

5th Sunday of Easter



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
8:30AM • May 2, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk: *Helping Hands*

Prelude: “Sanctuary” 3X

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living Sanctuary for You

The Easter Litany:

P: Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness: P: Faithful and Just God,

C: We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen

P: Christ suffered for sins, once for all, in order to bring you to God. Now you are God’s people; now you have received mercy. In the name of the risen + Lord Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen and precious in God’s sight. Live in the marvelous light of Christ. C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: “Come My Way, My Truth, My Way” #816

Verse 1: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life, Such a way as gives us breath,
Such a Truth as ends all strife, Such a Life as killeth Death.

Verse 2: Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength, Such a Light as shows a Feast,
Such a Feast as mends in length, Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Verse 3: Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart, Such a Joy as none can move,
Such a Love as none can part, Such a Heart as joys in love.

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Romans 12:1-2: *read by Marisa Collins* ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gospel Acclamation: “Hallelujah” 2X (Please stand as you are able)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah...Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Gospel Reading: **Luke 12:22-34** ²²He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying

add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Children’s Sermon *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Message *Monica Atkinson*

Hymn of the Day: “Have No Fear Little Flock” #764

**Vs. 1: Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!**

**Vs. 2: Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!**

**Vs. 3: Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!**

**Vs. 4: Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!**

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, & 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 to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

God of all fruitfulness, you abide in your church and your church abides in you. Cleanse us by your word and give yourself to the whole church on earth so that it bears fruit and witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have created the heavens and the earth. As we wonder at the beauty of creation, may we seek vital connections among all that depends on the earth for life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You rule the nations with justice and love. Give the leaders of the earth assurance of your abiding presence, that they lead not by fear but with love for those they are called to serve. 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 Gabriel Ryan, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Naomi Berland, Dean Kirkland, Don & Ella Hadler, Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson, Keith Carlson, Karl Thomforde, Connie Ludwig, Joe Melson, Mary Petefish & the families of Jordis Howard and Erich & Kari Hemenway. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You gather us with all the saints by the power of your Spirit. With them, may our hearts live forever in your keeping. 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.**

Sharing the Peace:

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering & Doxology: Oh, Worship the King, all glorious above; Almighty, God’s son in power and love.
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end; Our maker, defender, redeemer & friend.

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord be with you C: And also with you

L: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.

Salutation

Holy, Holy, Holy! #413 Vs. 1-2

Vs 1: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Vs 2: Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which were, and art, and evermore shalt be.

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.

Lamb of God: *"I Received the Living God"* #477

Refrain: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

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Vs 1: Jesus said: I am the bread kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. [Refrain]

Vs 2: Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. [Refrain]

Vs. 4: Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. [Refrain]

Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending: *"Shout To The Lord"* #821

My Jesus, my Savior Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter Tower of refuge and strength
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have In You

Dismissal:

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: "Go Tell It On a Mountain" Refrain 2X

Go Tell it on the Mountain, over the hills and everywhere, go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ still lives!

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