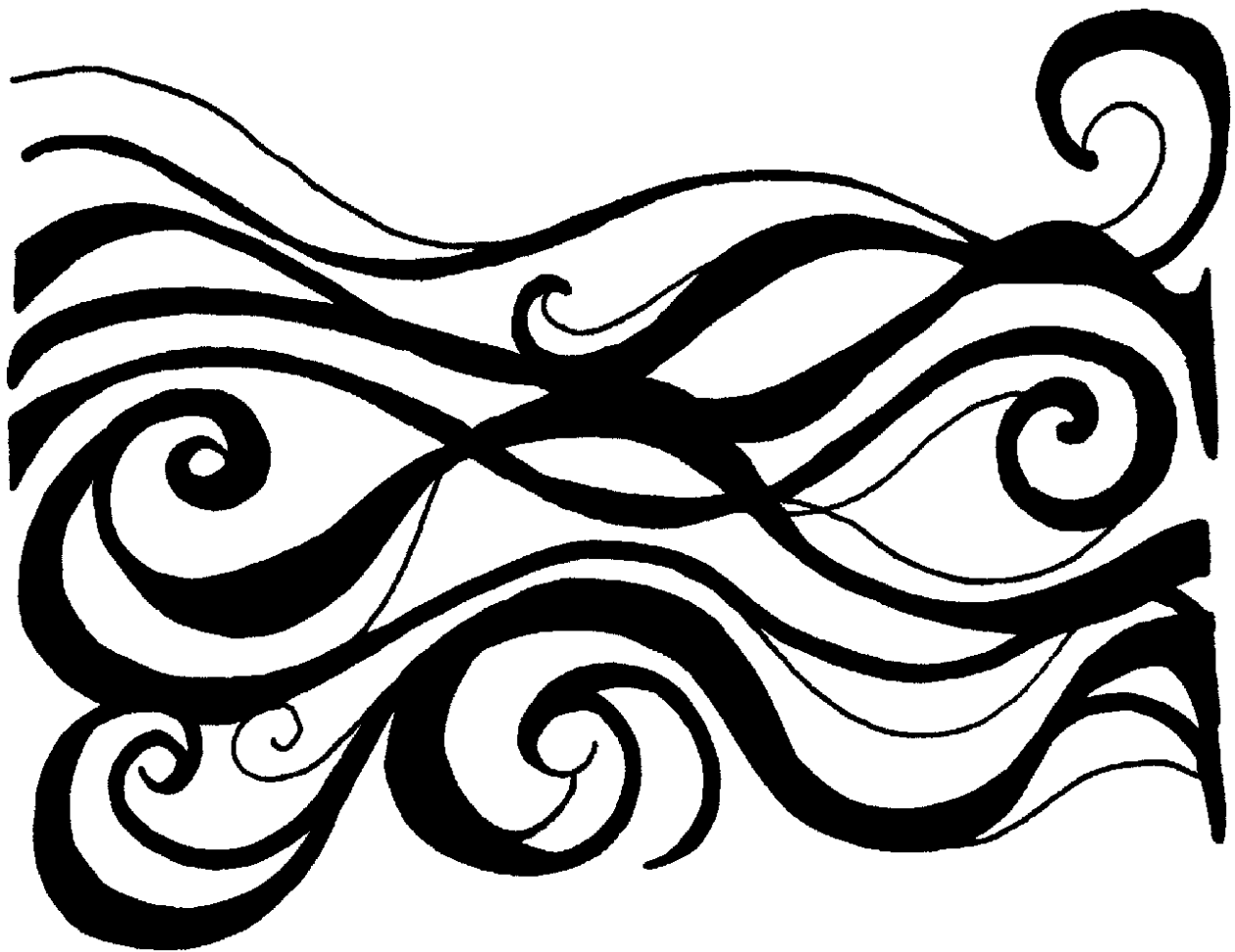


Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00am – May 18, 2025



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GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

