

If you have prayer requests you'd like included in our worship prayers, please go to the one of the Prayer List stands and write them down. They will be given to Seminarian Stoltzman before the worship prayers.



6th Week of Easter

Thursday, May 23, and Sunday, May 26, 2019

TODAY'S SERVANT: Seminarian Jacob Stoltzman

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays and the Thursday prior
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Thursday 6:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

<i>Elders:</i>	JJ Jones	<i>JJ Jones</i>
<i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i>	OPEN	<i>Dave Ziegler</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Xavier Ramon, Dylan Love	<i>Annika Chudy, Jacob Chudy</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	Don Heidlauf, Scott Mundrick	<i>Al Diercks, OPEN</i>
<i>Greeters:</i>	Lance and Pat Rasmussen	<i>Pavletic Family, OPEN</i>
<i>May Altar Guild:</i>	Diane Mundrick	<i>Debbie Wuethrick</i>
<i>May Counters:</i>	Dave and Cheryl Ross	

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Kelley Dorner in celebration of her mother's birthday (May 31)
and in memory of her father's birthday (May 22); and
The Stoltzman family in celebration of Jake's 27th birthday (May 23).

In Today's Prayers

*If you have something you'd like added,
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.*



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

Local Churches

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Circuit (area) churches:

Beautiful Savior-Antioch, Faith-Lake Forest, Good Shepherd-Lake Villa, Immanuel-Glenview, Lord of Glory-Grayslake, St. Matthew-Hawthorn Wood Grace-Northbrook, Community of Faith-Spring Grove, Redeemer-Waukegan Prince of Peace-Waukegan

GO! Together partner churches in Gurnee:

Gurnee Community, Joy!, Lakeland, Life, Village, New Abbey, Immanuel, La Viña, Epicenter, House of Prayer, Rebaño Condado de Lake, Wildwood Presbyterian, New Hope

Waukegan Churches participating in the Mosaic Learning Community

For more info, go to <http://mosaic.tiu.edu>

Christian Neighbors, First Presbyterian, Iglesia Emanuel, Journey, Living Waters Cathedral, New Abbey, Shiloh Baptist, Sign of the Dove, Vertical Encounter, Waukegan Baptist Bible, Waukegan Christian Faith Fellowship, Waukegan Community Church

Congregation Goal: Missional Living

Living as disciples among our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, families, friends, and daily living

DIVINE SERVICE (BETHEL SETTING)

This service is adapted from the Divine Services in Lutheran Service Book.

Opening Hymn *Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise* LSB 522 sts. 1-3, 7-8; tune: 580



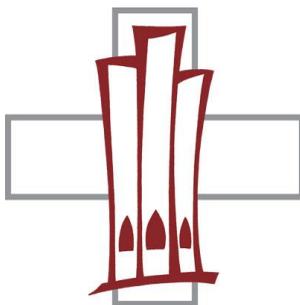
1 Lord God, to Thee we give all praise, With grate - ful
2 They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace And con - stant -
3 They nev - er rest nor sleep as we; Their whole de -
7 But watch - ful is the an - gel band That fol - lows
8 For this, now and in days to be, Our praise shall



hearts our voic - es raise, That an - gel hosts Thou
ly be - hold Thy face; They heed Thy voice, they
light is but to be With Thee, Lord Je - sus,
Christ on ev - 'ry hand To guard His peo - ple
rise, O Lord, to Thee, Whom all the an - gel



didst cre - ate A - round Thy glo - rious throne to wait.
know it well, In god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.
and to keep Thy lit - tle flock, Thy lambs and sheep.
where they go And break the coun - sel of the foe.
hosts a - dore With grate - ful songs for - ev - er - more.



Invocation, Exhortation, and Confession of Sins

Assisting Minister: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness... Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: *who made heaven and earth.*

A: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: *and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

A: *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the blessings of His Gospel, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

