Seventh Weekend of Easter Saturday, May 11, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, May 12, 2024, 8:00 a.m.





Midvale Community Lutheran Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ, called by the Holy Spirit to **PRAISE**, **LIVE** and **SHARE** God's love.

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# Welcome to all - We're glad you're here!

**Connect with Midvale!** Cards are available in the seatback holders. If you are new to our worship, have a prayer request, an address change, would like a pastor to call, or would like to get involved in any of our ministries, please complete the card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a pastor or usher.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated during each worship service. Jesus, who is present in this meal, welcomes ALL; there is a place for YOU at our Lord's table! In this meal, we receive the grace and love of God, and we are connected with one another in God's mission. More information about how to receive communion is printed in the order of worship following the Lord's Prayer.

**Worshiping with children** - All children are welcome in worship! To support families in worship, there are children's worship bags inside the entrances to the Sanctuary with quiet activities. Children's bulletins for both pre-readers and readers are available on the tables as you enter the Sanctuary. There is a Cry Room along the right-hand side of the Sanctuary and an unstaffed nursery with an audio connection to worship down the main hallway past the restrooms. Some families find sitting towards the front so children have a good view of worship works well.

Large Print bulletins are available.

**T-Coil Hearing Loop** is installed inside our worship center. This allows people who wear hearing aids to directly receive the sound from the sound system without having to use a separate device. For those without T-coil equipped hearing aids, Loop Listener headphones are available from the ushers.



Midvale Community Lutheran Church welcomes all because Jesus welcomes all.
With you here, we are closer to who God is calling us to be.
If you've felt excluded or harmed in any way, you are welcome here.
Your gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation are welcome here.
Your family, children, friends, and partner are welcome here.
Your abilities, culture, socioeconomic circumstances, race, and religious background are welcome here.
Here you will find an affirming community committed to racial equity and welcoming of all.
We strive for all people to experience God's abundance.
In Christ, you are loved.
Welcome!

*Midvale is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.* 



**GATHERING** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

# Prelude

# **Welcome and Announcements**

The assembly stands.

# **Call to Worship**

# Psalm 93

The Psalm is spoken responsively.

- <sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
  - The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.
- <sup>2</sup>Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.
- <sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- <sup>4</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- <sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.
- <sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!			
1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac-			
ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un - stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es			
trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God. see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty. say, "this is his glo-rious tri - umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty." run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.			
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!			

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# Greeting

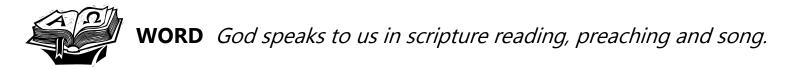
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# And also with you.

# Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

The assembly is seated.



# Children's Message (8:00)

# Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world, and that the disciples will be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering Jesus presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the dominion of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, Jesus ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

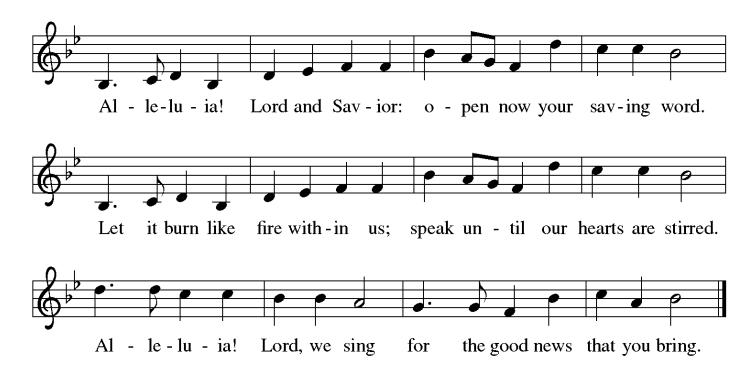
<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when

you will restore dominion to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by divine authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When Jesus had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "You Galileans, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

## **Gospel Acclamation**



# The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

# Gospel: John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

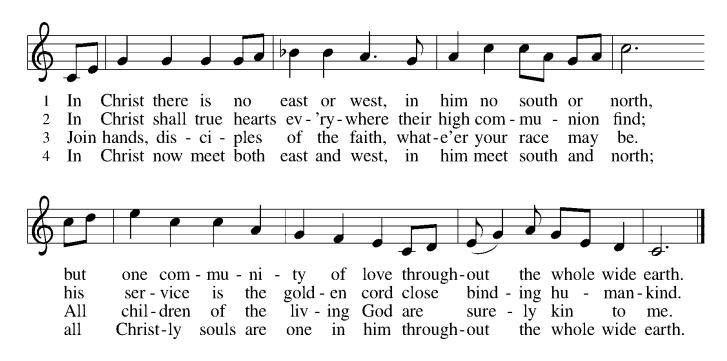
## Sermon

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



### Hymn of the Day #650

# In Christ There Is No East or West



Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

**Nicene Creed** 

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Initially and after each petition the congregation responds.

