Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, May 18, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Prelude – Ben Corwyn

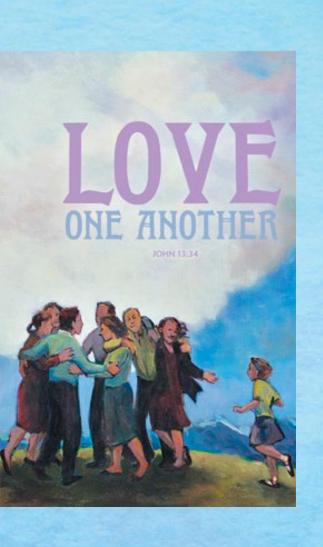


A New Commandment

(by David Blackwell)

THANKS FOR COMING

Opening Hymn



On Jordan's Stormy
Bank I Stand
red hymnal, ELW #437

On Jordan's stormy bank I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

On Jordan's Stormy Bank, ELW #437, Refrain

I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land. All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day; there God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

On Jordan's Stormy Bank, ELW #437, Refrain

I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land. No chilling winds or pois'nous breath can reach that healthful shore; sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

On Jordan's Stormy Bank, ELW #437, Refrain

I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest? When shall I see my Savior's face and in God's bosom rest?

I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

Easter Confession

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal.

P: In the presence of the living God,

C: we confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from You towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt Your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect Your creation.

Resurrect us, O God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit.

P: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ + proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" Know that you are washed anew in His rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace and live in the everlasting love of God.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy To the God of life and love and freedom Praise and glory forevermore! Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God.

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy To the God of life and love and freedom Praise and glory forevermore!

Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever.

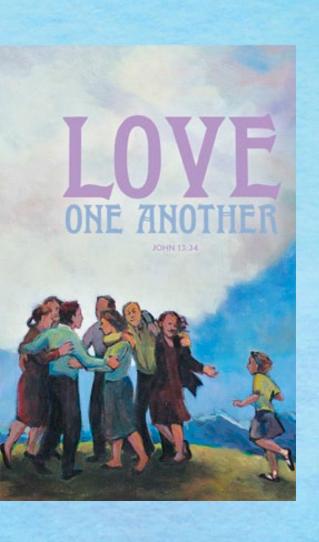
Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy To the God of life and love and freedom Praise and glory forevermore! For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new.

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy To the God of life and love and freedom Praise and glory forevermore!

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



First Reading Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision.

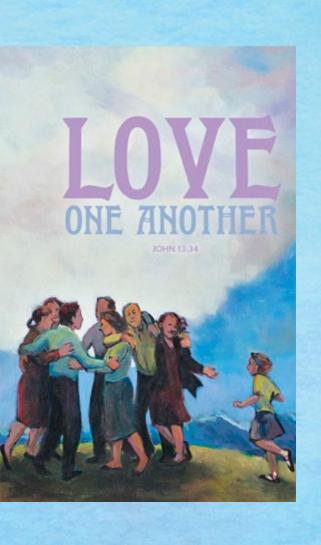
There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw fourfooted animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 71 also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'

⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

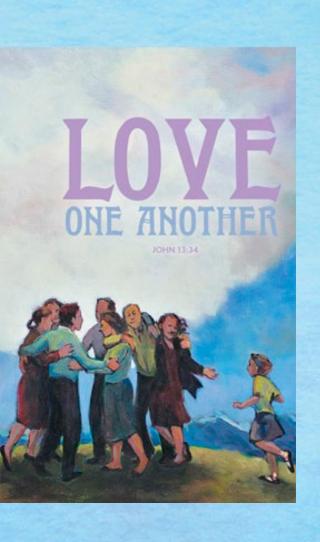
¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."



L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

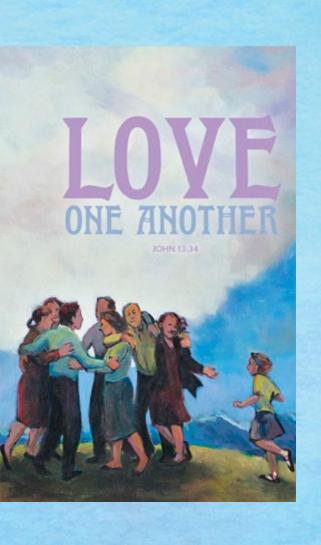


Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them; ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

Also He said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."



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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.



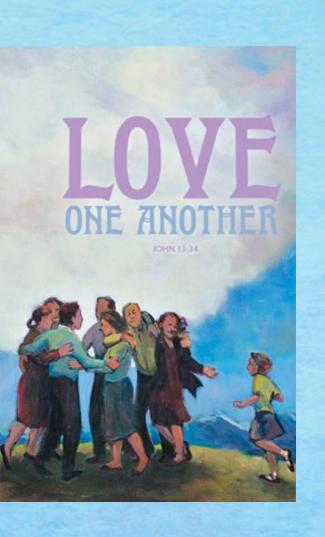
P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 13:31-35

³¹When He had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him. ³²If God has been glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself and will glorify Him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come."

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you,

O Christ.



Children's Conversation



Sermon - Pastor Brad

Hymn of the Day



They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side; We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come; And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son. And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before You in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

A: We commend these and all our prayers to You, O God, trusting that You are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

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Anthem

Help Us Accept Each Other

(John Ness Beck)

Sanctuary Choir

Offertory

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all Your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in You. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of Your love.

