

**LISTEN.**



**LOVE.**



**LEAD.**



**7 Easter**

**May 13, 2018**

**9:30am**

**Prelude & Welcome**

**Opening Hymn — "How Firm a Foundation" (ELW #796)**

*Foundation*

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

**Call to Worship**

- P: We rejoice in the Lord!
- C: For He is good and His mercy endures forever.**
- P: No matter what happens in our lives,
- C: Our God is there to comfort and guide us.**
- P: I say again: We rejoice in the Lord!
- ALL: For He is good and His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

**Confession**

- P: Please join with me in a prayer of confession.
- C: Welcoming God, you reach out Your hand to guide us, yet too often we turn away. Forgive us for not seeing You in our lives and in the faces of the people we meet. Forgive us for not hearing Your voice calling us to lend aid to the poor and dispossessed. Renew in our hearts Your compassion and Your love that we may show it to all the world. Amen.**

**The Good News**

- P: The Psalmist tells us that we are blessed when our sins are forgiven. Jesus goes further and says that we should go and sin no more. So, this day, we are both blessed by forgiveness and charged to lead lives worthy of our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

1. Here now the water, blessed by Your Spirit, marking forever these precious ones.  
Strengthen and nourish them by Your word, Lord; lead them on paths trod by your dear Son.
2. Father in heaven, we are Your children; standing we praise You and You alone.  
See here before You one whom You cherish, these tiny babies You call your own.

**We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Brooklyn Rose Bradley

Siena Jane Smalberger

**Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' Creed**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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

**First Reading** – 2 Chronicles 1:8-10 (675)

**Alleluia** (Please stand)

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.** (John 6:68)

**Gospel Reading** – Matthew 20:20-28 (page 1530)

**Message**

**"Listen. Love. Lead"**

**Pastor Gary Olson**

**Response Hymn** — Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me (ELW #767)

*So nimm den meine hande*

(Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle during this hymn)

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.
2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
For you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

## **We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

### **Offertory Hymn — "Create in Me" (Please stand)**

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### **Prayer**

**P: Merciful father,**

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -- our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **Prayers of God's People**

#### **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 Hymn — "Lead On, O King Eternal!" (ELW #805)**

*Lancashire*

1. Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
3. Lead on, O King eternal: We follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

### **Congregation Is Tasked for Service and Ministry**

**P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, go in peace and serve the Lord!**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude**

### Today's Worship Leaders and Servers

<b>Pastor</b>	Gary Olson
<b>Music</b>	Steve McGraw, <i>Organist</i> Festival Singers, Craig Parsons, <i>Director</i>
<b>Lector</b>	Mark Noffke
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed Aucoin, John Doppelhammer, Keith Hesness, Guy LaPore, Chuck Rhodes, Tad & Diane Schlake, Dave Turcotte, Larry Weber
<b>Technical Team</b>	Jeannine Allen, <i>Powerpoint</i> Steve Engelstad, Steve Keefe, Philip Wig, <i>Tech</i>

Bring your family and your smile and stop by our Mother's Day Photo spot in the Narthex and Cafe!



## A Mother's Day Prayer

*Every one of us has been borne by a Mother.*

*And today we pray for every Mom in every home in every nation.*

*We pray for the Moms who are busy doing laundry, cleaning the house and preparing meals for everyone in their home: may you experience sanity in the middle of the crazy.*

*We pray for the Moms who work outside the home: may you experience increased energy and decreased guilt.*

*We pray for the Moms of children with special needs:*

*may your energy be replenished, knowing that your heavenly reward is great.*

*We pray for single Moms: may your hope and strength be found in our great God, who is the Father of the Fatherless.*

*We pray for expectant Moms: may God protect the amazing life growing inside you!*

*We pray for Moms who are struggling to get pregnant:*

*may you experience the love of God in the middle of this intense and uncertain battle.*

*We pray for women who have no biological children of their own but who mother other women as Mentors:*

*may you understand your role as a calling from God and as a transformation of their hearts.*

*We pray for Moms who had poor mothers themselves but refuse to let that pattern repeat itself:*

*may the Godly legacy you started be carried on for generations to come.*

*We pray for those whose Moms have passed away: may this be a day of honor, freedom and fond memories for you.*

*Thank you, God, for giving us these lovely, imperfect, sacrificial people.*

*Thank you for making yourself known to us through them. Amen.*