

May 24, 2020 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Festival Hymn: # 855 - "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Verse 1

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

Verse 2

**Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

Verse 3

**Crown him the Lord of love- behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**

Verse 4

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

Verse 5

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail through-out eternity.**

Prayer of Day: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (Call and response)

L: ¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

C: ²As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

L: ³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

C: ⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice before God!

L: ⁵In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

C: ⁶you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.

L: ⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

C: ⁸the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

L: ⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

C: ¹⁰Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

L: ³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

C: ³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

L: ³⁴Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

C: ³⁵How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, 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. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴If 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. ^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: John 17:1-11 (*Please stand as you are able*)

¹After 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, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶"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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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."

Hymn of the Day: #857 "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"

**Lord, I lift you name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.**

The Prayers:

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.**

You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way, especially Judy Gravemann, Nancy Nord, George Campbell, Tom Diercks, Dean Kirkland, Marlene Roschen, Lloyd Roschen, Robert Reese, Karl Thomforde, Finley Budensiek, Billie Maher & Mark Beebe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

Sending Hymn: #838 "Beautiful Savior "

Verse 1

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

Verse 2

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

Verse 3

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.**

Verse 4

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be thine!**

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May 24, 2020 - Announcements

Scholarship: Congratulations to Reagan O'Connor and Payten Plank on being awarded the O'Reilly Scholarship this year. They will each receive \$200 upon the completion of their first semester at college.

Worship: Join Pastor Kris live on Facebook or via the Zoom app at 9:30AM on Sunday mornings. Services are also posted to our YouTube channel after it has aired live. Links to Facebook and YouTube are on St. Luke's website. Bulletins, inserts with hymns can be downloaded on St. Luke's website as well.

SWAG: The 9-12th graders can join Michelle on Wednesday evenings through the month of May for a short lesson & devotion. A link invite will be emailed to you. Contact the Michelle with any questions.

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Students: Pastor Kris will continue to meet with you via Zoom online on Wednesday evenings through the month of May. A Zoom invitation link will be emailed to you weekly.

As of now we are planning for a Confirmation service when we are able to resume worship in person again.

Call Process: The committee has called the first list of pastoral candidates and are waiting to hear back with their questions before moving on to the next step. We'll keep the congregation updated as they move forward with this process.

Food Shelf: Food Shelf donations are especially needed during this time of struggle with the Covid-19 uncertainty. Drop off your non-perishable food items in the box located inside the entrance near the alley door. Your items will be brought to the Zumbrota food shelf still at this time of closure. Thank you to the many people who have been dropping off food donations!

Giving During Closure: At this time of closure please consider your financial gifts through online giving or by mailing your checks to St. Luke Church. Online giving helps keep our offering steady throughout the year. We offer the option to give one-time or recurring gifts online through Vanco Services. Everything you need to get started can be found on our website www.stlukegoodhue.org under Online Giving. You'll be directed to Vanco's secure giving site where you can enroll and make your gift. Sara Nolte, our treasurer is happy to help with any questions saramollenhauer@gmail.com or contact the office at 651-923-4695.

Those in need: If you know of anyone in need at this time please contact Pastor Kris, a council member or leave a voice message or email the office.

Fabric for Masks Needed: Naomi Berland is continuing to make a variety of sized face masks. She could use more fabric. Please drop off at the church, inside the alley door, any woven fabric such as sheets, pillow cases, shirts, flannels, etc. that you don't want. If you need a mask she recently left many new sizes at the church (kids and XL adult), so please take what your family needs.

VBS: As of now VBS is scheduled to happen at the end of this summer in smaller groups. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Quilting Update: Due to our current circumstances we will not be doing a blessing of the quilts this year. Here is an update from our quilters "We have had an interesting year starting with the winter snow storms and ending with the COVID-19 virus. This year with a little help of working at home we are sending off 50 quilts for world relief and 7 quilts for our graduating seniors. We made 5 quilts for the Christmas project lap quilts for shut-ins and the Ronald McDonald House. We continue to make quilts for babies who are baptized here at St. Luke. Ladies that worked on quilts this year were: Naomi Berland, Jo Buck, Nancy Gadiant, Betty Johnson, Kay Kurtti, Bev O'Reilly and Anna Pabst.

~Respectfully submitted by Anna Pabst

Prayers: We continue to pray for all members of the congregation and family members of the congregation with new and chronic health conditions, including Judy Gravemann (Nick's Mother), Nancy Nord, George Campbell (Kelly Reherder's father); Tom Diercks (Danielle Ramthun's husband), Dean Kirkland, Marlene Roschen, Lloyd Roschen, Robert Reese, Karl Thomforde, Finley Budensiek, Billie Maher (sister of Barbie Collins and niece of Debbi St. John) & Billie's spouse Mark Beebe. If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please contact the office.