amen

SENDING SONG

You Are the Way

Hymn 758

v. 1 & 4



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Concertino

Young

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Fred Buck *in honor of Mary Buck's birthday* and by Eve & Armand Wells *in celebration of our 27th anniversary on June 4.*

THE ETERNAL CANDLE is given by Patty & Clarke Field *in celebration of our grands Rylee's & Dean's June birthdays and to the glory of God in honor and celebration of Father's Day and all our dads.*

MESSIAH LADIES

Gather for fellowship on Monday, June 21 at 5 pm at the Delegal Marina in the screen porch on the dock. (We plan to arrive early to secure a place.) Bring an appetizer to share and your own drink. We will plan future monthly gatherings--all ideas are welcome. RSVP to Carolyn Jones (240.423.9929) or sign up in the Narthex. Let us know if you need a ride.

OUTREACH COLLECTION FOR FATHER'S DAY

The Outreach Team is asking for your help to support the homeless men of Savannah by giving new socks and underwear in celebration of Father's Day June 20th. This collection will be partnered with the "plarn" mats that the ladies have been making each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking for new men's socks and underwear (sizes medium, large, and extra-large).

There will be a collection area in the Narthex beginning on Sunday, June 6th.

Thank you for your continued support of all our ministries.

SECOND HARVEST

The food for June is CEREAL. In May, we collected 158 boxes of rice.
Thank you, Messiah!



THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Ministers	The People of Messiah
Pastor	Jason Talsness
Pastor Emeritus	James Peper
Presiding Bishop ELCA	Elizabeth A. Eaton
Bishop, SE Synod ELCA	Kevin Strickland
Organist	Diane Boyd
Choral Director	Vacant
Altar Guild	Diane Munroe & Linda Turk
Reader	Jim Poole

MILESTONES THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: Amir Polite 06/07, Zion Polite 06/07, June Luecke 06/08, Helena Talsness 06/08, Rob Fritz 06/09, Jane Holst 06/11, Sara Sands 06/11

Anniversaries: Gayle & John Denny 06/09

HONORING MARY MANER

Mary Maner's last day of work was May 23. On Sunday, June 16, the congregation wished her Godspeed and Farewell with tributes from Diane Boyd, Diane Munroe, and Tom Thomas along with Pastor Talsness. Mary bid Messiah farewell with a special song of thanks.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

REMINDERS FOR THIS TIME OF COVID-19

If you are ill, have a fever, or have potentially been exposed to COVID-19 in the past two weeks, please stay home. If you cannot follow these requirements, enjoy the taped worship service at home.

- Please always wear a mask.
- Hand sanitizer will be available outside, in the Narthex and in the pews.
- Keep your physical distance:
 - Follow the markers outside.
 - Greet people outside. No handshakes or hugs.
 - No socializing inside.
- Place your offering in the offering plates on stands as you enter the Sanctuary.
- Sit in your reserved seat. An usher will accompany to your seat, and your bulletin will be in your seat.
- Pew materials have been removed.
- Although there will be music, please do not sing.
- Speak the responses softly.
- If Holy Communion is served, there will be a special process for distribution.
- We will not pass the peace.
- Pastor Jason will coordinate dismissal by rows beginning at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- You are welcome to bring a water bottle.
- There is no coffee social, and all meeting rooms are closed.
- Restrooms are open, but please use them one person or family at a time.