

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion
May 15, 2022
Christ Lutheran Church –
Cottonwood, Minnesota**



Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are grateful to God you are here.
We pray that you will feel the Spirit and welcome of this faith community,

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made,

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please rise in body or spirit.

Image from Sundays and Seasons

Opening Words of Faith based on Psalm 148

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

P: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him all you shining stars!

All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

All: He established them forever and ever...Praise the Lord!

Thanksgiving of Baptism and Confession and Forgiveness

P: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

P: By our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, God raised us to new life. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for a time of self-reflection

P: God of grace,

All: we confess that we do not always live as resurrected people. We live within the fears and cares of this world, that we do not have enough, that we are not good enough. Forgive us for not seeing your image in us. Forgive us for not seeking your life in us. Help us to see we are made in your love, your image, your peace. We ask all of these things in the name of the risen Christ.

P: Hear the Good News of the Easter season: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ †, your sins are forgiven. May the almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

(You will find the hymns in the red hymnal under the chair in front of you.)

Gathering Hymn

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

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Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O Lord God,

All: 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.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

First Reading Acts 11:1-18

¹Now 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

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.”

L: Word of God, Word of Life

All: Thanks be to God

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then 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 as their God; 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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

All: Thanks be to God

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel clamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

ELW# 174

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, rhythmic line with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and rests. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllable placement. The second staff is identical to the first.

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Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message Pastor Janel Kuester

Hymn of the Day

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

ELW# 708

Please rise in body or spirit.

The Profession of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

All: 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.

Prayers of God’s People

The congregation responds to the prayer petitions with, “hear our prayer.”

Sharing of God’s Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please share a verbal peace with one another.

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

Community Announcements and Opportunities to Serve

Offering and Music

Thank you for your generosity.



Please rise in body or spirit.

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray: O Lord, be known to us, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

All: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: 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

Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come and receive.

Please be seated.

Anyone who has communed elsewhere is welcome to commune here.

Those who do not yet commune are invited to receive a blessing.

Please come forward at the invitation of the ushers to receive communion in a continuous manner, then return to your seats via the side aisles.

If you prefer to have communion brought to you at your chair, please let the usher know.

Communion Distribution Hymns

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

ELW# 484

"O Bread of Life from Heaven"

ELW# 480

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW# 479

Blessing after Communion

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

SENDING

God sends us in mission to the world.

Sending Blessing

P: May the God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

ELW# 535

Sending Words

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

— Thank You For Serving This Sunday, May 15 2022—

Ushers: Jonathan Olson, Greg Golberg, Conner Moseng, Corey Moseng, Michelle Moseng, Cal Teske, Linda Van Uden Wilson, David Wilson

Musician: Krishana Dempcy **Acolyte:** Tovah Marczak

Lector and Assisting Minister: Char Bode

Communion Servers: Amy Jo Remmele, Tracy Sterner, and Heather Velde
Jace Danielson and Tyden Marczak

PA: Larry Isaackson and Craig Aamodt

Video Camera: Tracy Sterner and Bev Isaackson

Altar Care: Anne Isaackson and Bev Isaackson

Counting: Jonathan Olson and Corey Moseng

ELCA World Hunger Program

FOOD SHORTAGES

On the news, we are hearing more and more about how the ripple effects of the war in Ukraine could echo through the food system around the world.

But we find courage and hope in God who calls us to hope, even when hope is shrouded by war and who, even now, is at work in, among, and through peacemakers, supporting neighbors in need and striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

Philosopher Jacques Derrida says “When we eat, we never eat alone. We are eating fruits of God’s creation made possible because of neighbors around the world. And as we eat, we are mindful that the stability of this system on which all of us depend to some extent, depends itself on the truths we are called to pursue: justice and peace.”

Consider making a gift to the ELCA World Hunger Program that provides food for the hungry around the world. Envelopes for your donation are available at the back of the sanctuary or you can give directly at elca.org/hunger.

Thank you very much for your concern and your generosity.

This Week’s Calendar

<u>Today, Sunday, May 15</u>	Fifth Sunday of Easter
	Fellowship Time before and after Worship
<u>9:30 am</u>	Worship Holy Communion
<u>10:45 am</u>	Worship on Cable TV Channel 180
<u>Monday, May 16</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u> Worship on Cable TV Channel 180
<u>Tuesday, May 17</u>	<u>9:00 am</u> Quilting
<u>Friday, May 20</u>	Lakeview Graduation
<u>Saturday, May 21</u>	<u>10:30 am</u> Private Geihl Baptism
<u>Next Sunday, May 22</u>	Sixth Sunday of Easter
	Fellowship Time before and after Worship
<u>9:30 am</u>	Worship with Chheng/Dubbeldee Baptism
<u>10:45 am</u>	Worship on Cable TV Channel 180

Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:

Emmett Anderson (PJ's 4 yo family, hit by car) Jill Boehne
Darleen Cole Grant Johnson Teri Kemmer Lloyd Powell

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, cancer, hunger, homelessness, unemployment, and any challenges in their lives including flooding homes and property and farmers waiting to plant.

Pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

Independent Living/Assisted Living/Care Center Residents/Homebound:

Irene Evers, Julie Jaeger, Betty Lovsness, Howard and Jody Mohr, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Sonny and Ione Olson, Laurie Pickthorn, Steve Pederson, Margaret Rewerts, Jim Runholt

Families of our Congregation:

Darleen Cole
Barb Crouse
Chris, Catie, Evelyn, Emelia, and Eleanor Dahl

Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions.

Robin's Nest Children's Home, Jamaica, Kikatiti Secondary School, Tanzania
World Mission Prayer League (WMPL)

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