

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025 – 10:30 am

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### AS WE GATHER

The power of Easter lies not just in the life it offers us, but also in the way we are recruited to be life-bringers. This week, the role of love in leading us to life ... and enabling us to bring life to others ... stands out in the Lectionary. Love is never easy, it is always messy, unpredictable and scandalously inclusive. But, if we seek to follow Christ, we cannot avoid the privilege and the responsibility we have to be people of love. May your worship lead into this love of Christ, and into His life, a little more this week.

**OPENING PRAISE SONG:** “Start a Fire” © Unspoken

#### Verse 1

This world can be cold and bitter Feels like we're in the dead of winter  
Waiting on something better But am I really gonna hide forever?  
Over and over again I hear Your voice in my head  
Let Your light shine, let Your light shine for all to see

#### Chorus

Start a fire in my soul Fan the flame and make it grow  
So there's no doubt or denying Let it burn so brightly  
That everyone around can see  
That it's You, that it's You that we need to start a fire in me

#### Verse 2

You only need a spark to start a whole blaze It only takes a little faith  
Let it start right here in this city So these old walls will never be the same  
Over and over again I hear Your voice in my head  
They need to know I need to go  
Spirit won't you fall on my heart now

#### Chorus

Start a fire in my soul Fan the flame and make it grow  
So there's no doubt or denying Let it burn so brightly  
That everyone around can see  
That it's You, that it's You that we need to start a fire in me

You are the fire You are the flame You are the light on the darkest day  
We have the hope, we bear Your name

We carry the news that You have come to save Only You can save

#### Chorus

Start a fire in my soul Fan the flame and make it grow  
So there's no doubt or denying Let it burn so brightly  
That everyone around can see  
That it's You, that it's You that we need to start a fire in me

You are the fire You are the flame You are the light on the darkest day  
Yeah, start a fire in me

### WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREET ONE ANOTHER

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?  
People: **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

Pastor: We come humbly before You, O Lord, recognizing that we have not always responded to Your grace in faithfulness and obedience. Often we feel we deserve more or better, forgetting and rejecting Your Word and Your works of salvation.

People: **At times, we are lured by the world’s deceptions, consumed by greed, passion, and desire. We fail to be thoroughly grounded in the Joy of Your Word. Forgive us, dear Lord, for rejoicing in the temporal treasures on earth instead of the eternal treasures of heaven.**

Pastor: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

People: **Forgive my impatience and my neglect. By Your Spirit, lead me to greater faith, humility, service, and repentance until Your call to eternal glory comes.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**PRAISE SONG:** Leaning Brian Elmquist | Jacob Sooter | Lizzie Morgan | Matt Maher

Verse 1

Let my yes be yes to You oh Lord  
Let my no be no to things of this world  
If I rise or fall if I stand at all  
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Chorus

What a fellowship what a joy divine What a priceless gift  
God I'm Yours and You are mine  
Let my restless soul be still and know  
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Verse 2

From the morning sun and mercies new  
To the evening stars every promise is true  
As I walk this world I'm held by You  
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Chorus

What a fellowship what a joy divine What a priceless gift  
God I'm Yours and You are mine  
Let my restless soul be still and know  
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Bridge

The more I'm leaning the more I'm finding  
Feels less like dying  
More like living for Heaven on Earth

Bridge

The more I'm leaning the more I'm finding  
Feels less like dying  
More like living for Heaven on Earth

Bridge

The more I'm leaning the more I'm finding  
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Chorus

What a fellowship what a joy divine What a priceless gift  
God I'm Yours and You are mine  
Let my restless soul be still and know  
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Ending

I am leaning on Your everlasting arms CCLI Song # 7192530

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray together.  
**All: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **TIME IN THE WORD**

### **Children’s Bible Reading:** Page 330

#### **First Reading:** Acts 11:1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So, when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.” Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’ “I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. “Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’ “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ So, if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?” When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.” Here ends the Reading.

#### **Epistle Reading:** Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 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 without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God, and they will be my children. Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

### **The Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35**

When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Here ends the Reading.

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE**

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **OFFERING | TREASURE BOX**

**OFFERING SONG:** “Build My Life”      Younker | Martin | Kaple | Redman | Barrett

### **Verse 1**

Worthy of ev’ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev’ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You We live for You

### **Verse 2**

Jesus the name above ev’ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You We live for You

**Chorus**

Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

**Verse 2**

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You We live for You

**Chorus**

Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

**Bridge**

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken  
**(Repeat Bridge)**

**Chorus**

Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

**Bridge**

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken  
**(Repeat Bridge)**

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**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**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.**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG:** The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours) Bryan Fowler | Jacob Sooter | Matt  
Maher CCLI Song # 7200544

**Verse**

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done  
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart  
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done  
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

**Chorus**

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us  
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them  
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one  
Let your kingdom come

**Verse**

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done  
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart  
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done  
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

**Chorus**

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us  
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them  
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one  
Let your kingdom come

**Bridge**

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours The kingdom the power  
The glory are Yours It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours  
Forever and ever The kingdom is Yours  
**(Repeat Bridge)**

**Verse**

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done  
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart  
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done  
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

**Ending**

On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

**SEND OFF**

Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,  
**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**

