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Worship via Facebook Live

Welcome -- Announcements

Remembrance of Special Days - Baptisms/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Gratitude for and Remembrance of Veterans (Memorial Day Weekend)

Introduction to Today's Worship

Hymn – ELW #838 "Beautiful Savior" verses 1 and 4

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the flow'rs of spring;
bright in the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more the be thine!

Prayer of the Day

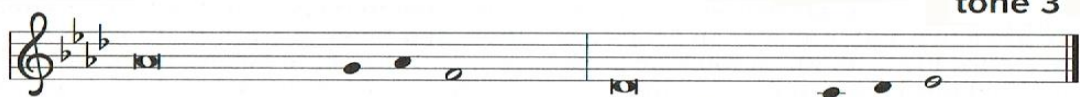
O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,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

First Reading -- Acts 1:6-14

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (read together in Unison)



Let God arise,
and let God's ene-¹ mies be scattered;
let those who ¹ hate God flee.

²As smoke is driven away,
so you should drive ¹ them away;
as the wax melts before the fire,
so let the wicked perish
at the pres-¹ ence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad
and rejoice ¹ before God;
let them also be mer-¹ ry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;
exalt the one who ¹ rides the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice ¹ before God!

⁵In your holy habita-¹ tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans,
defend-¹ er of widows;

⁶you give the solitary a home
and bring forth prisoners
¹ into freedom;
but the rebels shall live
in ¹ desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth
be-¹ fore your people,
when you marched
¹ through the wilderness,

⁸the earth quaked,
and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God,
the ¹ God of Sinai,
at the presence of God,
the ¹ God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful ¹ rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance
¹ when it languished.

¹⁰Your people found their ¹ home in it;
in your goodness, O God,
you have made provision ¹ for the poor.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms ¹ of the earth;
sing praises ¹ to the Lord.

³³You ride in the heavens, O God,
in the ¹ ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice,
your ¹ mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe pow-¹ er to God,
whose majesty is over Israel;
whose strength is ¹ in the skies.

³⁵How wonderful you are
in your holy places,
O ¹ God of Israel,
giving strength and power
to your people! ¹ Blessed be God!

Second Reading -- 1 Peter 4:12-14,5:6-11

12 Beloved, 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 in so far 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.

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 throughout 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

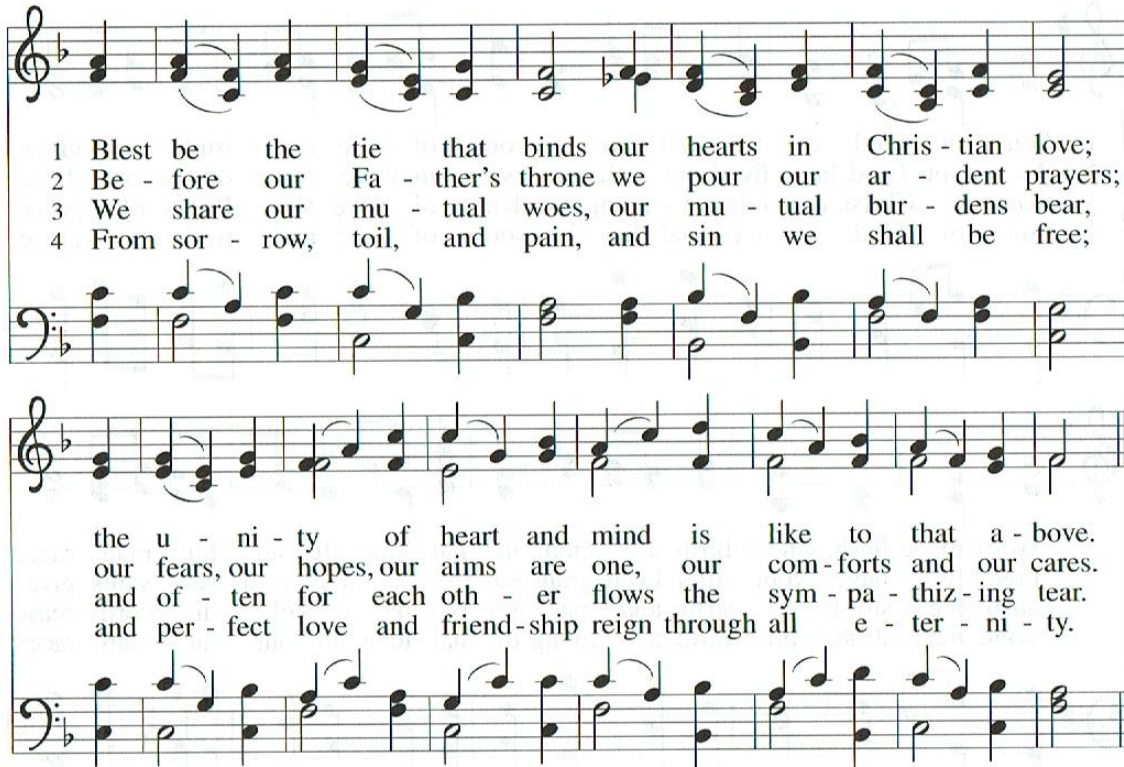
Gospel - John 17:1-11

17After Jesus had spoken these words, 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.

Dialog Sermon - Pastors Donna and David Deal

Hymn - ELW #656 - "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Prayers for our Church, our World, All People --

Pastor: God of unity, hear us, **People:** Your mercy is great

Lord's Prayer

Easter Peace

Blessing

Dismissal -- Pastor: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Johnny Hesser; George Kreitz; Dean Litzenberger; Alison Rhine and Family; Silas Rodenbach; Gerri Seipt; Hal Taylor; and Carolyn Williams.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Phyllis Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Reta Bieber; Jason Bigley; Julia Bizon; Marci Boettger; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Frannie Brooks; Jorge Ann Brown; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Josie Crown; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Mary Jane Gallegher; Ken Garey; Oswin Gaun; Candie Gimbar; Florence Gonzalez; Randy Hack; Douglas Harris; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Paige Jipner; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Alex Kaki; Jean Kaki; Martine King; Kara Kline; Aleena Lang; Joanne Dehel Lavin; Macey Litz; Barbara Lynch; Mike Manfra; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merkhams; Andrea Miller; Janet Murray; Jeff Musnung; Steven Neff; Kyle Newman; Clint O'Connor; LeeAnn Overdorff; Agapoula (Pipitsa) Papageorgiou; David Parker; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Sarah Rhine; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Laurel Sheetz; Gary Shollenberger; Donna Storm; Alex Trebek; Alex Ulrey; Rudolf von Watzdorf; Michelle Woodruff; and Sandra Zimmerman. ALSO, Laura, Kelly, Charlie D., Charlie L., and Jane.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo and Ken Eck; and Elfriede Marschewski.

For the Grieving: The families of Manfred Marschewski and Helen Ballek.

For those in Health Care: Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Faye Gadwell; Morgan Litz; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; Linda Sauter, and Sharron Streletz.



On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and honor those who gave their lives in service to their country.

Veterans

Those who have died: Edward J. Ballek, Edward Crouse, Leo P. Fox, Gene Gribbin, David H. Holland (killed in action), Myron Kressman, W. Robert Litzenberger, John Luther (killed in action), Robert J. Newcomb, Harold E. Nicholas, and Christopher S. Seifert (killed in action).

Those who are with us now: James Altemose, Steven Dickson, Robert Fox, Scott Gaun, Michael Hesser, Paul McGinn, Wayne Mesko, James Miller, David Pyne, Blake Rodd, Silas Rodenbach, Hal Taylor, and Edward H. Xander.