

Prelude “This is My Father’s World” and  
“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn ..... “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ..... LBW #320

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW pg. 77

Prayer of the Day

**O Lord God, grant to those who have been given the gift of long life the assurance of your constant blessing. Assure them that they, with all your children, are vital and valuable servants in your eternal kingdom. Help us listen to their stories of faith, that we may grow deeper in our own faith in you and your saving love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading ..... Psalm 71:1-9, 17-24

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading ..... II Corinthians 4:16-18

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Faith Seeds ..... Faith Lutheran Puppets

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 14:1-6

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

Sermon ..... “Is Aging Fair?” ..... Pastor Paulus Pilgrim

Hymn ..... “Faith of Our Fathers” ..... LBW #500

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 .... “Blessed Assurance” .... Katie MacDonald,  
Roxanna Boe, and Ronda Eckhart

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.**

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

“The Lord’s Prayer” ..... Dave Skaar and Ronda Eckhart

The Distribution ..... “Lamb of God” ..... LBW pg. 92  
Communion ..... LBW #351, 203, 333

Benediction

Hymn ..... “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” ..... LBW #343

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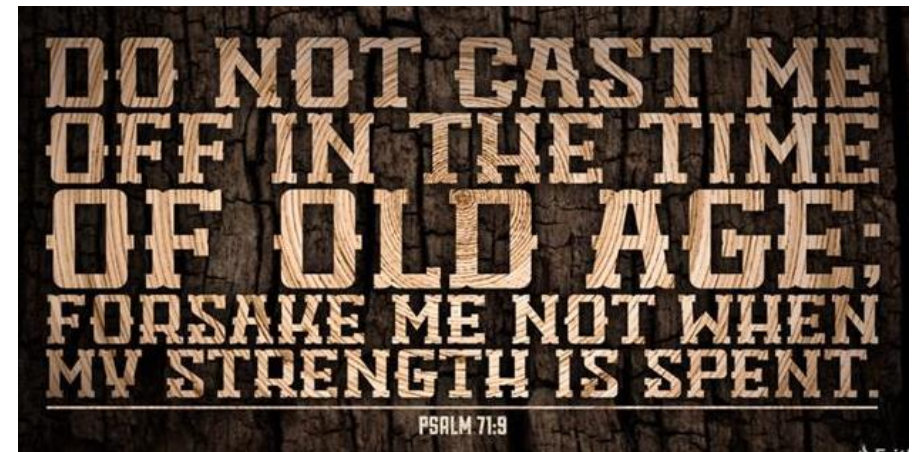
Hutchinson, Minnesota

8:00 a.m. First Word Service

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*“Bless the Years Sunday”*



## *“What Does This Mean?”*

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme:

John 14:1-6

- † Do you think aging is fair?
- † What makes aging difficult?
- † What makes aging people, even with troubles and fears, believe that their life is worth living?