

THE LORD

*is near to all
who call on him in truth.*

THE LORD

*watches over all
who love him.*

PSALM 145:18,20



BROOKLYN LUTHERAN CHURCH | Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

May 19, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us, but we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons, and Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device.

Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Risen Lord Inspires Us. *Music from the Masters . . . motivational speakers . . . Chicken Soup for the Soul*—people look for a boost from many sources. But one need only look to the risen Savior. He inspires us not through soothing songs or moving stories, but through his perfect life and sacrificial death. Our risen Lord energizes us to live lives of love.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear Jesus, you gave yourself up for us as a fragrant sacrifice to God. Please move use to love one another as an expression of our love for you. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Music by

Ushers

Pastor Erich Westphal
Him & Her Worship
Kirk Graen, Glen Lieder

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WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"All Along" | Him & Her Worship (page 2)

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God.

C: **Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.** ^{1 JOHN 4:7}

M: The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. ^{1 JOHN 4:8}
Therefore, let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not love you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

ABSOLUTION

M: This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ^{1 JOHN 4:10}

By the mercy of God, you are redeemed, restored, forgiven by the blood of his Son.

What love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are! ^{1 JOHN 3:1}

C: **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

M: I will exalt you, my God, the King,
and I will bless your name forever and ever.

**C: Great is the LORD and worthy of great praise.
There are no limits to the extent of his greatness.**

*Men: The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and merciful toward all that he has made.*

*Women: He opens his hand,
and he satisfies the desire of every living thing.*

M: Every day I will bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.

**C: The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and great in mercy.**

*Men: The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.*

*Women: He grants the desire of those who fear him.
He hears their cry and saves them.*

M: Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

**C: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD.
Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 20:12-17

Jonathan displays selfless love for David inspired by the God of free and faithful grace and calls on David to show the same selfless love to him.

¹²Jonathan said to David, “I swear by the LORD, the God of Israel! About this time tomorrow or the day after, when I have tested my father to see if he is favorably inclined toward David, I will send word to you so that you hear about it. ¹³May the LORD punish Jonathan severely and double it, if my father is planning to harm you and I do not disclose it to you and send you on your way, so that you may go in peace. May the LORD be with you, as he has been with my father. ¹⁴You must show the mercy of the LORD to me, not only while I am still alive, so that I do not die, ¹⁵but you also must not cut off your mercy from my house forever—no, not even when the LORD has cut off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.” ¹⁶So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the LORD demand an accounting from David’s enemies.” ¹⁷Then Jonathan had David repeat the oath, because of the love that he had for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

SONG

“Great Are You Lord” | Him & Her Worship (page 3)

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1–6

John gives a vision of the new heaven and earth, the home beautifully crafted and lovingly prepared for the Bride of Christ. Here there is nothing of the old. All is new for all is done.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer existed. ²And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, “Look! God’s dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away.”

⁵The one who was seated on the throne said to me, “Look, I am making everything new!” He also said, “Write, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me:

“It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To anyone who is thirsty, I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 14:6

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.
Jesus said, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life.” Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

John 13:31–35

Jesus gives his disciples the command to love one another. Disciples of Jesus are marked by their love for each other. For it reflects the same love our now glorified Savior has for us.

After Judas left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.”

³³“Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

SONG OF THE DAY

“Your Love Awakens Me” | Him & Her Worship (page 4)

SERMON

All Things New | **Revelation 21:1-6**

1. What is the **MAIN THING** that God teaches me in this passage?
2. What **SIN** does God lead me to confess, based on this passage?
3. What does God lead me to **GIVE THANKS** for, based on this passage?
4. What does God lead me to **PRAY** for or about, based on this passage?

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

"Let Him Love You" | Him & Her Worship (page 5)

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. Please record your visit on the Connection Card.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Compassionate God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, how great is your love for us. You reconciled us to yourself through the death of your Son.

C: **Through him we have confidence to come before you with our prayers and requests.**

M: Gracious Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God and our Savior, how great is your love for us. You allowed yourself to be condemned so that we could be declared not guilty. Fill our hearts with the same self-sacrificing love that you showed us.

