

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 24, 2020

Worship online 10:00 am at: [www.facebook.com/FairbanksLutheranELCA/](http://www.facebook.com/FairbanksLutheranELCA/)

### **GATHERING** - Prelude Special Music "I'll Fly Away"

Welcome

### **Sign of the Cross and Call to Worship**

P: A new day has begun. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Christ heals us and frees us, forgives us and surprises us with new life.

**C: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.**

P: Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us to live a new way,  
a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

**C: Alleluia! Love wins!**

P: Let us worship Christ, who overcame death!

**C: We come to worship our God who makes all things new – even us!**

### **Here I Am to Worship**

**Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes,  
let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.**

***Refrain:* So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say  
That you're my God. And you're altogether lovely, altogether  
worthy, altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly you  
came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor. (*refrain*)**

**And I'll never know how much it cost, to see my sin upon that cross. (*refrain*)**

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### **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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: O God of glory,

**C: your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand.**

**Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the  
world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Sharing Christ's Peace**

P: The Peace of our Risen Lord be with you all!

C: **And also with you.**

## **WORD**

First Reading – Acts 1:6-14

R: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading – 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

R: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Young People's Message

## **Alleluia Verse**

*refrain:* **Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world!**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world!**

**Those who follow me will not walk in darkness.**

**Those who follow me will have the light of the life. (*refrain again*)**

Gospel – John 17:1-11 P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message by Ruth Carson

## **You Are Mine**

**I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.**

**You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, Be still and know I am here.**

**I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.**

**In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, Come and rest in me.**

*Refrain:* **Do not be afraid, I am with you.**

**I have called you each by name.**

**Come and follow me, I will bring you home;**

**I love you and you are mine.**

**I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.**

**All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,**

**and all will know my name. (*refrain*)**

**I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.**

**I will call your name, embracing all your pain,**

**stand up, now, walk, and live! (*refrain*)**

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## **RESPONSE**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**P:** Sisters and brothers in Christ, we are invited to join our voices with the voice of the whole Church on earth as we profess what we believe as Christians:

**C:** **We believe God is our creator and has promised to love us always.**

**We believe Jesus Christ, fully God, fully human, experienced all the pain and joy and challenges of human life. God's forgiving love was revealed to us when Jesus suffered death on the cross. He was resurrected to new life and has promised us new life in unity with God.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit is God's promise touching our spirits, guiding us, even through the darkest and most difficult moments of our lives. We believe God is among us in community. Mysterious, yet very real, God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age.**

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**Offering**     *Thank you for your on-going gifts and for being the generous people who support the mission & ministry of our congregations.*

### **Offering Prayer**

**P:** Resurrecting God,

**C:** **bless these gifts we bring this day, that through them, your love may be shared with the whole world. Bless us too, so we may be a part of your work of making all things new. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

### **The 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.**

## **SENDING**

**Sending Song – Blest Be the Tie That Binds (ELW 656)**

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

*Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.*

**Benediction**

**May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead  
raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your  
mourning into dancing.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

P: Go in Peace. *Stay in Peace. Be at Peace.*

Christ is with you! Share the Good News!

C: **Okay, we will! Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude “America the Beautiful”**

**We Pray for**

Jamie Berge, Jen & Shawn Earl (Jonnie), Bertha Bucher, Emma Lee Buist,  
Joel Cederberg, Brad Clark (Lynn), Call Committee, Mike Flodin,  
Jackie (Nancy H.), Eva & Ross Hansen, Verna Henkel,  
Cynthia Holmberg (Nancy), Kevin McCulloch (Lois),  
David Montgomery (Gary W.), Ariana Preshaw, Bob Rutz (Pat W.),  
Ashley & Sherri Stephens, Chick Wallace.

*Our prayer partner church is Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, Anchorage*

*Plans for re-opening the church will be announced soon. Peace to all.*