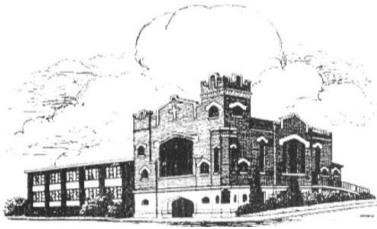


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Central Lutheran Church

May 15, 2022, 10:00 am
Fifty Sunday in Easter



GATHERING _____

The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

“Pie Jesu”

by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Gwen Hildenbrand

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the God of new life, our light in the darkness, the one who calls, gathers, and gives us the gifts of the Spirit, who empowers us to live out Jesus' kingdom ways. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are reborn, again and again, as children of God. 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 your children, 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. Amen.

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Opening Hymn

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

ELW 452

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.

To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity, the very bond of peace.

There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.

For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

ELW pgs. 140-141

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

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

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

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

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

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.

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

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

Prayer of the Day

WORD _____ *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now 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. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But 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.' ¹⁰This 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.' ¹⁵And 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."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

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. 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."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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

The Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

When Judas 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. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Pastor Jim Killough

Hymn of the Day

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

ELW 382

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

(Refrain:) Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending, see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow. *(Refrain:)*

Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.
See the grave its firstfruits giving, springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found. *(Refrain:)*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

Affirmation of Faith

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 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.

The Prayers of the People

As petitions conclude: "God, in your mercy," please respond "hear our prayer."

Sharing of God's Peace

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

MEAL _____ God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering & Offering Prayer

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....and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Communion

Communion Hymn “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

LW 708

(Refrain) Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them *(Refrain)*

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away *(Refrain)*

These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you *(Refrain)*

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you *(Refrain)*

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Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING _____ *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

Sending Song “On Our Way Rejoicing”

ELW 537

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

(Refrain) On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing now and evermore. *(Refrain)*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Worship Leaders

Ushers: Trygve Anderson, Dave Finstad, Steve Olsen **Lector:** Ryan Andrews
Assistant Minister: Betsy Haines **Organist:** Joan Dirska
Music Director: Peggy Kurtz **Zoom Master:** Jonathan Todd

⌘ Altar flowers today were donated by the Dotzauer family
in memory of Mavis Dotzauer for her 97th birthday. ⌘

Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John 14:23-29

We Hold in Prayer this Week

God's Healing Presence to Surround: Rod Nelson and family, Mary Beck, Fran Trosvig, Pat Krassin, Sheryn Todd, Pastor Shannyn, Dave Bemis, Debbie's MIL Olena Cates, Beth's friend Kim Harper, Marlene Ringen's Son Jerry, and Gayle & Dave's nieces Amanda and Laura Beyerlin, Peter and Laurie's friend Paul Paulsen, Janis Ahern's Friends Sheryl and Steve, Friend of the Surridge's Charlotte, Joan's son Jack

For our world, nation, and communities: The people of Ukraine. All refugees and all those who are facing violence.

Announcements

Congregation Forums At the Special Congregational Meeting on April 24, it was decided to postpone the vote on the funding the fence until our June 12 Semiannual Congregation Meeting. Today following worship, we will have the first of two congregational forums to further discuss the fence. The second forum will be Sunday, June 5, following worship.

Meet the Pastor Gatherings take place throughout the month of May. These are informal gatherings of six to ten people, lasting about 45 minutes to an hour. They are offered at various days and times throughout the month, including two which will meet via Zoom. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

May Mission of the Month Lutherwood Camp & Retreat Center offers programs for campers of all ages with a vast variety of camping formats: survival training, day camp, church retreats, fishing, creative arts and music, and weddings and receptions. More details: camlutherwood.org.

Pastor Jim's office hours Tuesday through Friday, times may vary, call to verify. Contact: 402-415-8748 or pjkillough@gmail.com.

