

St. John's Lutheran Church Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022 | 10:30am

Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

The prelude signals a time of silent prayer and reflection.

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring

LUTHERINGS

INTROIT

Vidi Aqaum

MICHAEL MCCARTHY

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, alleluja: Et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt et dicent, alleluja.

Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia ejus.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. I saw water flowing from the temple, on the right side, alleluia: And all to whom that water came have been saved, and they will say, alleluia.

Worship the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy is forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

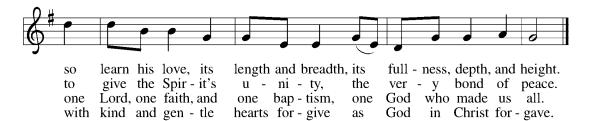
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

A - wake, a - rise, go



- 1 A wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re lease,
- 3 There is one bod y and one hope, one Spir it and one call, 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con-quered in the strife.



forth in faith,

and Christ shall give you life.

*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

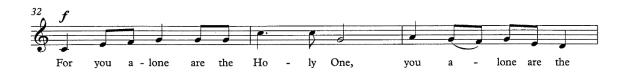
The grace of our Lord Jesus, Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.















*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING ACTS 11:1-18

A reading from Acts.

OW the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. T also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' *But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'9But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RAISE the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *

tempestuous wind, doing his will;

- 9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingèd birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

REVELATION 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation.

SAW a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*SEQUENCE

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Eternal is the gift he brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings: "Christ has triumphed! He is Living!" Now still he comes to give us life And by his presence still all strife. "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*GOSPEL JOHN 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

HEN he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*SEQUENCE

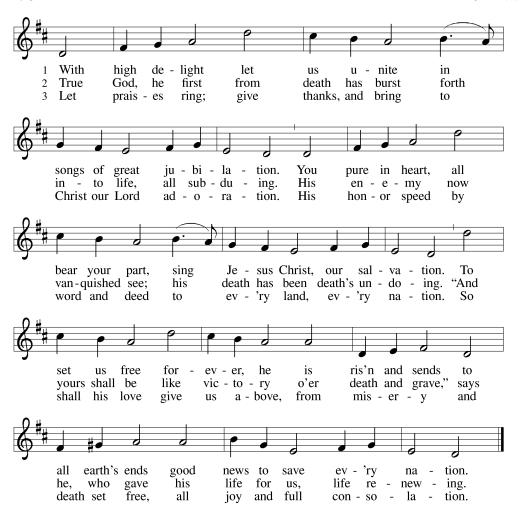
Adoring praises now we bring And with the heavenly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia! Be to the Father, and our Lord, LASST UNS ERFREUEN
To the Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON PASTOR PEDERSON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

MIT FREUDEN ZART



*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

Each intercession ends with these words: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*PEACE

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

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Source of All Healing

M. TROTTA/ANGIER BROCK

*HYMN AT THE DEDICATION

ELLACOMBE

All praise to God the Father, All praise to Christ the Son, All praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!



*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

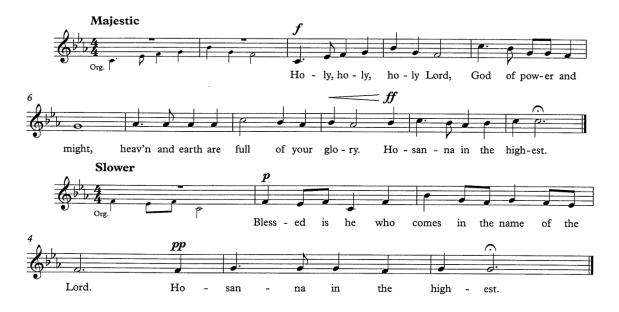
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

ur 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.

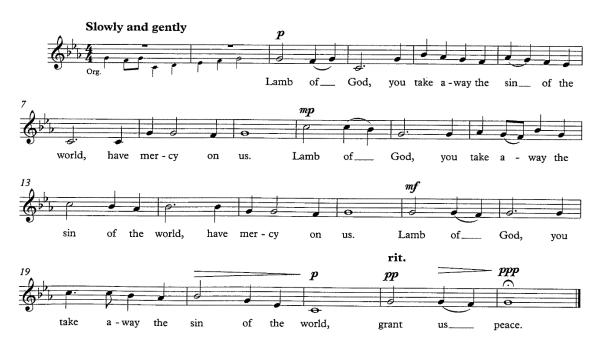
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord.

LAMB OF GOD



MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

BLAENWERN

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion;
Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast.
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be!
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive.
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave!
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation;
Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Duane C. Pederson

Organist Cantor Nathan K. Lively

Worship Assistant Eric Lane

Reader David Hendrickson

Communion Assistant Roberta Eichler, Michele Taylor

Acolytes Kiel Oellrich, Vivian Torre

Ushers Roberta Eichler, Joe Milukas

Altar Committee Pam Bartlett, Cathy Mahler

Counters Tim Brumbaugh, Lois Coffin, Pat Fisher

Little Free Pantry John Povetz

Coffee/Fellowship Time

Our thanks to Carl Barrera & Eric Lane for hosting the fellowship time following worship today in the Welcome Room.

May 22 - 5:00 pm Messiah: The Easter Portion

St. John's choir, soloists, instrumentalists

May 29 - 9:30 am Summer Worship Schedule Begins

Memorial Day weekend we change to a single service of worship at 9:30 am.

Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

Pentecost Sunday, June 5

Vacation Bible School and Music Camp

VBS/Music Camp July 18-22 VBS will be 9-12 and Music Camp is 1-3.

You can choose to do one or both!

9-12 or 1-3 \$80 | 9-1 or 12-3 w/ lunch \$100 | 9-3 (includes lunch) \$140

Volunteers are needed! Contact Nathan with any questions.

Looking Ahead...

May 29	Summer Worship Schedule begins - 9:30 am
June 5	Confirmation and Pentecost Sunday
June 26	Mass on the Grass Outdoor Worship
July 18-22	Vacation Bible School/Music Camp
July 31	Mass on the Grass & Blessing of the Animals
August 28	Mass on the Grass & Blessing of Backpacks
September 11	Rally Sunday - Worship at 8:30 and 10:30 am
-	Day of Service & Unity Walk 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Little Free Pantry

Volunteer: We need help to maintain the Little Free Pantry – clean, organize, and restock. To volunteer, click <u>here</u> or contact Janet Segerdell - <u>janet.segerdell@gmail.com</u>.

Contribute: Items in greatest demand are dried rice and dried beans. Bring items to the church Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 12 noon or Sunday morning, or you can order items from Amazon and have them delivered directly to the church. Please do not place items directly into the LFP because it complicates keeping track of inventory.

Thank you for your generosity in helping to meet the emergency needs of those who live in food insecurity.



If you have not yet made a commitment or gift to the Step Up capital appeal, please complete the following and return it to the church.

We seek to recarpet the sanctuary, redo the stairs from the narthex to the lower level, install exterior and interior signage, and recarpet the office hallway, two offices, and copy room.

Name	
I/We will commit \$ make our contribution	to the Step Up capital appeal and intend to
(timeframe):	

Thank you! Please return your commitment to the church as soon as possible.