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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER      MAY 16, 2021

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME**

**HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" (LSB #463)**

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

**Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life. Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

**Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high;  
Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**  
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**INVOCATION**

**CONFESSION OF SIN: (From Psalm 143)**

**Pastor:** For Your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life;

**People:** In Your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

**Pastor:** O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

**People:** In Your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

**Pastor:** Do not bring Your servant into judgment,

**People:** For no one living is righteous before You. Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love,  
for I have put my trust in You. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE:**

**Pastor:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit!

**People:** Our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us, has given His only begotten Son to die for us,  
and for His sake does forgive us of all our sins!



**CALL FOR MERCY: (Tune “Amazing Grace” LSB #744)**

Have mercy on your people, Lord.  
Have mercy, Christ, our King.  
Renew us by your mercy, Lord;  
Accept the prayers we bring.

**HYMN OF PRAISE: (Tune “Hark the Herald” LSB #380)**

“Glory be to God on high!”  
This is now our joyful cry.  
Peace to all who live on earth,  
Grace and favor for new birth.  
You we praise and glorify,  
Worship you, O Lord most high.  
Gracious Father, heav’nly King,  
To your name alone we sing;  
Praise the glory of your name,  
Now and evermore the same!

Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son,  
Sole-begotten, holy One,  
Born on earth from realms on high,  
Born true man for us to die,  
Lamb of God, you take away,  
This world’s sin; Grant peace we pray.  
With the Spirit, you alone,  
Are most high, O God the Son,  
And the Father, God above.  
Praise we now your glorious love.

**FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26**

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. <sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup> and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup> he was one of our number and shared in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup> (With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. <sup>19</sup> Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup> “For,” said Peter, “it is written in the book of Psalms, “May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,’ and, “May another take his place of leadership.’ <sup>21</sup> Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup> So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” <sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

## **EPISTLE READING: 1 John 4:13-21**

<sup>13</sup> We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. <sup>17</sup> In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

## **RESPONSE: (From Psalm 27)**

**Pastor:** The Lord is my light and my salvation-whom shall I fear? One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:

**People:** **That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

**Pastor:** For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

**People:** **He will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.**

## **GOSPEL READING: John 17:11-19**

<sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH: (Tune LSB #802)**

**In God we believe; the Creator whose pow'r.  
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.  
He graciously grants us our years and our days,  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.  
True God and true man once the cross he endured.  
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
With power and truth the church now he does bless.  
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then,  
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

## SERMON: John 17:11 "Our Savior's Protection"

### THE OFFERING

### NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Pastor: Faithful Lord, You invite and even command us to bring our intercessions and prayers before Your throne of grace,

**People: In Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have promised to hear and answer all of them according to Your good will.**

Pastor: Grant peace and unity to Your Church.

**People: Keep us faithful to a pure proclamation of the Gospel. Move us to be generous with our time and resources, that we may witness to Your love as we love those around us.**

Pastor: We pray for peace in the world. Where there is war and conflict, grant that reason and peace may prevail.

**People: Where there is persecution and prejudice, grant that mercy and compassion may win the day. Where there is famine and poverty, grant that crops may grow and that generosity may flourish.**

Pastor: We pray that those who live in danger may be protected. Watch over all who risk their lives in our care.

**People: Keep them safe as they work to keep us safe.**

Pastor: Grant that jobs may be available to all who are able to work, and that all people may be provided with the necessities of life.

**People: Bless our communities with Your providence Lord.**

Pastor: We pray for the members of this congregation. Let Your Spirit work in the hearts of those who have neglected the fellowship of believers and the means of grace, that they may be drawn back to You Lord Jesus.

**People: Grant wisdom to our congregational leaders, that we may be a bright and clear witness to Your love in our community.**

Pastor: We pray for those experiencing trouble, sorrow, or loss. Especially we remember...*(special requests)*...In Your mercy Lord,

**People: Look down upon these people in their need and sustain them by Your grace. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### HYMN OF ADORATION: *(Tune "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB #507)*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**

**Day and night we join to praise, Your love and majesty!**

**You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
We rejoice to join the hymns, of earth and sky and sea.  
Generations praise you, with saints and angels.  
Holy and bless'd through all eternity.**

*IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WE BELIEVE our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matt 26:26-28). In it we are united with him and with the whole Church. Baptized and confirmed Christians who believe, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament, who acknowledge their sin, set aside any refusal to forgive (Matt 6:15), are sorry, repent (Mark 1:15) and look to Christ alone for forgiveness and strength to live the new life, are welcome to eat and drink at the Lord's table in remembrance of Him. (1 Cor 11:25-25) You may register for Communion as the Friendship Folder is passed to you in the pew. If you have any questions, please speak to the Pastor or a Lay Minister before communing.*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" (LSB #490)**

**Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!  
Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me He died,  
Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well  
Nothing me from Him shall sever!  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense;  
This shall be my confidence.**

Jesus lives! And now is death  
But the gate of life immortal.  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
This shall be my confidence.  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

### BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

#### Sunday Morning at 10:45 in the Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN OUR SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: "The End and Revelation!"

#### To access via Zoom.

Topic: Holy Emmanuel - Sunday Bible Study

Time: This is a recurring meeting Sunday's 10:45am

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#### Missional Living Learning Group:

Wednesday check the bulletin for dates at 6:00PM

Our goal will be to continue the discovery process as to what missional living means; or, how do we become more Christ like in our own zip code. In the meantime, if you have any questions please let me know. Blessings, Chuck Squires (612-799-5315 Cell) or [squir008@msn.com](mailto:squir008@msn.com)

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We're thankful  
*for you!*

Thank You to  
Lynn Seppman  
for enriching our  
services with music  
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Mateo Xavier VanVleet  
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### ***Dogs' best friend***

A 71-year-old graduate in Turkey has become an inspiration to many. Fevzi Uyar had retired after teaching biology for 42 years but decided to pursue another degree. Known as the "grandfather" of homeless animals, he routinely traveled 90 miles every two days to feed stray dogs, who came to recognize his van. Uyar also built dozens of plywood shelters, complete with rugs and blankets, for the dogs.

But Uyar often encountered dogs needing medical care and racked up debts with a local veterinarian, so he enrolled in classes himself. The recent graduate now vaccinates and treats the animals he loves so much.

"God spoke: 'Let us make human beings in our image, ... so they can be responsible for ... every animal that moves on the face of Earth'" (Genesis 1:26, MSG). Fevzi Uyar's care for stray dogs beautifully reflects God's intent for creation.

