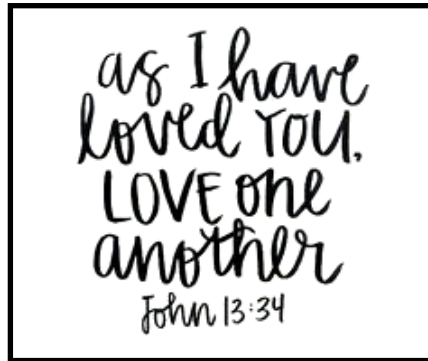


SUNDAY WORSHIP

May 15, 2022
St. John's Lutheran Church
Helena, Montana



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Prelude

*Gathering

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" ELW #377

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2. Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

4. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

5. City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.
Amen.

***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.

*Canticle of Praise-Verses 1 and 2



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men,

sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for he commanded and they were created.

He established them for ever and ever;

he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth,

you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost,

stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle,

creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike,

old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for his name alone is exalted;

his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people,

praise for all his faithful,

for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter beginning with the 31st

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Response after the conclusion: The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Children ages 4-5th grade are invited to attend Sunday School during the remainder of the service. We will bring them up for communion and you can pick them up following worship downstairs in the Sunday School room.

***Hymn of the Day“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW #712 verses 1-2**

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev’ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**

Sermon.....Pastor Kendra Wilde

***Hymn of the Day“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW #712 verses 3-4**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

***Apostles Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing with all the faithful, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Prayer Response

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

(...Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19))

As Christ welcomed everyone, let us open our hearts and lives and be like Christ to everyone we meet. The peace of the Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Offertory Anthem "Morning Has Broken" arr. H. Simeone
St. John's Sanctuary Choir

*Offering Prayer

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

*Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*Lords 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.

*Invitation

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.
(Those at home take...take and eat...this is the body and blood of Christ given for you. We celebrate open communion and all who are baptized are welcome to receive the forgiving and gracious presence of Christ in communion. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.)

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” ELW #708

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. (refrain)

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race.
neighbors are nearby and far away. (refrain)

These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (refrain)

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way w e will live with you. (refrain)

Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Announcements

Sending of Communion

Blessing

Sending Hymn "Neither Death nor Life" ELW #622

Refrain: Neither death, nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come,
neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation
can ever separate us from the love of God
poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead;
though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise
through the Spirit who brings you to life. (refrain)

All who are led by the Spirit shall live
as children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus,
God's adopted and chosen and loved. (refrain)

All of the suff'ring we now must endure
is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed
when creation itself is set free. (refrain)

All of creation awaits the new birth,
the fullness of redemption, through labor pains of love,
and so we wait in patience and hope. (refrain)

Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword? (refrain)

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Kendra Wilde, Preaching & Presiding
Dodie Walsh, Organ
Connie Conley, Choir Director
Angela Conley, Technology and Sound

Gretchen Munding, Lector
Gretchen Munding & Ben Munding-Adsay
Gale & Lorrie Vennes
Communion Servers
Mait Board, Mildred Twingley,
Jennifer Wintersteen
Altar Guild

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In our prayers this week: for the community and ministry at St. John's as we begin the process to call our next pastor, for peace in war zones including Ukraine, Scott Muir, Harvey Welnel, Karl Kallin, Betty Dotson, Susan DeBree, Karrie Dolezol, Tom Morrow, Karen Sturm, Erma Polich, Robert Brinton, Valerie Dotson Hoy, Tyler Vennes, Bill Mattfeldt, SSGT Andrea Jones, Payan Teeters, Dale Twingley, Cathy Christopherson, Richard Bomar, Brooklyn Skinner, Jim & Tina, Bruce Gottwig, Georgine Larsen, Mary Lou Hadley, Tom Morrow, Rueben, Vickie Alpinier, Emma Rose Plute, Jeff Shirley, Jeremy Stockstad, Rosita Moe, Tatiana Ceaicovschi, Chris Gibbs, Randy Holmes, Lester Anderson, the children at Intermountain, for those who are alone, for those who suffer from depression, for the homeless in our community, and for all who seek health and wholeness

For those who have died and now rest in God's merciful care:

Rose Van Voast, Andrew Bickler, Glenda Truesdell, and all the Saints in heaven

For those in residential living centers, extended care or homebound:

Robert Chickene, Mike Kieckbusch, Hazel Aasved, Esther Fuehrer, Marge Mihelish, Georgine Larsen, Bob Wirth, Julie Wolff, Susan DeBree, Bill Mattfeldt, Carl Mattfeldt, Marge Jacobson, Troy & Jimmie McGee, Mary Gardinier

Missionaries: Willie, Anne, and Micah Langdji in Cameroon
Missionaries around the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Mary Crosby-LPA, on call May 16-May 22 (preaching May 22nd)

Dodie Away May 17-May 31st

May 15th: Dodie Walsh and Connie Conley Studio Recitals 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm

May 17th: Church Council 5:30 pm

May 20th: Linda Meuret Studio Recital at 7:00 pm

May 21st: Linda Meuret Studio Recitals at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm

May 22nd: Senior Sunday and Sundae Sunday (last day of Sunday School)

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following worship

Gretchen Munding Studio Recitals 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm

May 23rd: Call Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm

May 23rd & May 24th: Ukraine Benefit Concert at St. Peters at 7:00 pm

****The Deadline for the weekly bulletin is Wednesday at noon. The deadline for the June Herald is Monday, May 23rd at noon. Thank you!****

MEET YOUR TRANSITION MINISTRY TEAM

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful ministry team who will help lead us during our time of transition until we install our new pastor. Each week a different Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA) or minister will provide pastoral services for the week and preach and lead worship. Whoever is scheduled to preach that week (please check your Herald calendar) will be on call the Monday through Sunday they are scheduled to preach. Numbers and emails are listed below for our team.

