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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

PRELUDE *Please gather in silence to prepare for worship*

Stand

GATHERING HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy 656

Without holiness no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14

1. Take time to be ho - ly, Speak oft with thy Lord; A - bide in Him
2. Take time to be ho - ly, The world rush-es on; Spend much time in
3. Take time to be ho - ly, Let Him be thy Guide, And run not be-
4. Take time to be ho - ly, Be calm in thy soul- Each tho't and each

al - ways And feed on His Word. Make friends with God's chil - dren, Help
se - cret With Je - sus a - lone. By look - ing to Je - sus, Like
fore Him, What - ev - er be - tide. In joy or in sor - row Still
mo - tive Be - neath His con - trol. Thus led by His Spir - it To

those who are weak; For - get - ting in noth - ing His bless - ing to seek.
Him thou shalt be; Thy friends in thy con - duct His like - ness shall see.
fol - low thy Lord, And, look - ing to Je - sus, Still trust in His Word.
foun - tains of love, Thou soon shall be fit - ted For ser - vice a - bove.

TEXT: William D. Longstaff
MUSIC: George C. Stebbins

HOLINESS
6.5.6.5.D.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel, sit or stand

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

Stand

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.

KYRIE

Cantor, then All Lord, have mer - cy. *Cantor, then All* Christ, have mer -
cy. *Cantor, then All* Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical score for the Kyrie consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with the lyrics 'Lord, have mercy.' and 'Christ, have mercy.' The second staff continues the lyrics 'cy.' and 'Lord, have mercy.' The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of three flats and a 6/8 time signature. It features a melodic line with a cantorial style, indicated by the 'Cantor, then All' markings.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. 1. We

Verse 1
praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will.

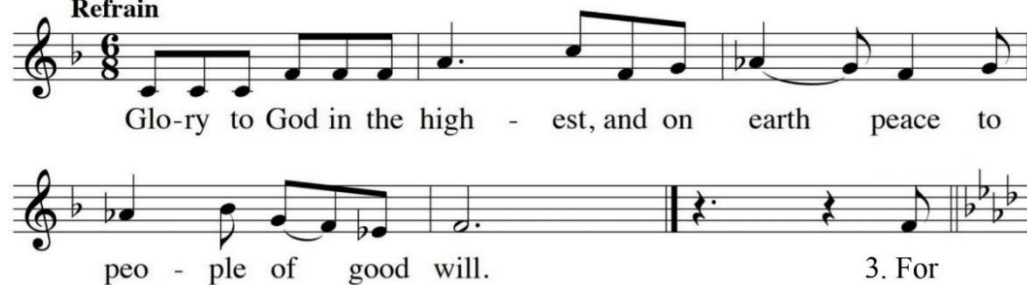
The musical score for the Hymn of Praise is divided into a Refrain and Verse 1. The Refrain is repeated at the beginning and end of the section. The Verse 1 contains the main body of the hymn. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of three flats and a 6/8 time signature. It features a melodic line with a cantorial style, indicated by the 'Cantor, then All' markings.

Verse 2



2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa -
ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us; you take a - way the
sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa -
ther, have mer - cy on us.

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. 3. For

Verse 3

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Pastoral Prayer
- C **Amen.**



Be seated

FIRST READING: I SAMUEL 15:1-26

¹⁰ Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: ¹¹ “I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.” Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the LORD all that night.

¹² Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul, but he was told, “Saul has gone to Carmel. There he has set up a monument in his own honor and has turned and gone on down to Gilgal.”

¹³ When Samuel reached him, Saul said, “The LORD bless you! I have carried out the LORD’s instructions.”

¹⁴ But Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?”

¹⁵ Saul answered, “The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the LORD your God, but we totally destroyed the rest.”

¹⁶ “Enough!” Samuel said to Saul. “Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night.”

“Tell me,” Saul replied.

¹⁷ Samuel said, “Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. ¹⁸ And he sent you on a mission, saying, ‘Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.’ ¹⁹ Why did you not obey the LORD? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the LORD?”

²⁰ “But I did obey the LORD,” Saul said. “I went on the mission the LORD assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king. ²¹ The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal.”

²² But Samuel replied:

“Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD?”