C: *Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.*

A: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Declaration of Grace

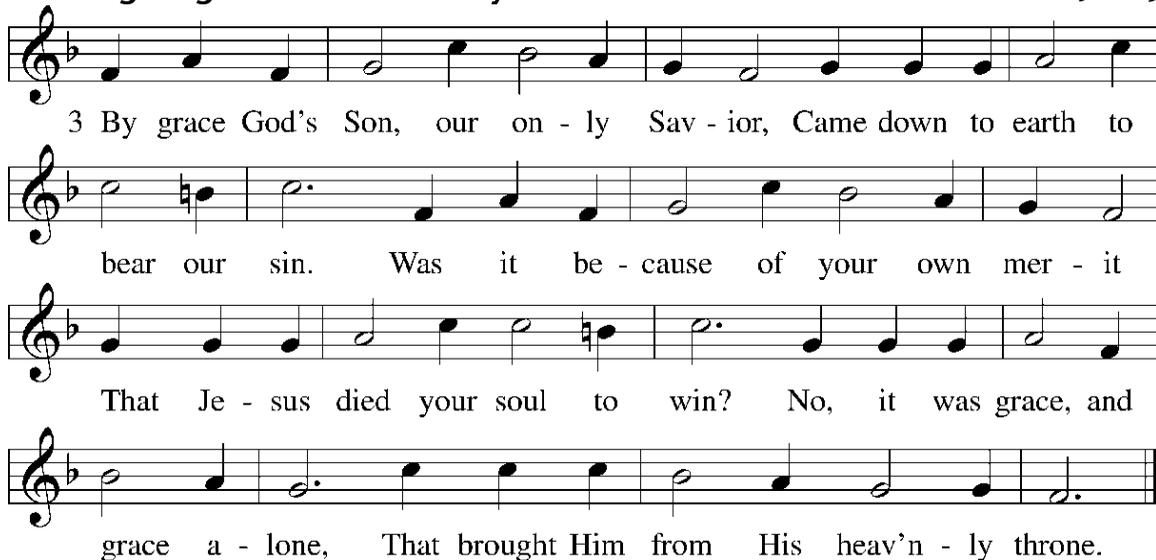
A: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Thanksgiving Verse

By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566 st. 3



3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

Hebrews 1:1–4, 14—2:9 (ESV)

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs...¹⁴Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–10 (ESV)

A: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.—And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.—And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days Be laud and



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
 ju - bi - lee and praise: To God your hearts and voic - es raise.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon "Seven Stanzas at Easter: Stanza 6 – make it a real angel"

And if we will have an angel at the tomb,
 make it a real angel,
 weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with hair,
 opaque in the dawn light, robed in real linen
 spun on a definite loom.

Full poem on pages 10-11

“Seven Stanzas at Easter”

by John Updike

Make no mistake: if He rose at all
it was as His body;
if the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the molecules
reknit, the amino acids rekindle,
the Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
each soft Spring recurrent;
it was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled
eyes of the eleven apostles;
it was as His flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes,
the same valved heart
that-pierced-died, withered, paused, and then
regathered out of enduring Might
new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
analogy, sidestepping, transcendence;
making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the
faded credulity of earlier ages:
let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mâché,
not a stone in a story,
but the vast rock of materiality that in the slow
grinding of time will eclipse for each of us
the wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the tomb,
make it a real angel,
weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with hair,
opaque in the dawn light, robed in real linen
spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
for our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,
lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are
embarrassed by the miracle,
and crushed by remonstrance.



