

# Sunday, June 21, 2020 10:00 A.M.

## **GATHERING**

## **OPENING LITANY**

As we remember Juneteenth this past Friday and celebrate fathers and father figures today, we lift our voices to God, rejoicing in the one who has conquered sin and death for our sake.

God, our Parent, you have embraced us as your own through your unconditional love and everlasting grace.

When we fall, you are right beside us.

You give us courage when we are afraid.

You welcome us with open arms when we return to you.

And you never let us go.

You break the chains of sin and oppression

and set us free through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus calls us to follow him, and it is not easy.

We see what has been done and left undone, and know there is much to do.

Naming the victories and meeting the challenges ahead, we cry out to you:

God our Heavenly Father, answer us, for your love is kind;

Turn to us in your great compassion.

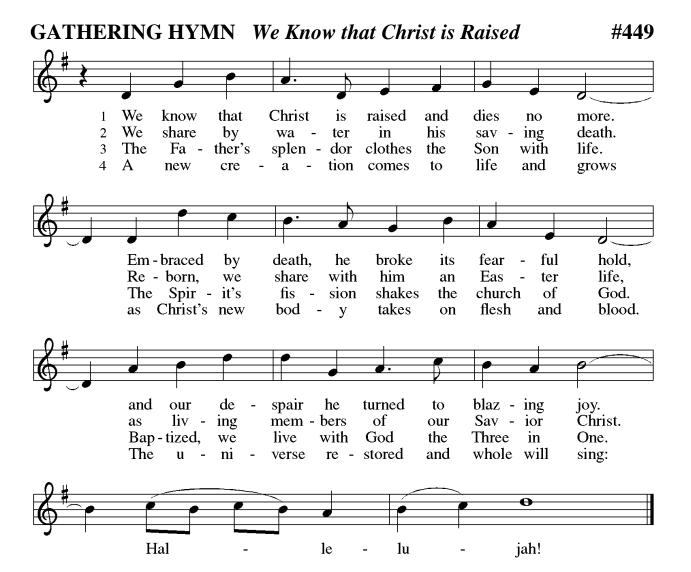
Draw near to us, redeem us, and restore us to new life in you.

For those who are, who have been, and those who yearn to be fathers among us,

For those who have led others to freedom,

For the one who leads us to redemption and salvation,

We give you thanks, O God.



## **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

## And also with you.

Let us pray...

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

## WORD

#### FIRST READING – Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, Word of life. Thanks be to God.



#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

### **GOSPEL – Matthew 10:24-39**

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

The gospel according to Matthew.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

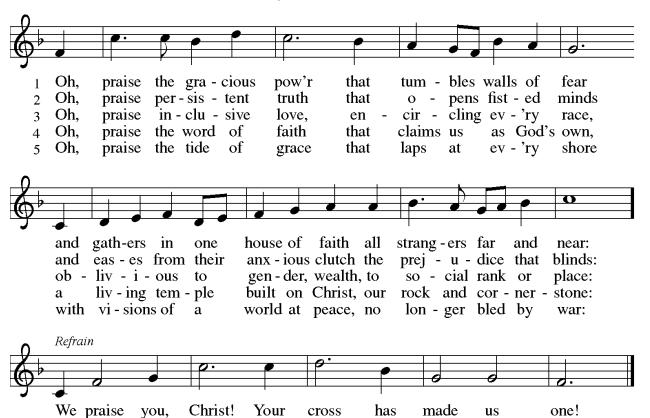
Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON** 

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein

## HYMN OF THE DAY Oh, Praise the Gracious Power #651



- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth, the love, the word, the tide.
  Yet more than these, oh, praise their source, praise Christ the crucified: Refrain
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ with faith's bright songful voice!
  Announce the gospel to the world and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world, responding to each petition with, "Your mercy is great."

A brief silence.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## **MEAL**

We practice two sacraments in the Lutheran tradition: baptism and holy communion. These are celebrated in community, in public worship, where we can all participate and remember together: God is known for using ordinary earthly things (like water, bread, and wine) to make extraordinary promises (like forgiveness, salvation, healing and new life) to creation.

We don't serve ourselves communion because there's something holy about that promise coming from outside our own bodies, a perfect declaration from God spoken to us by our neighbor: This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, poured out for you. If you are gathered together with others from your household, speak these words aloud when you serve each other. If you do not have someone in the room with you while you receive the sacrament, hear my voice as the external word of grace and invitation.

Today is a good reminder that this simple meal nourishes God's community across time and space - this is why we call it communion. We would rather be with you in person for the sacrament today, but we trust Jesus to show up beyond our limitations, to meet us in this separation with a Spirit that unites, to feed us with the bread of life who is our source and strength.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,

in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,

you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Remembering, therefore,

his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:

as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.** 

## 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.

#### < Receive the Meal >

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

We pause for prayer and reflection, and to give time to commune those gathered with others in the household.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

Amen.

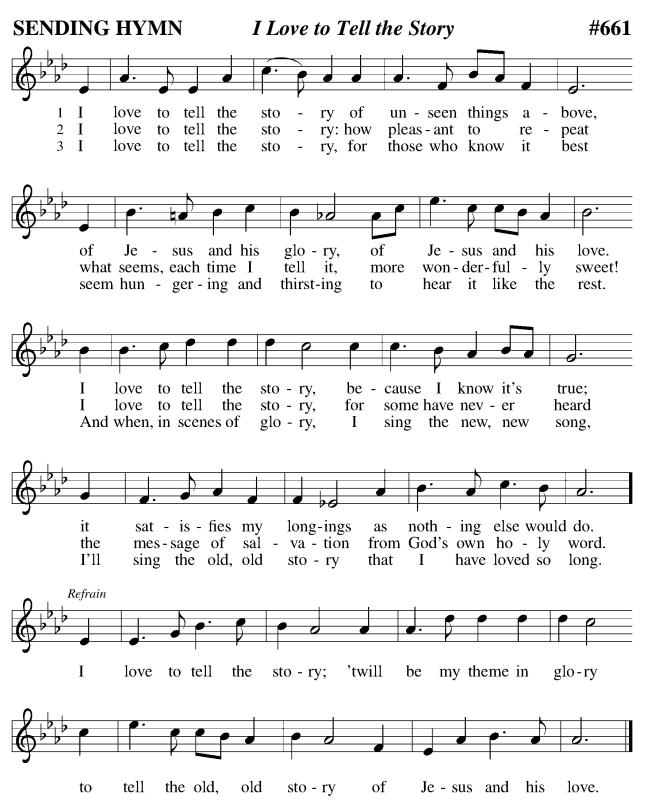
## **SENDING**

#### **OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### BENEDICTION

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator,  $\pm$  Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

# See you next week for worship live-streamed at 5pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday!

We continue sharing in <u>virtual communion</u>. Please call/email the church office if you need elements brought to you.



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If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, connect with our ministries, meet with one of our pastors, or learn more about ELC and how to join, feel free to call or email us. You are always welcome here.

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Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, wear a mask and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.

We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. We have updated a guideline for worship and all church activities for Phase 3, available on our email blast and church website. Please check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council (council@edgebrooklutheran.org) with any concerns.

Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!