



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Cross of Hope Lutheran Church
May 2, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. Online



GATHERING MUSIC *In the Secret*

In the secret, in the quiet place, in the stillness You are there. In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You, 'cause I want to know You more.

Chorus I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice,
 I want to know You more. I want to touch You,
 I want to see Your face, I want to know You more.

I am reaching for the highest goal, that I might receive the prize. Pressing onward, pushing ev'ry hindrance aside, out of my way, 'cause I want to know You more.

Chorus

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WELCOME AND THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We thank you, risen Christ. Alleluia!

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

We bless you, risen Christ. Alleluia!

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Make us one. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN *We Know That Christ Is Raised* ELW 449

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
 and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!

2. We share by water in his saving death.
 Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
 as living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!

3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
 The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
 Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Hallelujah!

4. A new creation comes to life and grows
 as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
 The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS Acts 8:26-40; John 15:1-8

SERMON Pastor Adam Berndt
Worship Series: Faith-filled Living in a New Age
Exploring the Possibilities

HYMN *That's Why We Praise Him*

He came to live, live a perfect life;
 He came to be the living Word, our light.
 He came to die so we'd be reconciled;
 He came to rise to show His power and might.

Refrain That's why we praise Him, that's why we sing;
 That's why we offer Him our everything.
 That's why we bow down and worship this King,
 'cause He gave His everything,
 'cause He gave His everything.

He came to live, live again in us;
 He came to be our conquering King and friend.
 He came to heal and show the lost ones His love;
 He came to go prepare a place for us. **Refrain**

Halle, hallelujah Halle, hallelujah
 Halle, hallelujah Halle, hallelujah **Refrain**

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PRAYERS *Hear us, O God...Your mercy is great.*

TIME OF OFFERING *Your continued giving through the ministries of Cross of Hope is greatly appreciated.*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Let All Things Now Living ELW 881

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us protected and stayed us who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us God's light goes before us a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished as forward we travel from light into light.

2. God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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NOTES ON OUR CONTINUED JOURNEY

SONG *Love the Lord*

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength
(Repeat)

Chorus 1 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength; Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength; (Repeat)

With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength; I will serve the Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength.

I will love You; (*I will love You*);
I will praise You; (*I will praise You*)
I will serve You; (*I will serve You*);
I will trust You, Lord. (*I will trust You*)

With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength (Repeat)

I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength (Repeat)

I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength.

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COMMUNION

Participate in communion in one of two ways: 1- come to Cross of Hope between 10-10:30am today, or 2- continue digitally at home.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the world, from the earth You give us bread to eat.**

He 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. **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, through your goodness you give us the fruit of the vine.**

He 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."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION *Shine, Jesus Shine* ELW 671

Refrain Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us; Set us free by the truth You now bring us, Shine on me, shine on me. **Refrain**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me, shine on me. **Refrain**

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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