

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” LBW #158

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW pg. 77

Kyrie LBW pg. 78

Hymn of Praise “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” WOV #672

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, our God, your Son Jesus prayed that you would protect his followers from the evil one and sanctify them in the truth of your Word. Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen the faith of all your people, that we may cling to Christ in obedient trust and carry the message of your saving love to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Acts 1:12-26
 L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading I Peter 4:12-17, 5:6-11
 L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds Paul Knudson
 Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Alleluia LBW #138
**He is arisen! Glorious Word!
 Now reconciled is God, my Lord
 The gates of heav’n are open.
 My Jesus rose triumphantly.
 And Satan’s arrows broken lie,
 Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.
 Oh, hear, what cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious,
 Life is giving. He was dead, but now is living!**

The Announcement of the Gospel “Glory to You, O Lord”

Gospel John 17:1-9, 15-21

Response after the Gospel “Praise to You, O Christ”

Sermon “A Fortress of Prayer” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “Oh, Love, How Deep” (Tune: #352) LBW #88

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Offering/Special Music ... “When in Our Music God is Glorified” ...
 Faith Singers and Ringers of Faith, accompanied by Sharon Barton

Offertory Response .. “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” ..
 LBW #565

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota
8:00 a.m. First Word Service
May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter

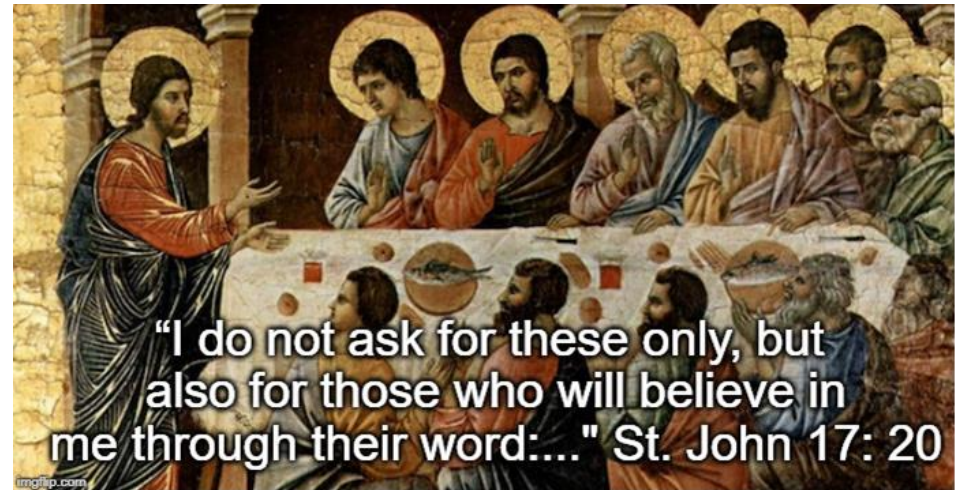
Prayers of the Church

The 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.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn ... "The Church's One Foundation" LBW #369



"What Does This Mean?"

Questions about Today's Worship Theme:

John 17:1-9, 15-21

- † Why are graduations often more emotional for parents than for students?
- † Why was the context of Jesus' "High Priestly Prayer" especially poignant?
- † How did Jesus construct a "fortress" of prayer around his disciples?
- † How does his prayer serve as a fortress around us today?

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