C: **Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need.**

M: Holy Spirit, our Counselor and Comforter, how great is your love for us. By Word and sacrament, you transform our cold and hard hearts to make us wise for salvation in Christ Jesus.

C: Strengthen us to love your commands more fully and to love others as unselfishly as Christ did.

Special prayers or intercessions may follow.

M: Accept our prayers and provide for all our needs – not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. If you want to establish communing fellowship with us, please wait to receive the Lord's Supper until you have had a chance to speak with the pastor.

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

If you have established communing fellowship with us and desire to receive the Lord's Supper today, please use the following questions to help you prepare:

- Q: Do I recognize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment?
- Q: Do I want forgiveness for my failures (according to the Ten Commandments) to carry out the responsibilities of my calling(s)?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus purchased forgiveness for me by his sinless life for me and death on the cross as the payment for all my sins?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins?
- Q: Do I intend, with Christ's help, to fight temptation, do what I can to correct the wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good

SACRAMENT RESPONSES

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe.

SONG

"Revelation Song" | Him & Her Worship (page 6)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"As It Is In Heaven" | Him & Her Worship (page 7)

THANKSGIVING RESPONSE

Psalm 136

M: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

C: His love endures forever.

M: If we love one another, God remains in us

C: and his love has been brought to its goal in us.

CLOSING PRAYER

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

M: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and, in his grace, gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and establish you in every good work and word. ² THESSALONIANS 2:16,17

The Lord bless and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

You're Invited

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

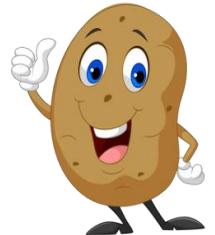
Thursday, June 6, at 6:00 pm

After the program, we will be serving cookies.

TATER DAZE PARADE

Thursday, June 13

We need volunteers to walk in the parade and pass out candy and brochures. More information will be available next week.



Sign up on the back of the connection card or in the Information Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTER'S MEETING following the service.

We recently received a Purchase Agreement to purchase the North portion of our church property. We need to discuss, make any modifications, and vote on overall approval of the Agreement.

THANK YOU to Seth and Jenna Herlich for enhancing our worship service this morning with their beautiful music. Their ministry is supported by free will offerings and through the sale of their merchandise.

STAY FOR FELLOWSHIP this morning after the service. We are celebrating the upcoming gift of a baby girl for Stefanie and Isaac Hill.

LAWN MOWING is one way that you can show your gratitude to God, the giver of every good gift, who has blessed us with this church campus on the cross-roads of many people's lives. Sign-up at the Information Center.

FELLOWSHIP TREATS offer a special opportunity for us to gather together and encourage one another after worship. Sign-up at the Information Center to provide treats one or more Sundays in the coming months.

WEST LUTHERAN UPCOMING EVENTS

WEST Graduation May 25 **2:00 pm**

Calendar Week

Today – Him and Her Worship Service

Last Sunday School **9:00 am**

Bible Study **9:00 am**

Worship **10:00 am**

Voter's Meeting

Hill Fellowship **11:00 am**

Monday

Softball Game **8:20 pm**

at Centennial North

Tuesday

Bible Class **3:15 pm**

Saturday

Graduation **2:00 pm**

at West Lutheran High School

Sunday – Easter 6

No Sunday School

Bible Study **9:00 am**

Worship **10:00 am**

Fellowship **11:00 am**

Wise Penny Work Day

Serving in The Lord

Ushers

Today: Kirk Graen

Glen Lieder

Next Sunday: Jean Sulzle

Jackson George

Organist

Music Today:

Him & Her Worship

Next Sunday: Jan Budach

Blessings from The Lord

Attendance

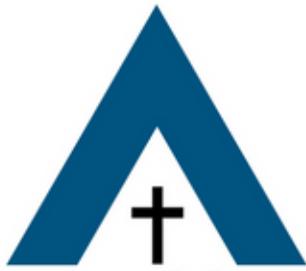
Sunday School – 4

Bible Study – 12

Sunday Service – 55

Tuesday Bible Class – 8

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