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PRELUDE

Benedictus Op. 59 No. 9
Max Reger
Sunwoo Lee, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

INTROIT

Allelu, Allelu (Praise Ye the Lord)
Traditional
Sunday School Children
Brian Ward, Guitar

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

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Alleluia!

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Alleluia!

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

For the shields of the earth belong to God, he is highly exalted.

* OPENING HYMN 265

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*)

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Easter Season Acts Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jeanette Mottl, Reader

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Sung Response 87

Evie Jean Engebretson

Children of the Heavenly Father

CHORAL ANTHEM

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

Jody W. Lindh

Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, let there be faith;
where there is despair, let me sow hope;
where there is darkness, let there be light;
where there is sadness, let there be joy.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that we receive and in pard'ning we are pardoned.
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Be Unto Your Name

Gary Sadler, Lynn DeShazo

1998 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Led by Emma Hunter, Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson,

Sunwoo Lee, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.

Giving online at any time is also an option at www.npcovenant.org/give.

Offertory

In the Garden

Dale Wood

He Lives

* Responsive Hymn 253, verse 3

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 271

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus Is All the World to Me

Stephen Walley

** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

If you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors, there is a prayer box located in the narthex, as well as slips of paper and a pen in the box's drawer for your use.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with all the sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this ter - res - trial ball,
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all;
 bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all;
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all;

we'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all! A - men.
 bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all!
 we'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all! A - men.

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Traditional

Children of the Heavenly Father

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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bos - om gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, your Pro - tect - or nev - er slum - bers;
 5 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;
 Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra;

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 from all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 at the will of your De - fend - er ev - 'ry foe - man must sur - ren - der.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.
 Stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.

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Be Unto Your Name

Lynn Deshazo and Gary Sadler



We are a mo - ment.
We are the bro - ken,

You are for - e - ver.
You are the heal - er.



Lord of the a - ges,
Je - sus, re - deem - er,

God be - fore time.
migh - ty to save.



We are a va - por.
You are the love song

You are e - ter - nal.
we'll sing for - e - ver.



Love e - ver - last - ing,
Bow - ing be - fore You,

reign - ing on high.
bless - ing Your name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God, Al - migh - ty.

Wor - thy is the



lamb who was slain.

High - est prais - es, ho - nor and glo - ry



be un - to Your name.

Be un - to Your name.

He Lives

1 I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
 2 In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
 3 Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er some may say;
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast,
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,

and just the time I need him he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

Refrain

He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope for Christ the Judge shall come

1 Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
 2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His King-dom can-not fail, he rules both earth and heav'n;
 4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope for Christ the Judge shall come

to gath-er all his saints to their e-ter-nal home:

Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus giv'n:
 to gath-er all his saints to their e-ter-nal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **LeRoy Nelson and family**, mourning the passing of Eloise on May 1
- **Craig Johnson**, Pastor Libby's dad, still hospitalized with a chest tube after two recent surgeries
- **Tim, Gabe, and Chloe Johnson**, mourning the passing of Kari on April 30
- **Sally Johnson**, recuperating after one eye lens surgery this past week and anticipating a second this coming Tuesday
- Dorothy Schmidt's nephew **Jeff Kohn**, diagnosed with leukemia
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, now in remission
- **Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp** (Onkama, MI), undergoing numerous repairs due to damages sustained in a hail storm

Missionary Prayer Spotlight: James Ventress

There is a great need for counselors and volunteers at the summer Bible camp in Unalakleet this June. Pray that enough volunteers come forward so camp can be open to all who want to come.

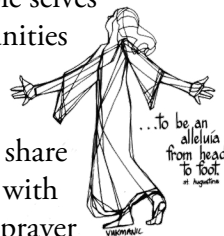
The teacher shortage in Nome and other villages continues. One Filipino teacher obtained a visa and came to Nome in March. However, some teachers are retiring or seeking employment elsewhere because their pay does not allow them to meet their daily needs. The schools have considerable funds that are being saved "for a rainy day." Meanwhile, it is "pouring" in Nome, and the situation will only get worse if no action is taken.

