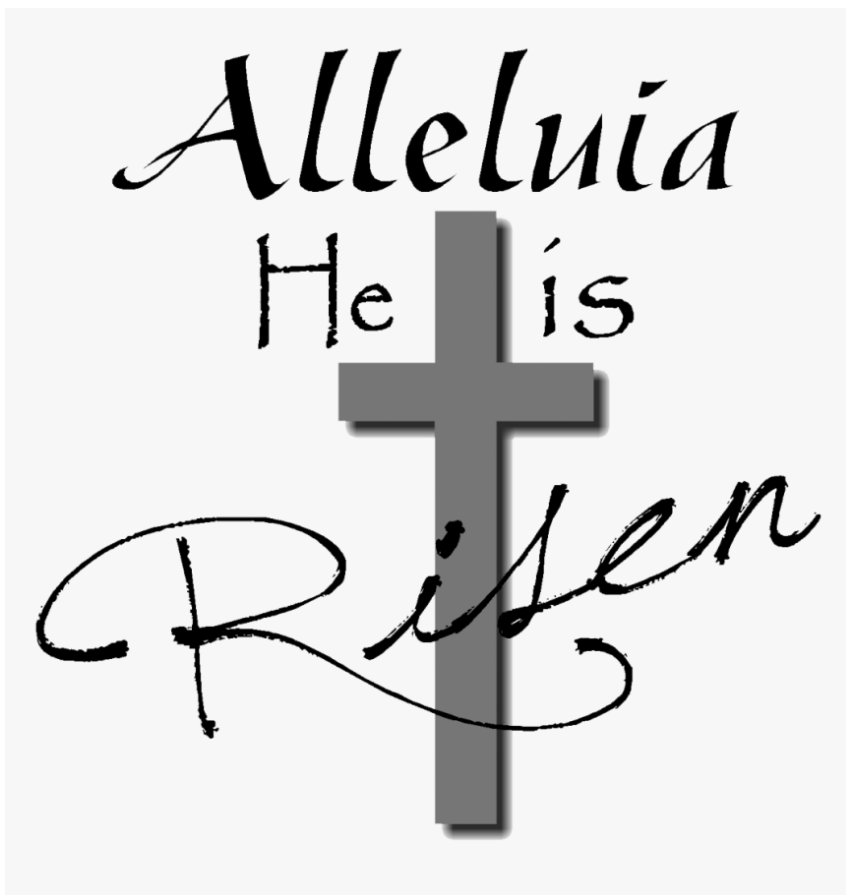


# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 MAY 2023



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

# WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

## *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 10*

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.  
The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

### **PRELUDE**

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **EASTER GREETING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our  
resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails,

grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **HYMN #392 “ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS”**

### **GREETING**

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.**

### **♪ KYRIE**

**♪ Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow’r; create in us new hearts!**

### **♪ CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

**♪ Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav’n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...now and forever.*)

**C: Amen**

**READINGS**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

♩ Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**YOUTH SERMON – Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen**

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**HYMN #579 “LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION”**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 OF INTERCESSION**

P: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*(Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.)*

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

**C: Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

C: “Holy, holy, holy Lord...” – page 207

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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, hosanna in the highest.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD’S PRAYER

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.

### *Holy Communion is celebrated today.*

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion  
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

♪ O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## HYMN #482 “I COME WITH JOY”





**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

**POST COMMUNION HYMN (ELW #668 v. 2)**

**♪ Publish to ev'ry people, tongue and nation  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation  
and died on earth that we might live above.  
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,  
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...*Jesus Christ our Lord.)

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN #855 "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

**Organist:** Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman

**Acolyte:** David Burke

**Lector:** Brian Bousselot

**Communion Assistant:** Neil Holmquist

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### **This Week At A Glance**

Sunday                      9:00 am    Our Savior's Worship Service

**Those to keep in prayer:** the homebound: Norman Bousselot, Carol Christensen, Shirley Ferguson, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Petersen, Rusty Porth, Betty Schau, Bus Seastrand and Vera St. John; and those serving in the military, Nick Timmerman.

**Pastor Dennis Rodenberg** (563.880.5345) may be called in case of emergencies or funerals while Pastor Leah is on maternity leave.

**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**, there will be **one service only**. Worship with Holy Communion at Our Savior's at 9:00am. **Dr. Mark Mattes** from Grandview College will preside at worship.

**Summer worship schedule** begins on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. 8:00 am at Our Savior's and 9:30 am at Faith.

**Congratulations confirmands!** Those affirming their baptism this morning are Peyton Grau, Ryan Olson, Tysen Steffens, Kellen Whitman and Alena Wilhelm. May God continue to bless you on your faith journey. Please gather in the fellowship hall to celebrate.

