



# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
Drive-In Worship

**\*\*Set your radio to 99.1 FM\*\***

## THE PRELUDE

## THE WELCOME

## THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us trust in God's mercy, love, and forgiveness.

Resurrected Jesus,

**We thank you for your promises to us in baptism, for the waters in which you make us new. Lead us from death to life, from tears to joy. Turn us from all that leads to harm. Forgive us when our ego overshadows charity; forgive us when our fears keep us from caring for one another. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. Amen**

Listen, all who hear, take note, all who observe:

It is for you that Jesus Christ is raised; it is you whom God loves wholeheartedly!

Be not afraid, but faithful, abide in God's love.

You are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Breathe in the Spirit of life!

Go forth to share God's love always.

For your sake, Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**THE GATHERING SONG:**     *All Are Welcome*

1   Let us build a house where love can dwell  
    and all can safely live,  
    a place where saints and children tell  
    how hearts learn to forgive.  
    Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
    rock of faith and vault of grace;  
    here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*Refrain*

    All are welcome, all are welcome,  
    all are welcome in this place.

2   Let us build a house where love is found  
    in water, wine and wheat:  
    a banquet hall on holy ground  
    where peace and justice meet.  
    Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
    is revealed in time and space;  
    as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

3   Let us build a house where hands will reach  
    beyond the wood and stone  
    to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
    and live the Word they've known.  
    Here the outcast and the stranger  
    bear the image of God's face;  
    let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

**THE FIRST READING:** Isaiah 56:3-7

A reading from Isaiah.

**D**o not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say, 'The LORD will surely separate me from his people;' and do not let the eunuch say, 'I am just a dry tree.' For thus says the LORD: To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE SECOND READING:** Acts 8:26-40

A reading from Acts.

**A**n angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL READING:** Luke 24:36, 44-48

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**W**hile they were talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ. \*Flash your headlights.\***

**THE SERMON**



**THE SERMON HYMN:** *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Hallelujah!
- 2 We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,  
as living members of our Savior Christ.  
Hallelujah!
- 3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.  
Hallelujah!

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION \*Turn on Hazard Lights.\***

*Each petition ends with these words:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

God of All Creation, you have made of one family all the peoples of the earth and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may experience your presence with them and may hear the Good News of your salvation.

Hear us O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

You rule the nations with justice and love. Give the leaders of the earth an assurance of your abiding presence, that they lead not by fear but with love for those whom they are called to serve. Bring all nations into your fold, and hasten the coming of your kingdom in its fullness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You have loved us so that we can love others. We pray for all in need of your love: those who are poor, lowly, outcast, weak, or fearful. Provide for the needs of all, especially those whom we now name on our lips or in the silence of our hearts...

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You gather us with all the saints by the power of your Spirit, and by your grace bring us with them to that glorious day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you. \*Honk Your Horn to Share The Peace\***

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his  
coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all  
who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with  
you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen**

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

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

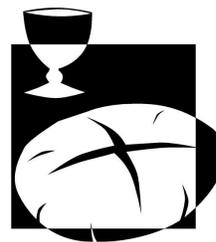
**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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**

Now, we invite each of you to take your bread.  
This is the body of Christ, given for you! **Amen**

Now, we invite you to take your cup.  
This is the blood of Christ, shed for you! **Amen**



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

## THE SENDING HYMN: *I Love to Tell the Story*

- 1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.
- 2 I love to tell the story:  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

### *Refrain*

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

- 3 I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

## THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

## THE POSTLUDE

**\*\*Those in the lower part of the lot are asked to exit first.**

**Offerings, food donations, or extra communion packets  
may be dropped in the basket at the corner on your way out.**



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