Give thanks to the LORD your God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORD'S PRAYER INVITATION TO THE TABLE LAMB OF GOD (See screen.)

## **COMMUNION/PRAYERS**

Please take an empty cup when you come forward for communion. We have gluten free wafers—let your server know of this need. There is both wine and grape juice. You may lift up your prayers after communion by lighting a candle. Make your own way back to your seat.

VIDEO DURING COMMUNION: Lalpa that na from *One In Christ* 

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Amen.

Blessing Song (See screen for words.)

The Lord bless you, and keep you
Make his face shine upon you
Be gracious to you
The lord turn his face toward you
And give you peace.
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

L: Go now in peace to love and serve the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE** 



Please join us after worship for a coffee fellowship with treats, beverages and friendly conversation.

## 7th Sunday of Easter, June 1, 2025

United Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake, MN



Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

## **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the People of God.

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME/GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 97 (The Message translation)

God rules: there's something to shout over!

On the double, mainlands and islands—celebrate!

2 Bright clouds and storm clouds circle 'round him; **Right and justice anchor his rule.** 

3 Fire blazes out before him, **Flaming high up the craggy mountains.** 

4 His lightnings light up the world; **Earth, wide-eyed, trembles in fear.** 

5 The mountains take one look at God **And melt, melt like wax before earth's Lord.** 

6 The heavens announce that he'll set everything right, **And everyone will see it happen—glorious!** 

7-8 All who serve handcrafted gods will be sorry— And they were so proud of their ragamuffin gods!

On your knees, all you gods—worship him! **And Zion, you listen and take heart!** 

Daughters of Zion, sing your hearts out: **God has done it all, has set everything right.** 

9 You, God, are High God of the cosmos, Far, far higher than any of the gods.

10 God loves all who hate evil, And those who love him he keeps safe, Snatches them from the grip of the wicked.

11 Light-seeds are planted in the souls of God's people, **Joy-seeds are planted in good heart-soil.** 

12 So, God's people, shout praise to God, **Give thanks to our Holy God!** 

OPENING SONG: Crown Him With Many Crowns #855 vss. 1, 3, 4

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **WORD**

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

SPARK STORY BIBLE: The Ascension pages 498-499

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: Halle Halle Hallelujah! (See screen.)

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

L: The Holy Gospel according to John in the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O LORD!

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

 $^{25}$ Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.  $^{26}$ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

L: This is the gospel of our LORD.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

**MESSAGE** 

SONG: One Bread, One Body #496

**OFFERING** 

PRAYERS Please respond to "God of grace" with, "Hear our prayer."

**MEAL** 

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the LORD.