(Missions/Outreach), Megan Holl (Kitchen), Kristin Holl (Women's Events),

Karen Salyer (Church Fellowship)

Youth Group: Eric Wood Custodian: Charlotte Hajda

#### **WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT**

#### What is the Collect?

The Collect (usually pronounced KAH-lekt) is a compact but powerful prayer that "collects" the thoughts of the congregation with the theme of that particular day or season in the Church Year, often borrowing language from the scripture readings for the day.

Often the Collects follow a specific pattern modeled on prayers from the Bible (2 Kings 19:15-19; Acts 1:24-25, 4:24-30; etc.). The form is: (1) The Address to God, (2) The Basis for Petition - such as an act or attribute of God, (3) The Petition - what is being asked for, (4) The Aspiration - what will result if the petition is granted, (5) The Ending - an invocation of Jesus' name in which we pray.

A fine example is the famed "Collect for Purity": [1] Almighty God, [2] unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; [3] Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, [4] that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; [5] through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Many of the traditional Collects have been in use for more than fifteen centuries. They are renowned for their "antiquity, universality, excellence, and beauty." They often clue us in to the central themes of the service. Therefore it is beneficial to pray the week's collect at home in preparation for Sunday worship.

The Collects are also teachers. Long exposure to them trains us in a Biblical form of prayer which we can then inhabit, filling the form with our own unique praises and petitions in a way that honors God.



## May 11th, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Announcements

## **GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP**

Call to Worship Psalm 100

†Congregational Singing "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

†Collect

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"Only A Holy God"

#### GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

1 John 1:5-7

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have followed the way of the world. We have failed to give Him

glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "The Power of the Cross"

### **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD**

Old Testament Reading
Psalm 142:5–7
Epistle Reading
Acts 16:16–19, 23-34
†Gospel Reading
Luke 4:33–37, 40–41
†Profession of Faith
Ephesians 1:3-10
Sermon
Pastor David Salyer

"Prisoners in Philippi" Sermon Series: The Acts of the Apostles

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (a cappella)

†Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†The Lord's Prayer

Taught by Our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven...

#### GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: "May the Peace of Christ be with you" (Jn. 14:27), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing

"In Christ Alone"

# GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

# Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer Nursery Volunteers: Sarah Salyer

#### **CHURCH LIFE**

Sunday, May 11th - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service 3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

- ◆ Sunday, May 11th will be the last Sunday School class of the semester. Classes will resume September 7th. Shout out to our amazing teachers and substitute teachers: Thank you for your faithful ministry to the children of our church!
- ◆ Trinity family, you're invited to attend a high school **graduation** gathering, celebrating **Evelyn** and **Syvlia** LeFeber, on Saturday, May 17 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Harmon Park Sonotorium. If you get there promptly, there will be food from Mom & Dad's BBQ as well a variety of small desserts. We plan to have some yard games to play as well. All ages are welcome!
- ◆ Ladies! Please join us on June 21 at 10am to celebrate our expecting mothers, Bethany Remm and Megan Holl. There will be brunch goodies, games, and an opportunity to encourage Bethany and Megan as they approach the arrival of their sweet babies. Please consider bringing some diapers and/or wipes to help with preparations for these two little ones. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please talk to Kristin Holl.
- ◆ Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$74,679.47. Received 4/27: \$2,390.32. Received year-to-date: \$57,262.84.
- ◆May Birthdays: (1) Mark Johnson, (6) Barnabas Anderson 2005, (7) Alice Bates, Jacob Hajda, Lynn Salyer (8) Jim Frerichs, (11) Jerry McKean, (13) Eliza Hajda 2022, (14) Kacia Hughett, (18) Jocelyn Salyer 2014, (19) Anne Lano, (21) Alyvia Goodbrake 2014, (23) Pat Butterfield, (25) Kay Johnson, (28) Jordan Hughett, (29) Marlene McKean, (30) Eleanor Scott, (31) Mike Johnson

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ♦ That God would open doors for ministry to UNK students.
- ◆ Presbytery: Reformed University Fellowship UNL (Campus Pastor Josh Kruntorad).
- ♦ Missions: Chuck and Nancy Larsen Water4Haiti
- ◆For our expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl, Bethany Remm.

#### STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)

**Elders:** Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano **Deacons:** Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Micah Holl (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

WIC: Kacia Hughett (President), Servant Support (Julie LeFeber), Vacant (Nursery), Sarah Salver (Secretary, Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman