

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Greeley, CO

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6th Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.

We rejoice in your presence with us today at this service of Holy Communion.

Please silence cell phones and pagers during worship.

*ELW = red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP hymnal
Hymn numbers (#) refer to the main hymn section
The congregation's response is printed in **BOLD type***

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“We Know that Christ Is Raised” (Dance)

Kylie Johnson

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
creator of darkness and light, word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant. Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken: The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

*HYMN

“We Know that Christ Is Raised”

ELW # 449

*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

READING

Acts 10:44-48

Michelle Weymouth

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone

withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 (*read responsively with leader*)

Jim Wickland

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

ANTHEM

"Hymn of Promise"
SANCTUARY CHOIR
Tom Nugent, *violin*

Sleeth / SALLEY GARDENS arr. McDonald

*GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Response after the announcement: "Glory to you, O Lord!"

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Response after the reading: "Praise to you, O Christ!"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Retaining Water?"

Pastor John Knutson

Silence for reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW # 631

*APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

PRAYERS (each petition concludes:)

... God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Prayers for healing and strength for: Bert VanToornburg, Ian McGlasson (Michelle Weymouth’s son)

Prayers of sympathy for the families of: Ken Elder, Donna Henry

Prayers of celebration for: Cooper William Busby born on April 13 to Brandon and Natalie Busby (daughter of Laurie & Brian Johnson)

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE” MOMENT

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

*OFFERING / PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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*THE 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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Communion is open to all who receive it as the presence of Christ. Come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. For those who wish, white grape juice is available in the center cups. Gluten-free wafers are available by mentioning your preference to the pastor or server. Adults and children who are not communing may come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC: “When Peace, Like a River”

ELW # 384

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING

*BLESSING (response: “Amen!”)

*SENDING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

ELW # 836

*ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL (response: “Thanks be to God!”)

*POSTLUDE

“We Know that Christ Is Raised” (Swing that Postlude)

Kylie Johnson

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for complimentary coffee and cookies following worship.

Please contact the church office at 970-352-4816 if you have specific needs or prayer requests, or if you can help in any way.

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Scripture readings next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17,21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John5:9-13, John 17:6-19

Gather in Grace, Grow in Faith, Serve in Community, Glorify Christ!