



May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m.



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Welcome to



We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today!

*Please stand.

Prelude

"Do Lord"
"In the Garden"
"Love Lifted Me"

Slvisaker
Miles
Smith

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Look, here is water!

All: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Pastor: Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.
Look, here is water!

All: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Pastor: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Look, here is water!
All: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

***Opening Hymn** "God is Here!" ELW 526

***Apostolic Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.
All: **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.**

Chancel Choir Anthem "The Lord is My Shepherd" Rutter

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

Reader: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
All: **Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**
Reader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
All: **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
Reader: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
All: **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Children's Message

Emma Knospe

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.

The Holy Gospel: John 17:6-19 (page 111 in pew Bible)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John the seventeenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

(The Gospel is proclaimed...)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Word of the Day

Pastor Steve Dow

Hymn of the Day

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

ELW 655

Apostles' Creed

Pastor: With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

All: 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 the Church**

Pastor: God of grace,
All: **hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.
All: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Please share a sign of peace with each other.
*(People may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and say:
"Peace be with you.")*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

*We will pass the offering plates or you may give online at: www.ezekiellutheran.org.
Know that Ezekiel is most grateful for the gifts of support that you are able to give.
May God bless you in your giving.*

Offering Hymn

"Come to the Table"

ELW 481

Offering Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.
All: **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God...and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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 to Communion

Pastor: The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

All: Thanks be to God!

Communion Distribution

As Lutherans, we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord. All who desire to receive the gifts of grace, forgiveness, and new life are welcome to come to the Lord's table. You do not need to be Lutheran or a member of Ezekiel to receive these gifts from God. Children that have not received their First Communion are invited forward for a blessing. It is helpful to servers if they cross their arms as a clear sign. We will be receiving communion by bread and cup. Both red wine and white grape juice, at the center of the serving tray, are provided. Gluten-free is available. The ushers will direct you to the front to be served.

“The body of Christ, given for you.” and “The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

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.

Communion Hymn

“I Received the Living God”

ELW 477

Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Let us pray.
Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us
with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your
goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and
friend.

All: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Pastor: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Pastor: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude:

“He Leadeth Me”

Bradbury

THIS WEEK AT EZEKIEL**May 12 - May 19****Sunday, May 12**

7:50 a.m. Prayer Before Worship, Chapel

8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship Hour, FH

9:40 a.m. Sunday School, 56 Club,
Rm 100

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, May 13

5:00 p.m. Worship Team, Rm 190

5:30 p.m. Connect Team, Rm 100

6:30 p.m. Service & Mission Team, FH

Tuesday, May 14

12:00 p.m. Rotary Lunch, Rm 100

1:30 p.m. Sarah Circle, Rm 100

Wednesday, May 15

9:00 a.m. Mom's & Dad's Group, FH

9:30 a.m. JL Childcare, Library

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Kuss), Rm 190

4:30 p.m. Homework Help, Rm 200

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Music Room

Thursday, May 16

1:00 p.m. Bible Study (Bjerstedt), Library

Saturday, May 18

8:00 a.m. Worship Band, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 19

7:50 a.m. Prayer Before Worship, Chapel

8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship Hour,
Retirement Celebration, FH

9:40 a.m. Sunday School, 56 Club

**10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
with Graduate Blessing**

11:30 a.m. Graduate Reception, FH

3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Rm 190

4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Rm 100 & 200

6:30 p.m. G.S. Leaders Meeting, Rm 190

WELCOME TO EZEKIEL!

In worship and community, we seek to grow in love for God and for our neighbor. We trust that we are called and transformed to create a world of abundance.

Are you visiting today? We look forward to meeting you. Feel free to introduce yourself to those around you and fill out the red welcome pad.

Hearing Devices are located underneath the stairs in the back of the sanctuary.

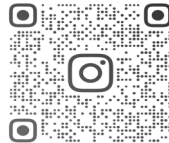
Children in worship... We love the joyful noises that little ones make! Kids of all ages are invited to come up front for the Children's Message. If your child needs a break or a creative outlet, check out the Playground located along the southwest wall of our sanctuary. For older students, we have an Activity Corner located by the stairs in the back of the sanctuary where they can select a few items to take back to their pew. Children's Bulletins are located in both areas.

WE'RE HAPPY YOU'RE HERE!