To obey is better than sacrifice,
and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

²³ For rebellion is like the sin of divination,
and arrogance like the evil of idolatry.

Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,
he has rejected you as king.”

²⁴ Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned. I violated the LORD’s command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them. ²⁵ Now I beg you, forgive my sin and come back with me, so that I may worship the LORD.”

²⁶ But Samuel said to him, “I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you as king over Israel!”

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49:16-20

R ¹⁶ Do not be overawed when others grow rich,
when the splendor of their houses increases;

C ¹⁷ **for they will take nothing with them when they die,
their splendor will not descend with them.**

¹⁸ Though while they live they count themselves blessed—
and people praise you when you prosper—

¹⁹ **they will join those who have gone before them,
who will never again see the light of life.**

²⁰ People who have wealth but lack understanding
are like the beasts that perish.

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

R The word of the Lord.

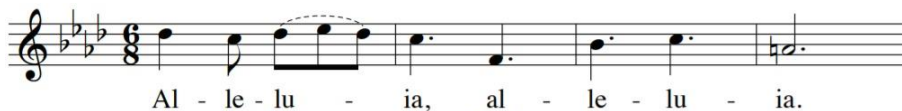
C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT



Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-22

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.

¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’^[d]”

²⁰ “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²² At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated

SERMON “The Seven Deadly Sins: Greed vs. Charity”

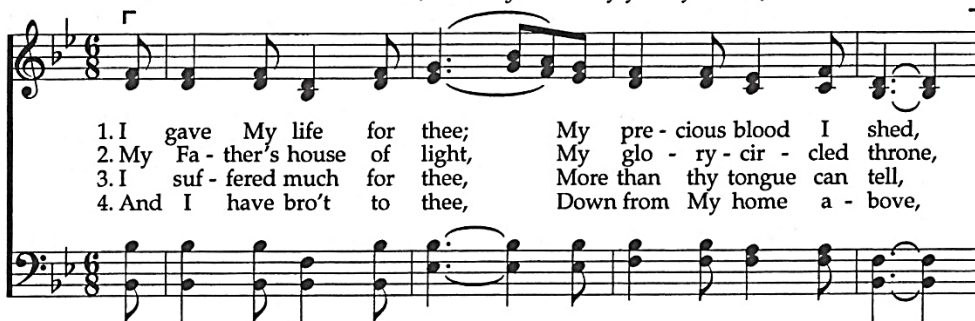
Moment of silent reflection after sermon

Pastor Phil Hohulin



I Gave My Life for Thee 675

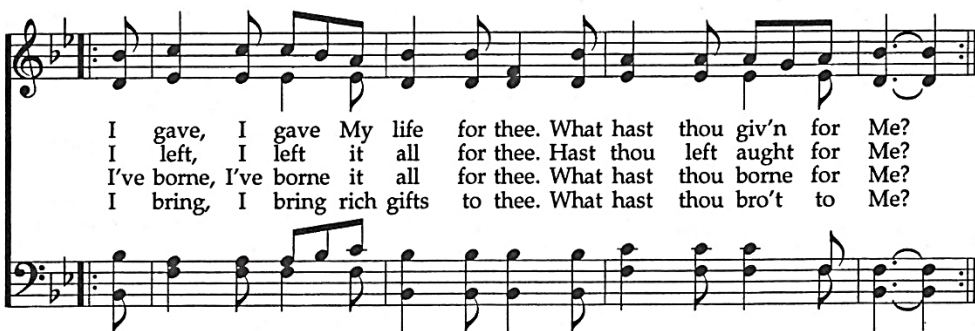
Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13



1. I gave My life for thee; My pre - cious blood I shed,
 2. My Fa - ther's house of light, My glo - ry - cir - cled throne,
 3. I suf - fered much for thee, More than thy tongue can tell,
 4. And I have bro't to thee, Down from My home a - bove,



That thou might ran - somed be, And quick - ened from the dead.
 I left for earth - ly night, For wan - d'rings sad and lone.
 Of bit - t'rest ag - o - ny, To res - cue thee from hell.
 Sal - va - tion full and free, My par - don and My love.



I gave, I gave My life for thee. What hast thou giv'n for Me?
 I left, I left it all for thee. Hast thou left aught for Me?
 I've borne, I've borne it all for thee. What hast thou borne for Me?
 I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee. What hast thou bro't to Me?

