



**Come to Believe † Come to Belong**  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 12, 2024

**PRELUDE**

Rob Aaron

*“Come to believe, Come to belong, Come to receive, the promise of God”*

P) Alleluia! Christ is risen! C) **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence for self-reflection)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

*“All Creatures of Our God and King”*



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift  
2. O rush - ing wind and breez - es soft, O  
3. O flow - ing wa - ters, pure and clear, Make  
4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un -  
5. O ev - 'ry one of ten - der heart, For -



up your voice and with us sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
clouds that ride the winds a - loft: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
mu - sic for your Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
folds rich bless - ings on our way, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en beam And  
lu - ia! O ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, O  
lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, Pro -  
lu - ia! The fruits and flow'rs that ver - dant grow, Let  
lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row bear, Praise



sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam:  
lights of eve - ning, find a voice.  
vid - ing us with warmth and light, Al - le -  
them God's glo - ry al - so show.  
God and cast on God your care.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE (Lord, Have Mercy)

Leader  
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
For the reign of God, and for  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
Lord. For your  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together: **Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

### FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup> “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

<sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup> And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> And they prayed and said, “You,

Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
**nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
**and on his law he meditates day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,  
**and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.**

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
**but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
**nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

<sup>6</sup> for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked will perish.**



## SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup> If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Glory to You, O Lord!

<sup>6</sup>“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is

truth.<sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.<sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

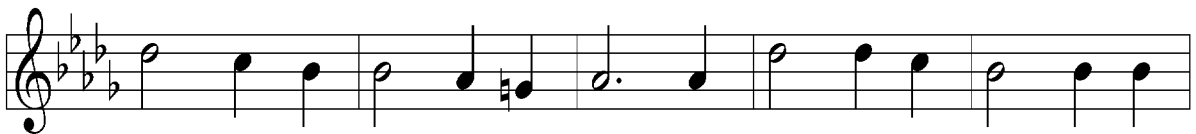
Pastor Gary Heltsley

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

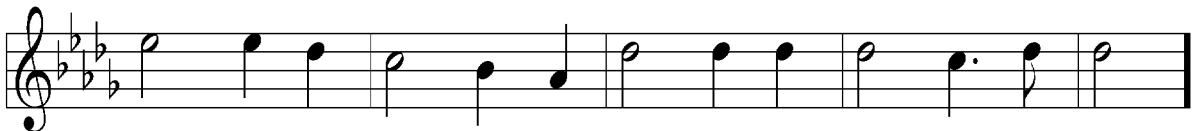
*“When Peace, Like a River”*



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows, like sea bil-lows, roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O, my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P) Let us pray in the name of our risen and ascended Savior for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence*

Give your Church faith, joy, and boldness to proclaim Jesus' lordship to all the world until he comes again in glory.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

This congregation thanks and praises you for the triumph of our Savior. Give us grace to live according to his commands; to proclaim him as Lord and King; and to share his grace with those who need it most.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Be with all moms, foster moms, grandmas, and everyone who acts with a mother's love. Comfort those who are bereaved, barren, or separated physically or emotionally from their children. Bless them all with the tender love of Jesus, who himself knew a mother's tender love and care.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Your Son has ascended on high and is King of all nations. We pray for the earthly leaders of those nations, especially our own. Make them righteous and merciful. Conform them to your will. Teach us all to live together in peace and unity, until the day Christ comes to judge the living and the dead.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We lift before you the needs of all whose lives are shadowed by suffering or sorrow. Especially those we name out loud or silently in our hearts (*allow time for silent and spoken prayers*). Give them the abundant life promised by Jesus. Fill them with the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit. And bless those who care for them.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, we long for the day when we will live with you and your people in everlasting joy. Keep in your care all who have died awaiting your promised inheritance. Keep us in union with them, with all of your saints, and with You, in the power of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Christ our Savior.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

P) Hear and graciously answer our prayers in accordance with your will, dear Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Doxology*

**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. A-men**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together...

**Loving God, we give you thanks for the generous gifts you have first given us.  
May that which we offer to you, come joyfully from our hearts and be  
pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

