



# Fifth Sunday of Easter

First English Lutheran Church  
Sunday, May 15, 2022

## PRELUDE

*"Where Abideth Charity and Love"*

by Charles Callahan

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

from "Speak It Plain", by Meta Herrick Carlson

Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God who creates, saves, and sends us with love that lives forever.

**People: Amen**

Leader: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the Great Exchange, the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Leader: For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Leader: For the river that carried Moses safely, building a bridge between mothers and nations.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Leader: For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Leader: For the one who turned water to wine and met a woman at the well with living water.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Leader: For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus, for Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

## GATHERING HYMN

*"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"*

ELW 364 vs 1,3,5

1. *Christ has arisen, alleluia.*

*Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.*

*For our redeemer burst from the tomb,*

*Even from death, dispelling its gloom.*

Refrain: *Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;*

*Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.*

*Our sin forgiving, alleluia!*

*Jesus is living, alleluia!*

3 *The angel said to them, "Do not fear.*

*You look for Jesus who is not here.*

*See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;*

*Only the grave cloths are lying there." [Refrain]*

5 *Christ has arisen; He sets us free;*

*Alleluia, to him praises be.*

*Jesus is living! Let us all sing;*

*He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. [Refrain]*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: 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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Train Up a Child"*

by Steve Green

Performed by the FELC Choir

## FIRST READING Acts 11:1-18

Brian McDonald

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"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. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me,

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### *Where Abideth Charity and Love*

Author: Charles Callahan

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### *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

Author: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938

Composer: Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

### *Train Up a Child*

Author: Steve Green

### *I Come With Joy*

Author: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

### *Around You, O Lord Jesus*

Author: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847

### *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Author: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

Composer: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

### *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

Author: Jan Bender

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CY&F Ministry: Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

Organist: Deb Stark

Usher: Mike Trelstad

Lay Reader: Brian McDonald

Technical Team: Gary Anderson, Karen

Anderson, Steve Gesme, Lynette Pagel

and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>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; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>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.' <sup>17</sup>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?" <sup>18</sup>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."

## SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-6 Brian McDonald

<sup>1</sup>Then 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. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>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;

<sup>4</sup>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."

<sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>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 John 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to John.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## PRESCHOOL FAITH MILESTONE

## SERMON

**Pastor Nancy Dreier**

**Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid**

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## HYMN OF THE DAY

- 1 *I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.*
- 2 *I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.*

## "I Come with Joy"

- 3 *As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.*
- 4 *The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.*

ELW 482

- 5 *Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.  
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 OF INTERCESSION

(Each portion of the prayers end with these words— God, in your mercy,)

People: receive our prayer

Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

### Congratulations to our First Communion Class!



Owen Albers  
Jackson Althoff  
Ben Flanders  
Charlie Gappa  
Eleanor Montgomery  
Kinzley Rezac  
Ashton Shattuck  
Mason Sjoblom

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

### "Around You, O Lord Jesus"

ELW 468

- 1 *Around you, O Lord Jesus,  
your own you gather still  
to share the feast you give us  
with grace our lives to fill.  
You say to use so lovingly,  
"Take, eat! This is my body!  
Take, drink! This is my blood!"*

- 2 *We hear you invitation,  
and heed, O Lord, your call;  
your word of consolation  
is spoke here to all.  
It draws us to your loving heart;  
it brings to use your blessing,  
which never will depart.*

- 3 *We are your own forever;  
until our final breath  
we will be true and never—  
in joy, in grief, in death—  
depart from you, for you are still  
among your people dwelling,  
as you have said you will.*

## BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

1 *Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.*

### "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

2 *All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.*

### ELW 836

3 *Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!*

## DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

People: Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" by Jan Bender

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 17 11 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 18 10:30 am Pastor's Text Study

Thursday, May 19 4:30-6:30 pm Cannon Falls Food Shelf

Sunday, May 22 9 am Worship with Senior Recognition  
10 am Senior Reception

## Baccalaureate Worship Service

Sunday, May 15 | 7 pm, St. Pius Catholic Church  
The baccalaureate service, through the Community Churches Interaction Council (CCIC), invites graduating area seniors, families, and those interested, to gather for worship in celebration of the graduates in our community. This year the service will be held at St. Pius Catholic Church on Sunday, May 15, at 7 pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

## Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 22 | 9 am Worship  
Graduating seniors and parents, join us for a special Senior Recognition during worship on Sunday, May 22 at 9 am. During this service, youth and parents will be recognized, and scholarships presented by the Women of First English Lutheran Church. A reception will follow the worship service.



## Madagascar Mission Fund

The First English Youth are organizing a campaign to raise money for students at the University Ankatso in Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar. Madagascar has faced great challenges, families are without income, and the food provisions normally received through Ukraine and Russia have stopped because of the war. A request has come from Chaplain Razafiarisoa Norolala, who graduated from Luther Seminary in 2019 and whose current ministry is through the Lutheran Church of Malagasy which serves these students. She recently contacted her friend, Kris Kincaid to ask if her congregation might have any funds to donate toward her students' food and basic necessities.

*"For 2 years now, after the Covid-19, life has become hard in Madagascar. Last year again we faced dryness that causes famine. This year, a flood was coming because of the very strong cyclone (we had four different cyclones this year and one was very hard) destroying many things like plants, houses, roads in my country. The war between Russia and Ukraine impacts the economy of Madagascar as well. All these bad things decrease the possibility of each family to survive, and most of us cry for the cost of life." Chaplain Razafiarisoa Norolala*

Donations will be forwarded to this ministry via a bank transfer. Checks may be made out to FELC, memo: Madagascar Chaplaincy Fund. Please contact Kris if you have questions. Thank you.