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THE BEES ARE HERE!

Our Sunday School children will be selling 'bees' for ELCA World Hungers Good Gifts Program today and will host a bee themed coffee hour. The money raised goes to support impoverished communities around the world and to help them develop sustainable practices to support themselves. In the past we have sold 'chicks' and 'fish' and we are excited that after a two year hiatus our sales booth is back!

THANK YOU ST. JOHN'S

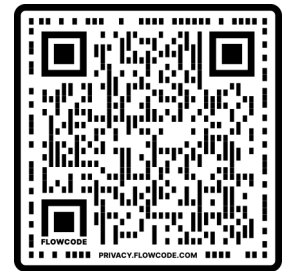
Thank you to everyone who sent flowers, cards, sent prayer shawls, and for the visits while I was recovering from shoulder surgery. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

— Erma Polich

CALL COMMITTEE SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

Completion of our ministry site profile is an essential first task in the call process. In addition to describing the demographics of our congregation and community, the profile will communicate information like our shared vision for ministry; our strengths and weakness; opportunities for ministry to the Helena community, etc. The profile will help to match the congregation with the skills of the pastors whom we will consider for call.

The Call Committee will host small group meetings today and next Sunday during the fellowship hour to provide members the opportunity to contribute to the complete our site profile. The Call Committee also requests that every member complete a survey. You may complete and return a paper survey. Alternatively, you may complete the survey online at the following link: <https://forms.gle/JodejdezPGNYcBqe9> or by scanning the QR code or by visiting our website helenastjohns.org and clicking on the survey link tab on the home page.



SOCIAL MINISTRY OFFERING FOR MAY-FLORENCE CRITTENTON

Florence Crittenton is a trauma responsive, relationship based organization that provides family-centered support during critical times. Through a comprehensive continuum of services their programs include mental health services, substance use recovery, parenting education, childcare and preschool and access to community supports. They believe that children should accompany their parents to treatment and that a family centered treatment approach is most effective in building a lasting foundation for young families. Please place your offering in the pew offering envelopes and check the "Social Ministry" box, donate online via our website, or mail in your check to the church office.

WORSHIP HELPERS NEEDED

We welcome help from our church community each week to help with our weekly worship. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex to greet, read, and serve communion; please speak with Cliff Roessner to help usher; please speak with Laura Nachtsheim to bring treats for coffee hour.

A CONCERT FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE 5/23 AND 5/24 AT 7:00 PM

St. Peter's Cathedral with Grandstreet Theatre, Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, and St. John's Lutheran Church present a Concert for the People of Ukraine. Supported by Carroll College Theatre, The Art Center, Musikanten Montana, and the Montana Jewish Project.

General Admission - minimum donation of \$25 (more if you are able). Tickets available today at St. John's, at St. Peter's Cathedral office (406.442.5175) and at the door. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. A reception will follow each performance. Please join us to meet the talented artists who are generously donating their time and talents. Wine provided by the Hawthorne Bottle Shop and Tasting Room. Food provided by, Jeannine's Cuisine, Kim West, and Maison. Sale and silent auction of original art work and prints by Ukrainian artist, Svitlana Prouty, and other artists, and items from Greater Helena businesses.

Proceeds will be divided between the following organizations providing aid to the Ukrainian people:

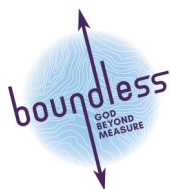
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- Lutheran Disaster Response
- Hand On Global

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VBS/DAY CAMP WITH FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP

We are excited to host **VBS/Day Camp** with our favorite counselors from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp again this summer. VBS/Day Camp is designed to be a fun highlight of the summer, while providing opportunities for growth in faith, leadership, and friendship. Day Campers experience these gifts through a wide range of carefully crafted programs and activities (worship, Bible study, service projects, community building games, outdoor time, and much more!)



**Who: Kids ages 4-Kindergarten & Kids entering 1st Grade
and through 6th Grade**

When: June 20-24 daily from 9:00 am-1:30 pm

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church (1000 Helena Avenue)

Cost: \$50 for the week-scholarships available

Registration forms are available online on our website or in the church office. Please fill out the form and return to the church office with your payment.

P.S. Have you aged out of camp? We would love to have our Middle School and High School kids help out junior counselors and we will have a Youth Night on Wednesday, June 22nd free of charge.

P.P.S. Are you an adult who still wants a VBS/Day Camp experience? We will have MANY opportunities to help so please stay tuned! We promise it is the best week of the summer.