Childcare is available in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

Bruce and Ann Marie Strom invite you to join their family and friends in the parlors after church today for a special reception to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

Throughout this calendar year, we have been focused on using our whole selves as we pray for the communities in which we live. For the month of May, we will focus on using our feet to share the Good News of Christ with the world. Let us put our prayer into action as we strive to be the messengers of hope and peace and grace to all those with whom we come into contact. May we love in word and deed!



And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

- Romans 10:15



Realm Privacy Settings Change Reminder: On Monday, May 13, you will receive an email from Realm, our church management system, alerting you to the fact that your privacy settings have been changed. *Do not be alarmed*; we have done this intentionally. As Pastor Jeff stated in his May *Narthex* article, the reason for it is this: "...there are many active church members and friends who are not able to see each other in the online directory in Realm, and we are going to change the settings for every church member and friend so y'all are visible to each other. This does not change the security of your information when it comes to outside actors, and it does not change your ability to be more restrictive about your personal privacy settings if you want. But it will change our community baseline so it's easier for people to find each other. As always, let us know if you have questions, ideas, or concerns."

It's Graduation Time! Is there a graduate in your family? Please send an email to Ann-Marie in the office by Wednesday, May 15, so we can include their name in the summer issue of *The Narthex*. If you're willing to share where they're graduating from and where they'll attend in the fall or where life will lead them upon graduation, we'd appreciate that information, too. Thank you!

The North Park Readers invite you to join us for our last meeting of the year. We will be reading *Mother Land* by Leah Franqui. We will meet at the home of Lori Johnson (5254 N. Spaulding) at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 28. Please contact Helen Arkema at helen.arkema@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Vacation Bible School registration is underway! Children in Preschool through 5th grade are invited to Set Sail with us over the week of June 10-14 for a time of fun as they learn about our God who loves them so very much. Children must be potty-trained. Anyone entering 6th grade and older is welcome on staff! To register your child/ren or to sign up to be a volunteer, [please click here](#).

The list of needed supplies is now available. If you are able to purchase some of the items on [this list](#), we would greatly appreciate it! Please be sure to put your name by anything you purchase so we don't end up with duplicates. Thank you!

There are three dates set for volunteer meetings; please mark your calendars: Tuesday, May 28, OR Thursday, June 6, at 7 pm (Please plan to attend one of these two first meetings. Only one is necessary, as they will be identical.) AND Sunday, June 9, at 5 pm (This is set-up night, and we ask that everyone be there for that!).

**block
PARTY**

Join us for a spring block party! On Sunday, June 2, immediately following the service (which will be outdoors in the south garden, weather permitting), we invite you to a block party! Hot dogs and drinks will be provided, and we ask that church members bring side dishes and desserts. If your last name begins with A through J, please bring a side dish; if it begins with K through Z, please bring a dessert. (Please bring enough for your family plus 10.) And bring a neighbor and friend from another block!

The Church Calendar This Week

The calendar is available online at www.npcovenant.org/calendar and is updated as changes occur.

Monday, May 13

9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
4 pm	Tutoring (Parlors)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, May 14

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5 pm	Board of Community Concern Meeting (via Zoom)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm	Adult Bible Study (Art Room)
	Board of Deacons Meeting (Hybrid/Staff Conference Room)
	Board of Trustees Meeting (Large Conference Room)
7:30 pm	Board of Christian Formation Meeting (Hybrid/Church Parlors)

Wednesday, May 15

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
6 pm	Gather Dinner (Parlors)
6:30 pm	Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
	Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7 pm	Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 16

4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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Friday, May 17

1 pm	Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)
4 pm	Reed Recital Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, May 18

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10:30 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm	Confirmation Family Party (Parlors)

Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday

9 am	Confirmation (Large Conference Room)
9:15 am	Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
	Adult Formation (Parlors)
	Bible Journaling (Art Room)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
12 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
2:30 pm	Reed Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
5 pm	BravoStudio Recital (Sanctuary)
7 pm	AA Meeting (Parlors)

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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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