God of grace, Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

As we share the peace of Christ, we extend the reconciliation we have received from Christ to one another. Respecting the comfort and health of all in our community, please use a verbal greeting, a raising of the hand, a handshake, or hug, based on the consent of each person.

The assembly is seated.

### **Build to Serve: Grow in Love Inspiration Moment**

"Growth in Giving" Mark Thompson

#### **Dedication to Commitments**

#### **Build to Serve: Grow in Love Prayer**

Gracious and creative God, We are yours, made in your image and claimed by your love. So draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, that we embrace your future. Inspire us to use all of who we are for your glory and for the good of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

# Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offering baskets are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and envelopes are available in the seatback holders. In addition to the offerings collected today, we recognize the offerings given by mail and electronically. All donations are a sign of giving our whole selves in grateful response for God's gifts.

For those that would like to donate online, here is the QR code to the giving page of our website:



Offering Prayer Risen One, You call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.



**MEAL** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Instrumental music is played as the table is set.

The assembly stands.

**Great Thanksgiving** 

Dialogue
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **Words of Institution**

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Amen.** 

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.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

The assembly is seated.

*Holy Communion is offered with bread or gluten free cracker, and wine or juice. To receive the sacrament, please approach the altar as directed by the ushers.* 

- To receive the bread, hold your hands open and the server will break off a piece of bread and place it in your hands.
- To receive a gluten free cracker, approach the altar with your hands at your side. Say to the server that you would like a gluten free cracker. The server will hold out the tray of crackers and invite you to take one from the tray.
- To receive wine or juice, move to the next server and take a cup from the communion tray; there is red wine and light-colored juice available in each tray. Place your empty cup in the basket.

*Children not yet receiving communion are invited forward to receive a blessing. Children can indicate their wish for a blessing by keeping their hands down at their sides. The server will make a sign of the cross and bless them in Jesus' name.* 

*If it is difficult for you to come forward, or, if for any reason you prefer communion brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know. The pastor will bring communion to you after those coming forward have received communion.* 

**Communion Hymn #525** 

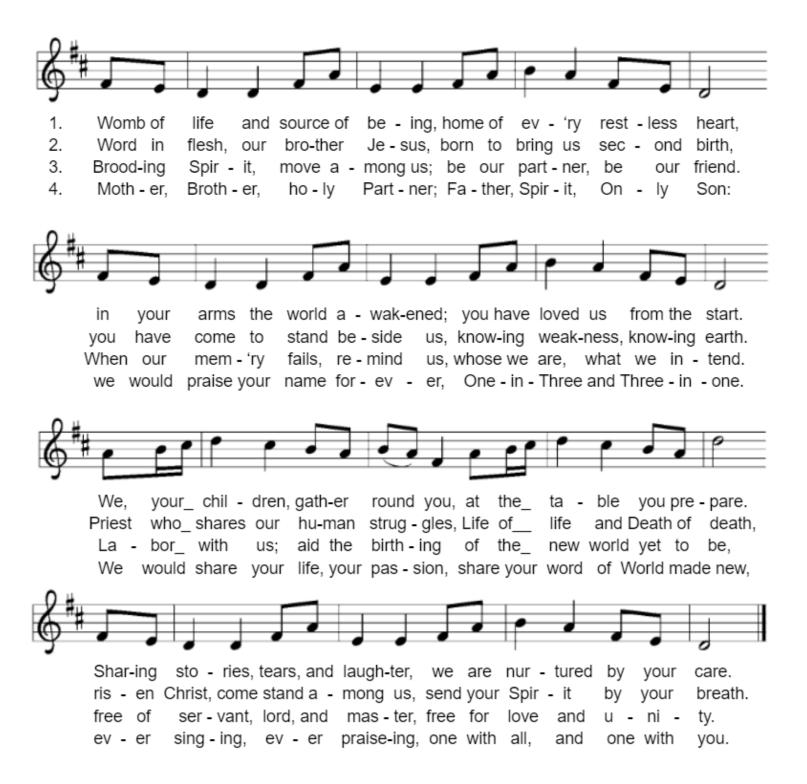
You Are Holy Du är helig 1\* hel. Du är he - lig, du är Du är all - tid myck-et mer You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more nån - sin kan för - stå, du är än - då. än vi nä \_ ra ev - er un-der - stand. You are hand. than we al ways at -Väl du sig - nad va - re kom - mer hit just \_ som nu, Bless-ed are you com-ing Bless - ed are you com-ing here near. blir till väl sig - na-de vår jord, bröd på vår jord. \_ to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. du Du är he lig, är hel het, You are ho ly, you are whole ness, \_ dig! är när het he - la du kos - mos lo - var \_ Let the Lord! you are pres ent. cos - mos praise you, Ho - si an ho si \_ na, \_ an na, Sing ho - san the in high est! na \_ 0 ho - si - an na, ho - si \_ an vår Gud. \_ na God! Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our