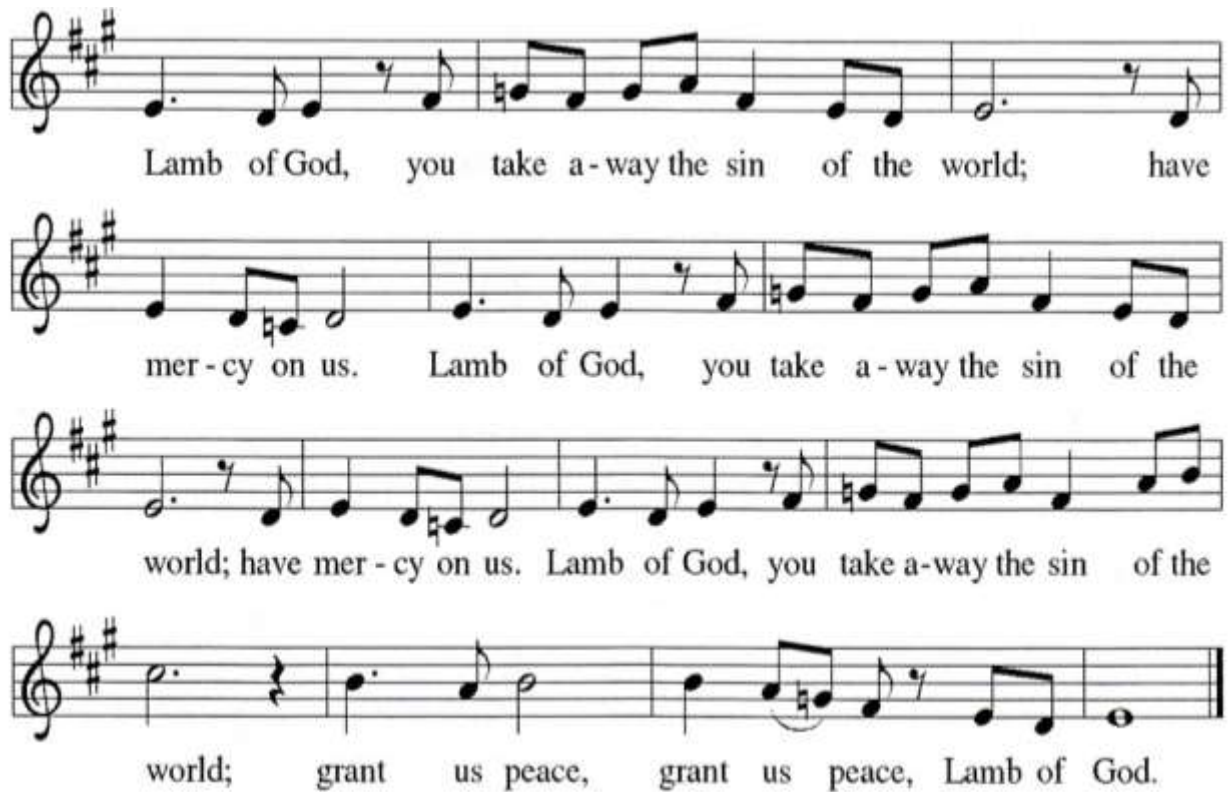
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung*)

*Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our  
 debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is  
 the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** – We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. All are welcome at the Lord's Table (*the red liquid is wine; the white liquid is grape juice*).

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

"He Touched Me"

- 1) **Shackled by a heavy burden**  
**'Neath a load of guilt and shame**  
**Then the hand of Jesus touched me**  
**And now I am no longer the same**

*[Chorus]*

*He touched me, oh He touched me*  
*And oh the joy that floods my soul!*  
*Something happened and now I know*  
*He touched me and made me whole*

- 2) **Since I met this blessed Savior**  
**Since He's cleansed and made me whole**  
**Oh I will never cease to praise Him**  
**I'll shout it while eternity rolls *[Chorus]***

**He touched me, oh He touched me**  
**And oh the joy that floods my soul!**  
**Something happened and now I know**  
**He touched me and made me whole.**



*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

*“Soon and Very Soon”*



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*“Lord, I Lift Your name on High (x2)”*

**Lord, I lift your name on high.  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life,  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave,  
From the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING and PRAYER**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray together...**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## BLESSING

### SENDING SONG

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Rob Aaron – piano ~ Nancy Martin – choir director  
Pr. Gary Heltsley – presiding

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Greeters:** Duane & Shari Stormo

**Ushers:** Pete Fischer & Susan Smith

**Reader:** Jerry Pedersen

**Sacristans:** Arlene Burton & Patty Rogers

**Communion Assistants:** Dixie Carver & Jan Krogh

**Altar Flowers:** Jerry & Charlotte Pedersen

**Barista:** Steve Dixon

**Close Up:** Robert Johnson

**Last Week's Attendance:** 93    **Last Week's Offering:** \$7,361.95

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Happy Mother's Day** to all of our Moms! Mothers are one of God's greatest gifts! We are so glad that you have chosen this place of worship to honor the Lord's name with us.

**Fellowship Time Today** – Fruit and pastries provided by NBLCC in Honor of Mother's Day. **May 19<sup>th</sup>:** Potluck Sunday (bring your favorite potluck dish to share).

**Neighborhood Bible Study** will meet on **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** at 12:45pm. For more information, please contact Sue Nichols at 360-277-3414.

**Dementia Support Group** will meet on **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am. For more information, please contact Patty at 360-271-0055 (C) or 360-275-3939 (H), or email at palmcanal@hotmail.com.

**Women's Bible Study** will meet **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Shari Stormo at 360-275-7808.

**Men's Bible Study** will meet on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 am as we continue our study of the Gospel of Luke.

**Office Hours** this week are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Monday through Wednesday.

**Pastor Gary** will be in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 am until noon.

**Prayers** – Please call the church line with your prayer requests, or if you need pastoral care (360) 275-3390.



**READINGS FOR MAY 19, 2024**

Ezekiel 37:1-14 ~ Psalm 104:24-35 ~ Acts 2:1-21 ~ John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

**SERMON NOTES**

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