



I will extol you, O Lord, for you lifted me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O

Lord, you brought up my soul from the place of the dead, you restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you who love God, and give thanks to God's holy name. For God's anger is but for a moment; but God's favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. -Psalm 30:1-5

Grace and peace to you from God and our Risen Lord, Amen.

I want to start my hello to you in this place of gratitude from Psalm 30. I am truly grateful to you for welcoming me as your new pastor during this time when it feels we are walking in Sheol, the place of the dead, and the pit. It is important to claim those moments of praise and gratitude now more than ever, because gratitude is one of the easiest things to let slip by when things get rough. And so I will extol it again: I am grateful to be your pastor! I am grateful that you have called me and invited me into your lives.

The promise of Psalm 30 is that God is most certainly present with us in these days of great distress, great anxiety and great need.

What well-needed comfort are the words that "weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning." This is how God works in our lives in times like these. God weeps with us in the evening, and creates new joy with the dawn. God is there lifting us up from the places we see only death and separation, and God does the hard work of restoring us to life and the singing of praises. This does not mean that the wilderness and the pit and the tears and the anxiety go away. It means that God is giving us strength to persevere through them, and God promises that those things will not have the last word. But God will lift us up from where we have fallen, make us to stand, and give us good courage to find joy in the new Easter Dawn. God gives us the strength to get through these days that feel like a year apiece.

I am getting tired of hearing and saying these words: but this is a strange time. It is an even stranger time to be starting something new together. It is a strange time to be trying to buy a house, to be moving, and to begin ministry in a new place. Things are moving

slowly and weirdly and they will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. I will be starting my time with you remotely. Our current plan is to hold worship via zoom, I will set up a weekly digital video meeting for the same time we would normally have service on a Sunday morning at 10:30 am. I will also be recording audio of my sermon and sending out a written sermon transcript for those who are unable to attend the digital Sunday worship. At this time I am still working on a plan for what remote Saturday evening worship might look like, and if there is a way we could reach more people in a different way than the Sunday Zoom meeting. For now, let us start with Sunday Zoom meetings and we will work slowly to honor both worship times as best we can. I will keep you posted as things develop.

As advised by our local and national bishops, and by Martin Luther in his writings about worship in a time of crisis, we will continue to fast from Holy Communion during this time. Jesus instituted the Lord's supper when he and the disciples were together in the same place in the upper room. It is an intimate feast held at a time of close and profound togetherness. As this is our model for holy communion, I believe it would do violence to this sacrament to try and hold such a meal remotely. Therefore, we will wait until we too can gather together in Christ's intimacy before we share communion again. Until that time, let us take comfort in God's presence and promise to be with us in God's Word. Words alone are sufficient for God to be physically present as Jesus would be physically with us in the wine and bread of communion. For as it says in Romans 10: "faith happens to us in the hearing, and any time the word of Christ is spoken God does the work of faith in us." So in hearing God's Word, we have God's assurance that Christ will show up. Or again going back to Psalm 30 that I started with: this fast from communion may endure for a moment while things are dark, but God's favor, love, and forgiveness for us last for lifetimes. "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning."

-Pastor Tommy.

Roofing Project Contributors
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While we can't be together for worship at this time,
you can still mail in your offering envelopes.



The Family Of Robert Panek, Lila, Joel, & Jason. Bob passed away on April 25th. There will be a Memorial Service at a later date.



We would like to recognize our high school graduate Brittney Bellville. Brittney is the daughter of Carl Belleville and Deb Arenz.

Circle News

The Circles will resume their regular schedule in September. Have a GREAT SUMMER ladies!!

Join us for Bible Study

Bible Study will be back in the fall. See you in September!



From the Decorating Committee

Pentecost is May 31st this year and we would once again like to decorate the sanctuary with red Geraniums if we are able to have worship. A order form is included in the Beacon for your convenience and can be mailed with your offering or contact Shirley in the office. The cost is \$3.75 and you need to have your orders in by May 24th. *** If the Stay Home, Stay Safe order is still in effect, you will be able to pick your plants up in the church parking lot.***

*Gifts to our congregation have been given in
memory of*

Ethel Holm

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Colleen Smith—Memorial fund

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Cindy Nelson—Memorial

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Do you have a musical talent? Do you sing or play an instrument? If you do and would like to help out with Special

If you have email, please send your email address to the church office—shirley.leitgeb@zionmanistique.org.