\* May be sung in canon.

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#### **Communion Hymn - Womb of Life and Source of Being**



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

# One Bread, One Body



Text: John Foley, sJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sJ

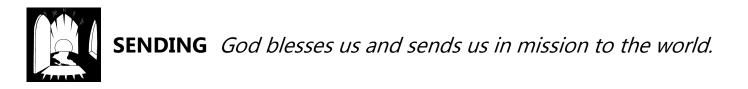
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May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen, keep and unite us in God's grace. Amen.

Prayer After Communion Shepherding God, You have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

The assembly stands.



Blessing Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### Sending Song #604, verses 1 & 5



Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt. Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

### Dismissal

Why do you stand looking up toward heaven? Go in peace, into the world, for the love of the world! **Thanks be to God.** 

## Postlude

**Altar flowers** are given by Andi Peterson-Straus in remembrance of her father who was born in May of 1922.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Build to Serve: Grow in Love - Statement of Intents invited to be returned.** Thank you to everyone who has been a part of our Build to Serve: Grow in Love campaign. We had 225 people at the Vilas Zoo for our celebration event last Sunday! This weekend everyone can be a part of supporting our Ministry Wing vision. In worship on May 11-12, we will recognize and give thanks for all commitments made so far to the campaign. If you haven't yet returned your intent, please do so in the next week or two. Let's continue to celebrate what we can accomplish as we all join together for God's work! Thank you!

#### Worship schedule through May 19

- Saturday at 5:00pm
- Sunday at 8:00am (also on Facebook Live)
- Sunday at 10:30am
- Sunday School and Adult Education at 9:15am

#### Summer worship schedule begins Memorial Day weekend - May 25-26

- Saturday at 5:00pm
- Sunday at 8:00am (also on Facebook Live)
- Sunday at 10:00am NOTE change in time

**Adult Education Sunday at 9:15am.** Adult Forum will be offered simultaneously both in person in Fellowship Hall and by Zoom. You do not need to register to participate. Reference our weekly newsletter, *The Moments*, for the Zoom link. The same link will be used for all sessions.

- May 12 Shared Viewing of the PBS Documentary "Secrets of Sacred Architecture"
- May 19 Understanding Juneteenth: How Our Newest National Holiday Helps Meet An Old Testament "Requirement" with Midvale Members Debbie Fischer, Gary Hein and Eric James

**Prospective & new member information session, May 19 at 11:45am in Fellowship Hall.** If you are interested in becoming a member of Midvale Community Lutheran Church or would like more information about our ministry, please contact one of the pastors or the church office. Information is also available on our website. We would love to have you join us in our mission to share the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ and make a difference in the lives of those in our community and all the world.

**Seniors With Spirit luncheon, May 14.** Seniors with Spirit will meet on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch followed by a program on downsizing. Our speakers are Kate Wagner, a professional organizer from *Renewal by Kate*, and Edith and Richard Hachsteller, who make several trips each year taking donations to Kentucky. There will also be a handout of sources to help in downsizing, liquidating and making transitions. Lunch will be free, but donations are welcome. Sign up ahead of time is not necessary, but helpful for planning the food, especially for vegetarian or gluten free requests. Register using the QR Code or contact the office at <u>info@midvalelutheran.org</u> or (608) 238-7119. We hope you will join us and bring a friend or neighbor.