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss

KENOSIS
 Irregular meter

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.**

Kneel/sit/stand

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:

A God our Rescuer, save us from every vice that would conspire against us and strengthen in us every virtue in conformity to your Son. Help us to be generous with our time, our abilities, and our possessions. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Caring God, your word tells "as a mother comforts her child, I will comfort you" (Isa. 66:13). We give you thanks for all the women in our lives who have nurtured, raised, and instilled in us a deep, abiding faith in you. Give all mothers the patience and grace to care for their families, trusting in you for guidance. We pray for all who have nurtured and mentored children in your ways. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Loving Lord, you are the source of all peace and healing for our lives. Grant us peace no matter our circumstances. Grant us your healing power whether we are ill in body, mind, or spirit. [We pray especially for ...] Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Sovereign King of all, bestow your wisdom, strength, protection, and courage upon all who serve in our armed forces. Grant also these virtues to all elected representatives of our republic. Guard them from corruption and temptation. Conform their wills to your will and enable them to lead according to your statutes. Assist them to ensure the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all, from first heartbeat to last. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Head of the Church, bless the leaders of our denomination: our bishop Dan Selbo; his assistants Amy, Gemechis, Phillip, Andrew, Eric, Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky; and the staff and faculty of our North American Lutheran Seminary. Raise a new generation of pastors to shepherd your flock. Enhance the missional efforts of all congregations that faithfully proclaim your word. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Stand

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.



Be seated

OFFERING

Special Music

Stand

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and moving lines.

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key and time signature as the first. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes, and the accompaniment provides a steady harmonic support.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with
you. Lift up your hearts. We
lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the
Lord our God. It is right and just.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, and with angels and archangels, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
Lord, God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C 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.**

Be seated

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. *(Repeat from beginning)* Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

**White grape juice is in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers available at the rail upon request.*

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the *bread and the *wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to serve him. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: Amen.*



Stand

PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (V3 Only)

Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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BLESSING

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.

SENDING HYMN

670 Make Me a Blessing

The memory of the righteous will be a blessing. Proverbs 10:7

1. Out in the high-ways and by-ways of life, Man-y are wea-ry and
2. Tell the sweet sto - ry of Christ and His love; Tell of His pow'r to for-
3. Give as 'twas giv - en to you in your need; Love as the Mas-ter loved the

The first system of music features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The bass line is written on a separate staff below the lyrics.

sad. Car - ry the sun - shine where dark - ness is rife, Mak - ing the
wea - ry and sad. Oth - ers will trust Him if on - ly you prove True ev - ery
give. Be to the help - less a help - er in - deed; Un - to your
pow'r to for - give. you.
Mas - ter loved you.

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It includes the same musical notation (treble and bass clefs, key signature, and time signature) and lyrics.

Refrain

sor - row - ing glad.
 mo - ment you live. Make me a bless - ing; make me a bless - ing.
 mis - sion be true.

Out of my life may Je - sus shine. Make me a bless - ing, O
 Out of my life

Sav - ior, I pray. Make me a bless - ing to some - one to - day.
 I pray Thee, my Sav - ior.

TEXT: Ira B. Wilson
 MUSIC: George S. Schuler

SCHULER
 10.7.10.7 with Refrain

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Altar Flowers: In celebration of Mother's Day the altar flowers are in honor of all the wonderful women of Grace.



Welcome to our guests!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to come and get to know us at the pace that fits who you are, where you are on your spiritual journey, and to explore with us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, Tidings of Grace, please send an email to our administrative assistant, Brenda, at gracewcsecretary@yahoo.com.



Servant Schedule

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May 5 Shirley Schryver
May 12 N'Anne Knight
May 19 Joe Costantino
May 26 Sandy Rice

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Leslie Jackson
Eric Spahr
Steve Gross
Deborah Ross

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May 5 Sally & Sandy
May 12 Wanda & Steve
May 19 Pam & Sandy

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Chris
Heather
Cassie



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As a congregation of the
North American Lutheran Church
we are guided by four core values:

1. Christ Centered
2. Mission Driven
3. Traditionally Grounded
4. Congregationally Focused



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