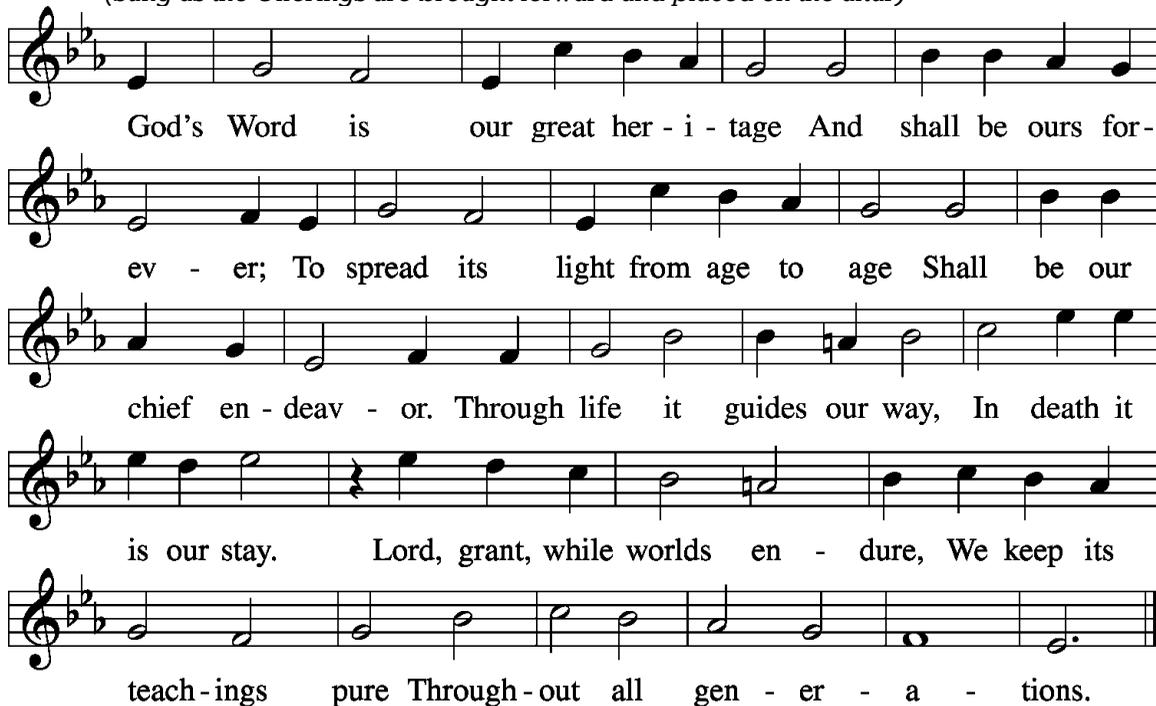
This poem was written by John Updike (1932-2009) for a religious arts festival sponsored by the Clifton Lutheran Church, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, in 1960. It can be found in Updike's poetry collection titled *Telephone Poles and Other Poems* (New York: Alfred A Knopp).

Offering

Offertory **God's Word Is Our Great Heritage**

LSB 582

(Sung as the Offerings are brought forward and placed on the altar)



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: 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.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

LSB 940 sts. 1-5



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

Announcements

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2019 Vacation Bible School

New VBS Format Weekend and Weekdays



Weekend - VBS for preschool to 8th grade!

- June 21 (Friday)** 5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Family meal will be served.
Followed by a Bible story, Bible challenge, and games.
- June 22 (Saturday)** 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided.
There will be Bible story, Bible challenge, games, and crafts.
- June 23 (Sunday)** 9:00 a.m.—Worship - VBS celebration will follow the service.

Parents and high school students who are not involved as VBS staff are encouraged to take part in a service project such as making blankets, quilts, etc. that could be donated to PADS, Love INC, or A Safe Place. Materials will be available both days.

Weekday - VBS for preschool to 1st grade!

- June 24 - June 26,** 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Snacks will be served.

Volunteers To participate as a volunteer you must be entering 9th grade. Check out the bulletin board in the hall by the fellowship hall to see volunteer opportunities.

Registration Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/2019BethelVBS>.

If you have questions, please see Carla Thompson, Diane Sanders, (VBS@bethelgurnee.org) or our Equipping Coordinator, Katrina Johns (katrina@bethelgurnee.org).



GO TOGETHER

Prayer Room

GO TOGETHER is a partnership of congregations in Gurnee (Bethel, Epicenter, Gurnee Community, House of Prayer, Immanuel, Joy! Lutheran, La Vina, Lakeland, Life, Village, and New Abbey). We encourage one another and work together in reaching out to our communities with the Gospel of Jesus.

One of the visible expressions of our partnership is the GO TOGETHER Prayer Room. This is a place for individuals and ministry groups to go to the Lord in prayer on behalf of friends, families, neighbors, the greater Gurnee Community and the nation. The room is located on Old Grand Ave (near Gurnee Community Church) and is available through the sign-up at www.go-together.org, 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year. For access to the prayer room, contact the church office.

This year we will once again focus on the month of June and encouraging our congregation to have someone in the Prayer Room for every hour of the month.

This year's theme will be
"Just Come . . . - June 2019 24/7 prayer".

Prayer walk stations will be:

Look up, Look Inward, Look Outward.

Also, we are asking for some tangible prayer requests from our partners like Love, Inc., PADS, Gurnee police department, etc. that we can share as we pray for the community.

Bethel's days in the Prayer Room are:

Saturday, June 8, Wednesday, June 12, & Wednesday, June 26.

You can sign up for a slot on any day that is available, but those 3 days are the ones that Bethel will especially try to fill.

