

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
5th Sunday of Easter

Setting IV
May 18, 2025



Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!

God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.

Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.



Sunnyvale Community Services
Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community

SERVING US THIS MORNING

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Prayer Chain Coordinator: Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

ORDER OF *WORSHIP*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Beth Stauter

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Tisdel

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

[P] Alleluia! Christ is risen.

[C] **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

[P] In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

[C] **Amen.**

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

[P] 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,

[C] **make us one as you are one.**

[P] 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,

[C] **make us one as you are one.**

[P] 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,

[C] **make us one as you are one.**

[P] 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.

GATHERING HYMN

“GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,
REJOICE AND SING”

ELW #385

INVOCATION

(music found on page 147)

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

[C] **And also with you.**

KYRIE

[A] *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *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.*

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

[C] **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “The Feast of Victory”

(music found on page 149)

[A] *This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.*

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

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **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.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE WITH GRANT HANNON

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God’s intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews

is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "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. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I 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.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The 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. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If 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?" When 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."

Psalm 148

OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary

NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary

[OT] Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

[NT] *Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.*

[OT] Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

[NT] *Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.*

[OT] Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

[NT] *who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.*

[OT] Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

[NT] *fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;*

[OT] mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

[NT] *wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;*

[OT] sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

[NT] *young men and maidens, old and young together.*

[OT] Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

[C] **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!**

CHOIR ANTHEM “LET THE PEOPLE OF GOD GO SINGING” St. Luke Choir
(By Ken Medema)

2nd Reading – Revelation 21:1-6

John’s vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

I 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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And 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; he 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.”

And 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.” Then 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.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(music found on page 142)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia.**

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to John ...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

Gospel – John 13:31-35

Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell

After washing the disciples’ feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus’ community.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I

have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE “WHO AM I THAT I COULD HINDER GOD?” Pastor Dan Tisdell

HYMN OF THE DAY “LOVE THE LORD” Led by Andy Wadsworth
(By Lincoln Brewster)

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

OFFERING MUSIC Beth Stauter

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

[C] **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.

(*universal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[P & A] Hear us, O God,

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE OF CHRIST

TRANSITIONAL PRAYER

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Oh God, Each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] **We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[C] **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.

"LAMB OF GOD"

(music found on page 154)

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please come up to receive a blessing of the day.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"EVEN SO COME"

Led by Andy Wadsworth

(By Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jess Cates)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] 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.

[C] **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

“WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL”

ELW #359

BENEDICTION

[P] 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.

[C] **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve The Lord.

[C] **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE:

“ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN”
(By Franklin Ritter)

Beth Stauter