If you would like to **provide meals for the Nilsens**, go to the Calamus Lutheran Parish website (www.clparish.org) and follow the directions on the first page to get to the Meal Train schedule. You may also contact Deb Tulley (563.212.4063) or Amy Glover (563.381.7445).

During Pastor's maternity leave and in the absence of a parish secretary, **volunteers will be in the church office** from 9:00 am to noon on Monday through Friday. Call Mark Witte at 563-212-2077 with questions.

God Squad is selling **2023 Calamus Lutheran Parish T-shirts**. Order forms will be at both churches through May 21. T-shirts are \$17 each (\$2 additional for sizes larger than XL).

The **noisy offering** will be collected today. The 2023 recipient is St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida. The church was heavily damaged during Hurricane Ian.

### **Birdies for Charity**

The DeWitt Community Hospital Auxiliary annually participates in Birdies for Charity at the John Deere Golf Classic. 100% of donations go to the DeWitt Community Hospital and an additional 5% is also donated to the DeWitt Community Hospital by the John Deere Classic.

This year physical therapy equipment will be purchased for the hospital. An AED and a doppler will be purchased for Fieldstone.

If you would like to support this project, follow these steps.

- Collect a donation form located on the bulletin board.
- Write a check to **Birdies for Charity**.
- Complete the brief donation form.
- Mail the donation and form prior to **June 10** to this address:

**Birdies for Charity**  
**15623 Coaltown Rd.**  
**East Moline, IL 61244**

Thank you for supporting our local hospital.

# Eternal Life

by William Barclay

*John 17: 1-5 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify the Son that the Son may glorify you. Glorify him, just as you gave him authority over mankind, that he may give eternal life to every one whom you have given to him. It is eternal life to know you, who are the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, whom you sent. I have glorified you upon earth, because I have finished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world began."*

There is another important thought in this passage, for it contains the great New Testament definition of eternal life. It is eternal life to know God and to know Jesus Christ whom he has sent. Let us remind ourselves of what eternal means. In Greek it is *aionios*. This word has to do, not so much with duration of life, for life which went on for ever would not necessarily be a boon. Its main meaning is quality of life. There is only one person to whom the word *aionios* can properly be applied, and that is God. Eternal life is, therefore, nothing other than the life of God. To possess it, to enter into it, is to experience here and now something of the splendour, and the majesty, and the joy, and the peace, and the holiness which are characteristic of the life of God.

To know God is a characteristic thought of the Old Testament. Wisdom is "a tree of life to those who lay hold of her" (Proverbs 3:18). "To know thy power," said the writer of Wisdom, "is the root of immortality" (Wisdom of Solomon 5:3). "By knowledge are the righteous delivered" (Proverbs 11:9). Habbakuk's dream of the golden age is that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God" (Habakkuk 2:14). Hosea hears God's voice saying to him: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). A Rabbinic exposition asks what is the smallest section of scripture on which all the essentials of the law hang? It answers, Proverbs 3:6, which literally means: "Know him,

and he shall direct thy paths." Again there was a Rabbinic exposition which said that Amos had reduced all the many commandments of the Law to one, when he said: "Seek me, and live" (Amos 5:4), for seeking God means seeking to know him. The Jewish teachers had long insisted that to know God is necessary to true life. What then does it mean to know God?

(i) Undoubtedly there is an element of intellectual knowledge. It means, at least in part, to know what God is like; and to know that does make the most tremendous difference to life. Take two examples. Heathen peoples in primitive countries believe in a horde of gods. Every tree, brook, hill, mountain, river, stone has its gods and its spirit; all these spirits are hostile to man; and primitive people are haunted by the gods; living in perpetual fear of offending one of them. Missionaries tell us that it is almost impossible to understand the sheer wave of relief which comes to these people when they discover that there is only one God. This new knowledge makes all the difference in the world. Further, it makes a tremendous difference to know that God is not stern and cruel, but love.

We know these things; but we could never have known them unless Jesus had come to tell them. We enter into a new life, we share something of the life of God himself, when, through the work of Jesus, we discover what God is like. It is eternal life to know what God is like.

(ii) But there is something else. The Old Testament regularly uses know for sexual knowledge. "Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived, and bore Cain" (Genesis 4:1). Now the knowledge of husband and wife is the most intimate there can be. Husband and wife are no longer two; they are one flesh. The sexual act itself is not the important thing; the important thing is the intimacy of heart and mind and soul which in true love precede that act. To know God is therefore not merely to have intellectual knowledge of him; it is to have an intimate personal relationship with him, which is like the nearest and dearest relationship in life. Once again, without Jesus such intimacy with God would have been unthinkable and

impossible. It is Jesus who taught men that God is not remote and unapproachable, but the Father whose name and nature are love.

To know God is to know what he is like, and to be on the most intimate terms of friendship with him; and neither of these things is possible without Jesus Christ.

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