



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG..... WOV 719 "God Is Here"

- Verse 1: God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*
- Verse 2: Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in Silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*
- Verse 3: Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*
- Verse 4: Lord of all, of Church and kingdom, in the age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

GREETING WOV page 46

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The word is near you,

On your lips and in your heart.

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

And believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Faith comes from what is heard,

And what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

SCRIPTURE SONG ELW 697 "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

*Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*Verse 1: I am weak but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
REFRAIN*

*Verse 2: Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
REFRAIN*

*Verse 3: When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.
REFRAIN*

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 LESSON Acts 1: 6-14

Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
Let those who hate God flee.

As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
As the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
Let them also be merry and joyful.

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

In your holy habitation, O God,
You are a father to the orphans, defender of widows;

You give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
But the rebels shall live in desert places.

O God, when you went forth before your people,
When you marched through the wilderness,

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

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

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

Sing to God, O kingdom of the earth;
Sing praises to the Lord.

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

Ascribe power to God,
Whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.....WOV 713 "Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

*Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.*

GOSPEL John 17: 1-11

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 632 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*Verse 1: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

*Verse 2: Under the shadow of our throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*Verse 3: Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.*

*Verse 4: A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

*Verse 5: Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

*Verse 6: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD..... WOV page 49

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.
We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
Pray in the Holy Spirit.
Keep yourselves in the love of God;
Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
Everything old has passed away, behold, everything has become new!
God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,
Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. **Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER WOV page 51

Let us pray. Gracious God,
**In the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from
silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer
ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks
for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

HYMNWOV 775 "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH WOV page 52

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
**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

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen

SENDING SONG.....ELW 856 "How Great Thou Art"

Verse 1: *Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

REFRAIN: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

Verse 2: *When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
REFRAIN*

Verse 3: *But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;
REFRAIN*

Verse 4: *When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"
REFRAIN*

BLESSING

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

Sue Szczur – Worship Leader

Emma Berg – Pianist

Daphne Hall – Reader

Marcus Hall – Technology Coordinator

NOTES

Thank you for joining us through TV or Facebook this morning. In-person worship will resume Sunday, May 31 with a number of guidelines in place. The guidelines are available on our Facebook page and website: www.sunnelutheran.org Please review the guidelines before returning to worship. Worship will continue to be broadcast on BEKTV Channel 26 and Facebook Live.

If you missed the Facebook Live Virtual Tour of the upgrades to the kitchen, you can find the video on our Facebook page. Thank you to the Kitchen Remodeling Committee for their hard work on the project!

Opportunities to support God's ministry at Sunne still exist. Checks can be mailed to the church at PO Box 217 Wilton, ND 58579 OR download tithe.ly on your phones/iPads, set up your account, and give through that option.

Throughout the year we will be praying for the members of Sunne. As we pray for the family of Sunne today, we pray for Jesse, Shawna, Isaiah, and Lailah Buchholtz; Scott and Lynette Clausen; and Jeremy, Mandi, Harper and Hayden Clausen.

Our prayers today include: Brandalyn Coley, Jeff Giles, Oliver Dewald, Richard Greisch, Arlys Kassian, Cheryl Triska, Jim Pascua, John Schneider, Levi Gartner, Char Theurer, Michele Vietz, Gary Stotz, Dennis Ewine, Shirley Martin, Yvonne Olson, Jeanne Field, Clarence and Sylvia Bessler, George Kraft, Allen Albaugh, Cliff Mathys, Teresa Jochim, Muriel Lippert, Tabitha Halvorson, Tammy Kassian, Laren Holznagel, Joyce Falkenstein, Brenda Rhone, Vern Mock, Stephanie Hobbs, Alvina Broste, and Orville Speten.

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Sunne Evangelical Lutheran Church Covid-19 Re-Opening Guidelines

In an effort to be prepared as we go back to the new "normal" living with in person worship on Sunday, May 31, your Council, along with Pastor Paul, has put together the following guidelines:

- 1) We will continue to broadcast our services on both BEK Ch26 and Facebook Live so if you cannot make it in person, please join us online for worship through these means.
- 2) If you do not feel well or have a fever, please refrain from coming to worship until you are well. If your overall health is compromised and/or you consider yourself to be vulnerable, you may want to consider staying home until this situation settles down.
- 3) For the foreseeable future we will not have greeters at the back of the church and we ask that you minimize gathering together before services. Please pick up a bulletin and proceed to take a seat.
- 4) The offering plate will be placed at the back of the church. To avoid contact, we will not be passing it around during the service.
- 5) We have blocked off every other pew to maintain healthy distances between parishioners. Please only allow 1 family unit per pew OR one nonrelated individual at each end of a pew. As this will reduce our capacity we will consider having a second service each Sunday or an alternate service on Saturday or Wednesday.
- 6) Cleaning and Sanitizing will take place at the church between each service. We will clean the bathrooms; wipe down all pews, door handles and light switches. Hand sanitizer will be available upon entering the church and we ask that you use it prior to entering the sanctuary.
- 7) We will sing, however, we ask that members contain their spiritual exuberance and refrain from belting out the songs. This will help reduce the spread of the virus.
- 8) Sharing of the Peace will be done verbally. Please avoid handshakes or hugs.
- 9) No Communion at this time (we are working on developing a way to do this with less interaction.)
- 10) We will be using Ushers to direct people out of the pews to avoid crowding in the aisles and narthex. We also ask people to please leave without too much gathering after services.
- 11) Pastor Paul will not be interacting with members in the narthex after the services.
- 12) Tellers are encouraged to wear gloves and masks when preparing the weekly deposit.

We hope these guidelines and efforts will help in keeping you all in good health. We will continue to review the Guidelines that we receive from the Western North Dakota Synod and the State of North Dakota and communicate with you as time goes on and as the situation changes. Thank you and God Bless.

Guidelines adopted by the Church Council on May 14, 2020. Updated May 16, 2020.