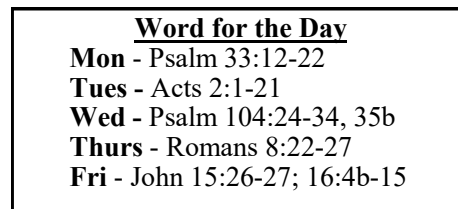
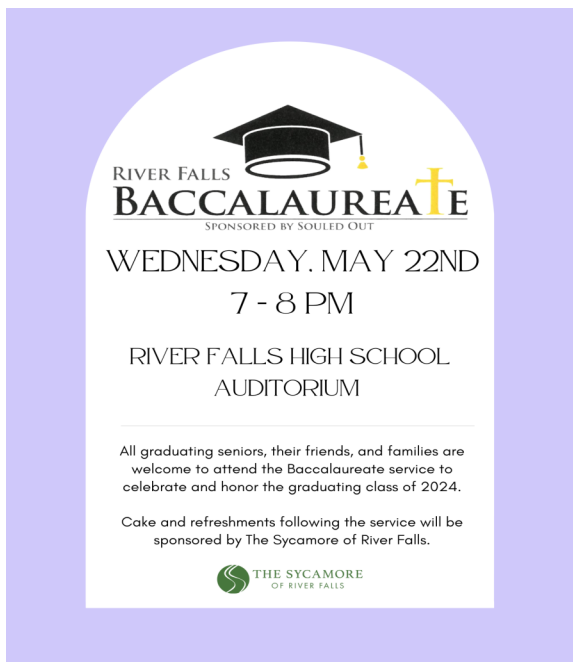




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Prayers of Healing, Care, and Joy This Week

Please Pray for:

- John Wittenberg, prayers for healing.
- Woody Fangmeier, prayers for healing.
- Jim Nordgren, prayers for healing.
- John Henning, prayers for healing.
- All caregivers.
- Warren Leonard, prayers for healing.
- Jason Binger (Ken and Ruth Lee's son-in-law), prayers for healing.
- Sue Myers (John Henning's sister), prayers for healing.
- Ed Schramm, prayers for healing.

The flowers at the front of the church are in honor of Larry Nelson's 90 birthday (May 18) given by his wife, Annell. Happy Birthday Larry!

Ezekiel

- Dear God, We praise you for giving us a community of believers to do life with. Let it be a source of joy and inspiration and a place where people can experience your love and presence in their lives. Thank you for the blessing of fellowship and the opportunity to serve you and others through our church. Amen.

World

- Father God, we pray for our world today. We pray for people in the Middle East who have been impacted by conflict. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you have a prayer concern please submit your prayer request to the church office 715-425-8294 or info@ezekiellutheran.org. All prayers are confidential.

If you or someone you know is going through a rough time, we have Prayer Shawls available. A shawl filled with prayers wrapped around your shoulders can be very soothing and healing! Contact Lana Bjerstedt at 715-781-1677.

Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer request, please e-mail Jan Ingersoll at at 2ingie@sbcglobal.net. Jan will forward it on to the 39 members of the Chain. You must have permission from the family to submit a request.

Prayer Team: The prayer team is available for private prayers after services, or by special request made by phone or email. If you see one of us with our Prayer Team tag feel free to approach us for prayer.

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| ♦ Katelyn Asmus | ♦ Roger Hammond | ♦ Ed Schramm |
| ♦ Joyce Breen | ♦ Jan Ingersoll | ♦ Sandy Schramm |
| ♦ Jerry Breen | ♦ Anne Janda | ♦ Sandy Tauferner |
| ♦ Ruth Emerson | ♦ Ruth Lee | ♦ Velma Waalkens |
| | ♦ Max Neuhaus | ♦ Anne Waxon |

Worship Assistants

Pastor:	Pastor Steve Dow
Musicians:	Greg Carter, Sue Miller, Judy Wachholz
Cantor:	Mark Janda
Reader:	Lucy Van Overbeke
Sound:	Zach Falkner
Recording Tech:	Josh Ashbach
ProPresenter:	Josh Ashbach
Acolyte:	Hunter Nelson, Noah Walen
Ushers:	Meredith Walen, Noah Walen, Ashbachs
Communion Servers:	Cathy Hjersjo, Ellie Richards, Betty Skelton
Altar Guild:	Leah Gavin, Cindy Nolen, Dot Seebach
Coffee Hour:	Cora Olson, Vicki Olson, Dee Larson, Curt Larson

From WELCA:



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