

# **Sunday, May 24, 2020**

## **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*“Church is not a place; it is who we are. Once we realize this, we can be the church anywhere.”*

We gather to worship together, at this time, in different places. Bottom line, we are worshipping God, TOGETHER! This worship service has been pre-recorded. Worship materials have been published online at blcmalmo.org. If you are able, please watch the service via Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo’s youtube.com page, find the link on Facebook, or visit our website to find the link.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

When fear is holding you back,  
**Come and see, and follow Christ.**

When despair has brought you down,  
**Lift up your head, and follow Christ.**

When all seems lost, and the world is too harsh,  
**Take his hand, and follow Christ.**

In this time of worship,  
**Let us follow Jesus, and know that Jesus is with us. Christ has come before us,  
Christ is with us, and Christ will come again.**

**SONG - ELW 657 Rise, O Sun of Righteousness**

# Rise, O Sun of Righteousness



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your  
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your  
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us  
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the  
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,  
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim  
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share  
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water

for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

We gather this day,

**O Lord, as people who seek your guiding love. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Give us grace to love one another and follow in the way of Jesus' commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE**

### **First Reading: Acts 1:6-14**

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and 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>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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## **Gospel: John 17:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

**MESSAGE**

## SONG - ELW 655 Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

## THE 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 THE CHURCH**

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign to all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Breathe life into your creation. Guide your people as we explore the mysteries of the universe. We pray for the work of scientists and mathematicians whose skill enriches our understanding (*like Nicholas Copernicus and Leonard Euler, whom the church commemorates today*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Make your justice known among the nations of the earth. Protect the vulnerable (*especially in nations currently in crisis*). Redirect those who use violence and greed as weapons. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Come to the aid of your children. We pray for those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated, powerless, or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give courage to all who embark on new ventures. We especially remember this day those who risked their lives to serve in our armed forces. Grant safety to those serving at home or abroad and assure them of your never-failing strength. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Raise all your saints to eternal life. Until that day, we give you thanks for the faithful examples of those who have listened to your voice and now rest in you.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others. 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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Invitation to Communion:** Come to the banquet. Behold the risen Christ.

*You may now partake of the bread and wine in your own home. Speak the words  
"The body of Christ, given for you" and "The blood of Christ, shed for you."  
You may then respond "Amen."*

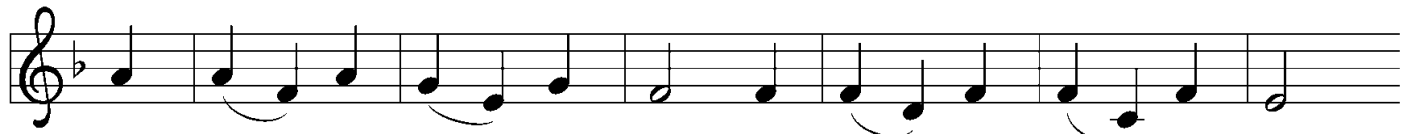
## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God,  
**you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SONG - ELW 656 Blest Be the Tie That Binds



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Response to God's Word Last Week

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Virtual Attendance\*: 132

*\*Virtual attendance is based on a matrix from the NEMN Synod. We determine the number of unique views per week and multiply by 2 – assuming there are two people per household watching the youtube video service.*



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

You can submit your weekly offerings, online, from our Facebook page. Or, mail your offering to: 21590 State Hwy 47, Isle, MN 56342

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and click on the donate button below the cover photo. Click and donate online.

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Thank you.

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# MEMORIAL DAY May 25, 2020

## MALMO CEMETERY

### Spanish American War

Martin Gudim

George Smith

### WWI

Arthur Andren  
Ed Johnson  
George Nuedick  
Alfred Spute

Virgil Drebert  
Carl Lundmark  
Charles Ott  
Henry Stempf

Thomas Durkee  
Ed Lyman  
Walter Pederson  
David Swedberg

John Hagquist  
Oaker Myers  
Joe Samson

### WWII

Calvin Arvidson  
James Broselle  
Richard Hamment  
Richard Holmquist  
John Jones  
Hilding Linde  
Clifford Munter  
John Edgar Pearson  
Clarence Peterson  
Swan Roseberg  
Russell Starleaf  
James Wells  
Edwin Wiebush  
Vernon Woodard

Alton Bertels\*\*\*  
Ernest Burman  
Clarence Hansen  
Burnett Jacobs  
Everett Larson  
Vernon Linde  
Andrew Nelson  
Harold Parrika  
Oscar Peterson  
Daniel Samson  
James Steeves \*\*\*  
Bacil Westerland  
Algott Williams

LeRoy Benson  
Lewis Emery  
Orbin Hanson  
Clifford Jacobson  
Leonard Larson  
Clarence Lindgren  
Harry Nyberg  
Harland Pederson  
Ray Priebe  
James Smith  
Curtis Stempf  
Lawrence Westerland  
Dale Williams\*\*\*

Dennis Brooks  
Walter Groehler  
Olaf Hermanson  
Clifford Johnson  
Eugene Lind  
George Manning  
Cecil Olson  
Albert Peterson  
Bill Ray  
Jack Snyder  
Richard Todd  
Willard Westerland  
Gerald Williams

### WWII and Korean War

Glen A. Johnson

### Korean War

Eugene Benson  
Dave Ott

Gordon Elling  
Wallace Roeker

Roy Larson  
John Savage

Axel Edsel Nyberg

### Viet Nam

Hjalmer Nyberg\*\*\*  
James Sherrard  
Steve Stapelton  
Norman Swedberg

### Gulf Wars, Peace Time and Other Veterans

William Beseman  
Dennis Hagquist  
Bill Johnson  
Richard Moe  
Alan Swedberg  
Fred White

Donald Dooley  
Ron Hendrickson  
Kenneth Lidberg  
Cliff Roberts  
Darrel Westerland

Larry Duncan  
John Heimkes  
Arnold Mickelson  
Joann Roeker  
Howard Westerland

MEMORIAL DAY May 25, 2020

LAKESIDE CEMETERY

**World War I**

Floyd Thomsen  
Henry Tate  
Andrew Elg

**World War II**

Levi Peterson  
Albert Magnuson  
Harry Curtis  
Gottfred Long  
Stanley Elyea  
Thorwold Fisher  
Carl Long  
Millard Curtis  
Leverne Sjordahl  
Robert Anderson  
Louis Johnson  
Oscar Olson  
Robert Erickson  
Roy Peterson  
Charles Lofquist

**Korean War**

Reginald Burge  
Henry Ott  
Marvin Elg  
Donny Thomsen  
Joe Tully  
Daniel Johnson

**US Navy**

Kenneth Lofquist  
Wayne R Peterson

**Other**

Bob Maxwell  
Henry Gregorie  
Donald Tate  
Fred Knudson  
Philip Eklund  
Joe Hounder - Army