**Midvale Men's Group lunch, May 15.** The Midvale Men's Group will be meeting for lunch at the Great Dane, at 2980 Cahill Main in Fitchburg, at 11:30am on Wednesday, May 15. We hope you will be able to join us. If you have any questions, need transportation, or need additional information, please contact the church office.

**Lee Gjovik Memorial Service, Saturday, May 18.** Midvale member Lee Gjovik died on February 29, 2024. A memorial service will be held at Midvale Community Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. Visitation at 11:00am. We give thanks for Lee's life and remember with hope the promise of the resurrection.

**End of Sunday School year celebration, May 19.** Join us at Westmorland Park at 9:15am on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the end of our Sunday school year. ALL are invited to celebrate by having informal play & fellowship time as well as a cupcake decorating station. We invite parents, grandparents, older & younger siblings, leaders & all who want to have fun (even if you didn't attend Sunday school with us). We will go to the park even if it's a bit cool so dress according to the weather. In the event of inclement weather, we will have our party at church on the 2nd floor. Please contact Marita Herkert-Oakland if you have questions: <u>childrensministry@midvalelutheran.org</u>.

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**Worship hike at Picnic Point, May 19.** Gather from 10:30-10:45am at the Picnic Point entry. You can park in UW Lot 130, next to the entrance. All are welcome for this short hike and worship with prayers and Holy Communion. Regular worship will be offered in the Sanctuary at 10:30am as well.

**Food and Fellowship Groups begin in June - sign up today!** Get to know others in our church community while sharing a meal together at local restaurants. Groups of 6-8 people will be created. Each group will organize themselves and meet once a month for a meal out (no cooking or hosting required!). After 3 months, a new session will start. Those who sign up will be shuffled into different groups so you will meet new people in each session. A new sign-up is required for each subsequent 3-month session. Anyone is welcome, young or old, single or couple! To sign up for the summer session of June, July, and August, see the link in our weekly newsletter or call the office. Contact Laura Svaren <u>lauras@midvalelutheran.org</u> with any questions.

**Filling the summer months with music.** You're invited to share a song for special music over the summer months, whether you like to sing or play an instrument. You can share your musical offering on whichever date and worship time works best for you. Laura Svaren or Kathy Otterson can help you find an accompanist, people to form a small group, or to choose a piece of music. It need not be elaborate. It can be as simple as sharing a favorite hymn. Whatever you have to offer will enrich our worship experience and open our hearts to God. Please reach out to Laura Svaren (lauras@midvalelutheran.org) if you think you might be interested. Details can be worked out later.

**New class on Black History this Fall.** A new learning opportunity will be offered at Midvale this fall: "Black History for A New Day." This is a 9-week class developed by the Black-led Nehemiah Center in Madison and its President and Founder, the Rev. Dr. Alex Gee. The course includes 9 lectures by UW-Madison faculty and Nehemiah staff, contemporary reflections by Pastor Gee, and small group discussions focusing on the healing and transformation of racial injustice in our neighborhoods, the city of Madison, and the state of Wisconsin. The format is a 2-hour meeting once a week (1 hour of a recorded lecture, 1 hour for small group discussion). Because of a generous grant from the Midvale Endowment Committee, a small group class is being offered at Midvale this fall for free! The number of participants this fall is limited to foster deeper small group reflection, sharing and connection. Interested? Contact the church office at info@midvalelutheran.org or 608-238-7119 to reserve your spot or learn more.

5:00	Preaching/Presiding	Pastor Blake Rohrer
	Accompanist	Nancy Linder
	Greeter	Karen Diemer-Toney
	Lector	Karen Diemer-Toney
	Communion Assistant	Karen Diemer-Toney
	Ushers	Doug Leslie, Ben Kempinen, Wayne Stallings, Sandy Stallings
8:00	Preaching	Pastor Blake Rohrer
	Presiding	Pastor Katie Baardseth
	Greeters	Mark Thompson, Nan Thompson
	Accompanist	Nancy Linder
	Lector	Sue Cotten
	Communion Assistants	Mark Thompson, Nan Thompson
	Ushers	Ron Fischer, Paul Minko, Trevor Sellers, Nelse Grundvig, Wayne Lembke, Alan Thompson
	AV Technician	Jay Wians
	Livestream Moderator	Kristen Crisp
	Director of Music Ministry	Laura Svaren
	Chancel Guild	Linda Crane, Peter Crane, Cheryl Krull, June Lange

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