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all Your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in You. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with You.

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all Your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in You.

Offering Prayer

A: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Preface

Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!



Words of Institution

The 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.

Communion

You are welcome to move to the aisle as indicated by the ushers. Take an empty cup from the tray or a cup of grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Children who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing.

All are welcome, for it is the Lord's Table.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear:
 have mercy on us,
 mercy on us.

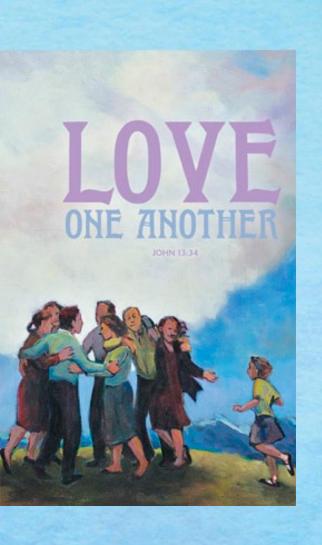
Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:
have mercy on us,
mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love.

Have mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn



You Satisfy the Hungry

Heart

ELW #484

You Satisfy, ELW #484, Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

You Satisfy, ELW #484, Verse 1

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice.

You Satisfy, ELW #484, Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food.

You Satisfy, ELW #484, Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

You Satisfy, ELW #484, Verse 3

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?

You Satisfy, ELW #484, Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

You Satisfy, ELW #484, Verse 4

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell: whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.

You Satisfy, ELW #484, Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

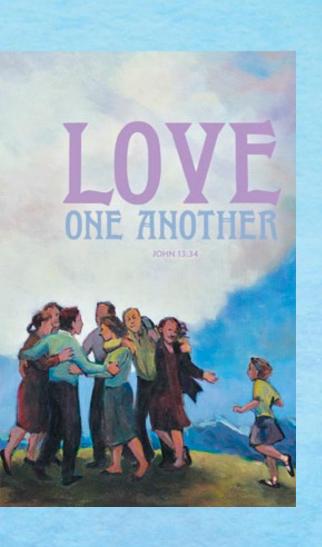
You Satisfy, ELW #484, Verse 5

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.

You Satisfy, ELW #484, Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Communion Hymn



Baptized and Set Free ELW #453

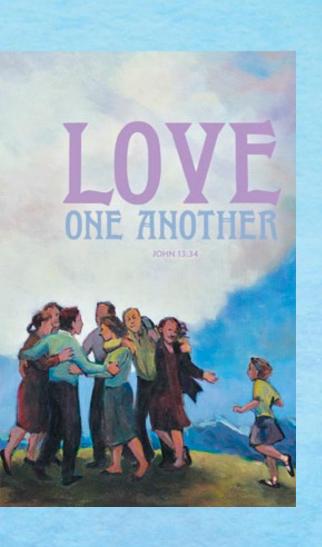
We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Communion Hymn



I Come With Joy ELW #482

I Come With Joy, ELW #482, Verse 1

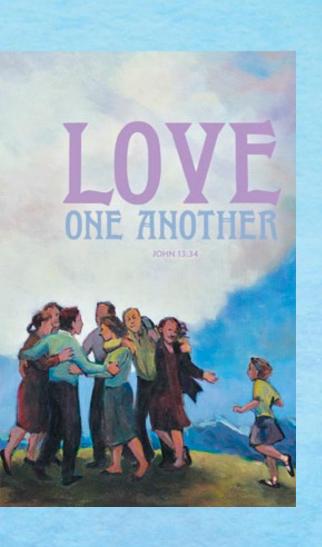
I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I Come With Joy, ELW #482, Verse 2

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here. Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Communion Hymn



Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer ELW #618

Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.



Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

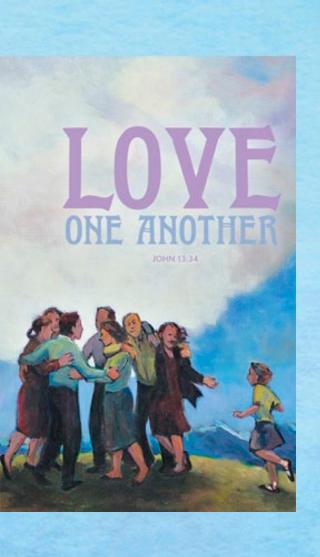
C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn



He Came Down ELW #253

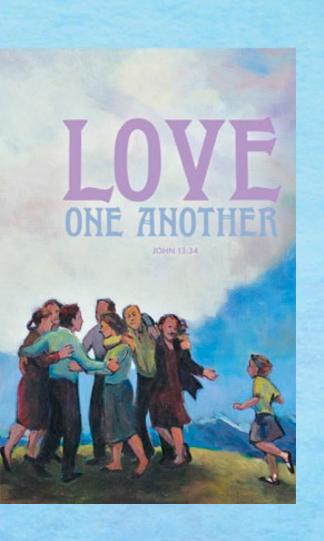
He came down that we may have love; He came down that we may have love; He came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have light; He came down that we may have light; He came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace; He came down that we may have peace; He came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.

Dismissal



P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed.

Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ

you are made new.

C: Thanks be to God.

GREAT WEEK

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Postlude – Ben Corwyn Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

arr. David Bednall

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