A Special
THANK YOU



Thank you to Pastors Steve Gauger and Dennis Meyette who served as our Interim Pastors during our pastoral vacancy. Also, thank you to all the people who led us in worship: Pastor Ellie Russey, Clyde Johnson, Terrie Peters, Jean Sovey, Sharon Babbitt, Nora Smith, Pastor Jim Duehring, and Bishop Katherine Finegan.

Thank you to the Pastoral Search Committee for their work – lots of meetings and lots of paperwork! Members of the committee are: Naomi Fletcher, Tom Graham, Cathy Knudson, Linda Levin, Larry Peterson, Jen Schoenow and Karin Sjogren.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

May 3 —Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 2:19-25, Psalm 23, John 10:1-10

May 10—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60, 1 Peter 2:2-10, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, John 14:1-14

May 17—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-22, Psalm 66:8-20, John 14:15-21

May 24—Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35,
John 17:1-11

May 31—Eighth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b,
John 20:19-23

FROM THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

The Synod Council has determined that **Synod Assembly** will be postponed until May 13-15, 2021 at Finlandia University in Hancock, MI. Refunds have been sent out to those already registered.

Please plan on attending our Walking Together events this fall!

Dear Friends in Christ,

You are invited to Share the Peace online! This sharing will be recorded and added to our Synod-wide worship that will be launched the week of May 11.

Please click on the link below through your computer/tablet/phone that has a camera.

Thank you for participating! And be sure to check out our Synod-wide “Be Thou My Vision” worship service.

Topic: Sharing the Peace

Time: May 4, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83296452139>

Yours in Christ,

Rev.Katherine Finegan

Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod

Equipping the Saints Fund

Did you know that the Unrestricted Endowment Fund is now called the “Equipping the Saints” Fun? This fund gives an annual disbursement for our work in Christ together.

Ministries that have been made possible by this fund include:

Lay School for Mission, Clergy Debt Relief, Lutheran Campus Ministry at Bay College and Lake Superior State University, Continuing Education for our pastors, Mission Interpreter Initiative, Stewardship Education, Walking Together events, and Transformational Ministry just to name a few.

Your generous support makes these ministries happen. Gifts may be given at any time.

Check the Synod website often for important updates on COVID-19 resources and other Synod-related activities & resources. Also, check out our Facebook page and like us!

COVID-19 Response Fund

You can help the ministries of the ELCA during this time of uncertainty by supporting your local congregation and making a gift to the ELCA's COVID-19 Response Fund. Your donation will provide funds to the ministries of the ELCA most in need and best positioned to help. This includes our congregations as well as local and churchwide ministries capable of reaching and assisting those in need. You can make a donation on line by going to:
ELCA.org/COVIDresponse.

Join the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge

COVID-19 is threatening vulnerable communities, and Lutheran World Relief urgently needs cloth face masks to send to them. The cloth mask you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. How many will you make to help stop the spread? Sign up for more info at www.lwr.org/masks.

News From Fortune Lake

***All summer activities at Fortune Lake have been canceled.**

**Serving Zion with Altar Flowers,
Bulletin, Bread & Wine, & Fellowship**

	Altar Flowers	Bulletin, Bread & Wine	Fellowship Hour
May 3			
May 10			
May 17			
May 24	****open****	Anna, Karin, Elsa	Senior Recognition???
May 31	Dan & Kathy McDonough	Dan & Kathy McDonough	

Giver _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

<p>DONATION OF \$ _____ (any amount) To the Floral Fund</p> <p>Donations to the Floral Fund will support the beautification of the sanctuary and narthex throughout the church year.</p>	<p>PLANT PURCHASE TO TAKE HOME: Geraniums</p> <p>_____ \$3.75 each</p> <p>\$ _____</p>
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If you are ordering a plant please have your orders in by May 24th.

Joys of motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" – and a sticky kiss.

—Unknown

Thoughts for Memorial Day

This Memorial Day we particularly remember the men and women who have perished in war, giving the ultimate sacrifice to make the world a better place. They too "loved the earth, but could not stay." May God hasten the day when we can solve our disputes peacefully.

We also remember all our loved ones whose stay on Earth is over. Christians believe that death does not end all. We trust that the God who made us will provide for us when our bodies can no longer sustain us.