#### Acts 1:12-26 NIV

<sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup> and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

<sup>18</sup> (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. <sup>19</sup> Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

<sup>20</sup>"For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms:

"'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,"

and,

"'May another take his place of leadership."

<sup>21</sup> Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

<sup>23</sup> So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." <sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

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#### 1 John 5:9-15 NIV

<sup>9</sup>We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God has given 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 so that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup> This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him.

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#### John 17:11b-19 NIV

<sup>11b</sup>"...Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup>"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."

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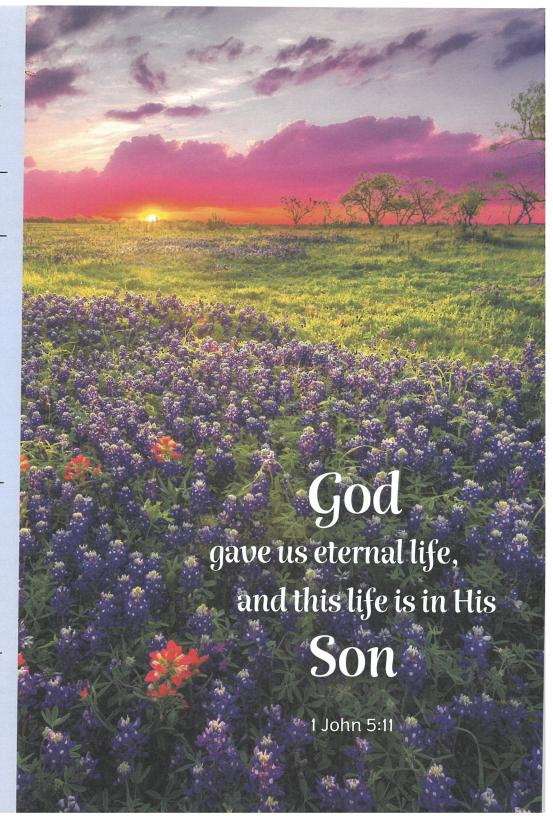
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**Weekly Prayers:** Please continue to pray for Sharon and Rollie Preuss. Please continue to pray for Jack Engelder and Savannah Schmitz as they come to Zion. Please continue to pray for Jason & Emily Groth as they prepare to go into the mission field in Belize. Please continue to pray for Mark Meyer's mother Ruth and her healing. Please pray for Carol and Mike O'Connor on the passing of Carol's mother.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

PRELUDE:

WELCOME

HYMN #157 v.1-4 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: Let us come before God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden and confess our sins in the name of Him who died and rose again to give us forgiveness and life.

C: I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayer have faltered. I have sinned against God and against you, my brothers and sisters. Yet, because of Christ's promise, I am made bold to ask for mercy. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, O Lord, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.** 

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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A: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give your thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### **SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - (See back cover)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** 

HYMN #133 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!

**SERMON** 

P: We confess our faith: Apostles' Creed

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C: 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 catholic Church, the communion

of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**SHARING OF PEACE** 

**OFFERING** 

**OFFERTORY HYMN #410** 

We Give Thee but Thine Own

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(each petition ends) P: Lord in your mercy C: Hear our prayer P: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray. C: Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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C: 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.

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace!

**C:** Amen. P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God. Amen!

HYMN #157 v.5-7 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

**POSTLUDE:** 

**About the Cover**: The eternal life God gives us is full and abundant. That first Easter morning has opened to us a new horizon of eternal life. Christ has overcome the devil, the world, and our sin to give us life by believing in Him. God has taken care to give us His Word and Sacraments so that we may have life by believing in His name.

# WELCOME to Zion! May God bless your time with us today!

- Children are welcome in worship! Should parents need quiet time for their child, please utilize the Gathering Place behind rear of sanctuary. There you will find comfortable seating and a broadcast of the worship service.
- Baby changing tables are located in both restrooms.
- Our hymnal (Lutheran Book of Worship) has separate pages numbers for the liturgy in the front of the hymnal and the hymns in the back.
- As a baptized Christian who believes in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion and the forgiveness this gift offers, you are invited to join in this sacred meal.
- For those unable to consume alcohol, red grape juice is available in the center cups of the communion trays.

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Tues, May 14	10:00am 2:00pm	Pastor Brelje Bible Study Women's Book Group
Wed, May 15	9:00am	Sewing Group
Sat, May 18	8:00am	Men's Bible Study – Online only Service
	9:00am 5:30pm	Mission Roadmap Weekend w/ Greg Finke Service
Sun, May 19	11:30am	Congregational Meeting after Late Service/Last Week of Sunday School
Tues, May 21	2:00pm	Women's Book Group
Thur, May 23	6:00pm	FOJ Moving Up/Moving On Celebration

**SYMBOL IN THE WINDOW:** In the Center of the window, the ascended Christ is depicted as the Lamb of God, sitting upon the book of the seven seals. He is the center of the window as well as the center of our faith. Note the radiant, brilliant colors that surround the Lamb.

.\*See Bulletin Board or Kiosk for Worship Assistant Updates\*

# **SERVING TODAY**

Worship Leader Organist Cantor	8am – Dennis O'Brien	Pastor Mike Saylor Roxanne Nieboer 10:30am- Danielle Fields
Altar Ministry	8am – NA	10:30am – NA
Lector Ushers	8am – Dave Mayer 8am – Dave Mayer Mark Schoonbeck	10:30am – Alison Carlson 10:30am – Garr Gast Steve Stokes Joe Zerbel
Acolytes	8am – James Mayer	10:30am – Crosby Field