PRELUDE

Salvation Unto Us Has Come

Anonymous

Stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

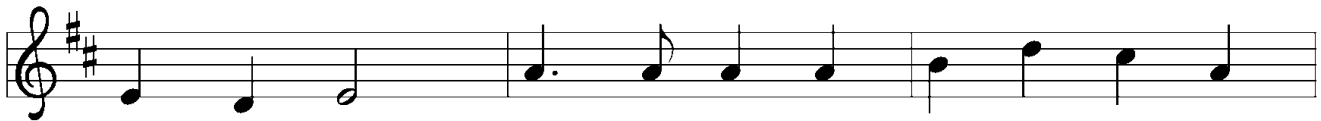
HYMN ELW #845

Voices Raised to You

All turn to face the processional cross during the hymn.



- 1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
- 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
- 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
- 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
- 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

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.**

KYRIE

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen Amen.***

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **R***

*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. **Amen. R***

*For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. **R***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

Pew Bible Page 895

*After the reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 148

The refrain is sung by ALL at the beginning and where indicated (R).

Fine print verses sung by cantor; bold print sung by ALL.

R



The splen-dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav'n.

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens; praise God | in the heights.

² **Praise the Lord, | all you angels; sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the Lord, | sun and moon; sing praise, all you | shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens, and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name | of the Lord, who commanded, and they | were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever, giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R**

⁷ Praise the Lord | from the earth, you sea monsters | and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, | snow and fog, tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**

⁹ mountains | and all hills, fruit trees | and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts | and all cattle, creeping things and | flying birds;**

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples, princes and all rulers | of the world;

¹² **young | men and maidens, old and | young together. R**

¹³ Let them praise the name | of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. | Hallelujah! R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

Pew Bible Page 1007

After the reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35

Pew Bible Page 877

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

Silence for meditation

Stand

HYMN #359

Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in

our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness (*especially*). Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "peace be with you" or similar words.

Sit

MEAL

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

I Give You a New Commandment

CHOIR ANTHEM

Peter Aston

*I give you a new commandment: love one another
As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.*

*If there is this love among you,
Then all will know that you are my disciples.*

Stand

OFFERTORY

Lord of All Good

*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
that our whole life is offered to your will.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

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. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to this meal of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Thanks be to God!

Sit

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.

**Beginning from the front pews, you are invited to come forward using the center aisle. Return to your seat using the side aisle.*

**As you turn onto the side aisle, please leave your cup in the silver tray.*

**Let the pastor or communion assistant know you would prefer grape juice and/or gluten free bread.*

**Please let the ushers know if you would like communion brought to you in the pew.*

**If you prefer, you may use an individual cup-set in your pew, opening the bread section first, then the juice!*

**Children who do not yet commune may come forward to receive a blessing.*

Sit

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW #708

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

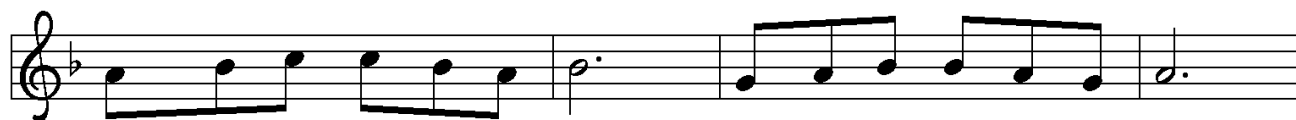
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



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|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Kneels at the feet of his friends, | si - lent - ly wash - es their feet, |
| 2 | Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, | var - ied in col - or and race, |
| 3 | These are the ones we will serve, | these are the ones we will love; |
| 4 | Kneel at the feet of our friends, | si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet: |

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

This Joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.*

But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

HYMN ELW #881

Let All Things New Living

All turn to face the processional cross during the hymn.



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we the trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Allegro

William Boyce

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- 2) You can put your check in the **US postal** service to the church address.
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The Altar Flowers: *Given to the Glory of God.*

Please sign up on the Flower Chart located outside Pastor Dave's office or phone, email Fiona in the church office. All Altar Flowers given in donations (\$65.00) from the members and guests of Christ Lutheran Church.

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