



LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Fifth Sunday of Easter ✠

May 2, 2021

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

Fantasia No. 1 in A Major (from 12 Fantasias for Solo Flute, BWV 40)

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681–1767)

Welcome

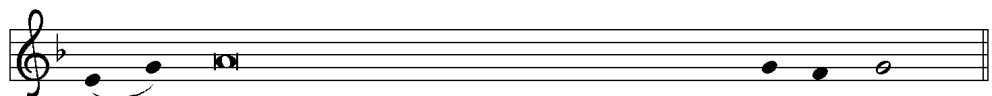


Call to Worship Paschal Blessing

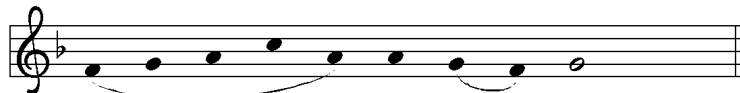
*Please stand as
you are able.*

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Baptismal Song of Thanks and Praise



As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.



Al - le - lu - ia.

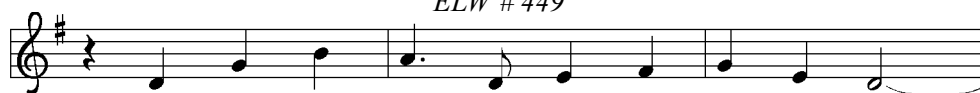
On the first day of the week at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their face to the ground, the men said to them: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while you he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise."

Christ is risen! **He is Risen indeed!**

Gathering Hymn

We Know that Christ is Raised

ELW # 449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
 Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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Apostolic Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Children's Message

Please be seated.

Dismissal Song

✠ Word ✠

The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community as God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.



Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

W&P #46



Text: Handt Hanson

Music: GO IN PEACE, Handt Hanson

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Reading

Acts 8:26-40

*Led by the Spirit,
Philip encounters
an Ethiopian official
who is returning to
his African home
after having been to
Jerusalem to worship.
Philip uses their
encounter to proclaim
the gospel to him. Upon
coming to faith in Jesus,
he is baptized by Philip.*

²⁶An 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.) ²⁷So 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 ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now 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.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As 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?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰But 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.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Alleluia

*Please stand as
you are able.*



.Gospel

John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

The Nicene Creed



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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sermon
Please be seated.

Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.



Hymn of the Day
*Please stand as
you are able.*

This is the Spirit's Entry Now
ELW # 448



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933
Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional
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**Prayers of the
Church**

P: 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.

A brief silence.

A: God of all fruitfulness, you abide in your church and your church abides in you.
Cleanse ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior

C: Amen.

Greeting of Peace

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

C: And also with you.

After the greeting, please share a word of peace with your neighbors.

Anthem
Please be seated.

Offertory
Please stand as
you are able



✠ Offering ✠

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week. We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news.

Jesus Loves Me

*Ann B. Warner/ William B. Bradbury
arr. Michael Hassel*

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide!
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
When at last I come to die he will take me home on high.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

This Joyful Eastertide

LBW #149

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934
Music: VRUICHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

Offertory Prayer

A: 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.**

✠ Meal ✠

*We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive
the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of
Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.*

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

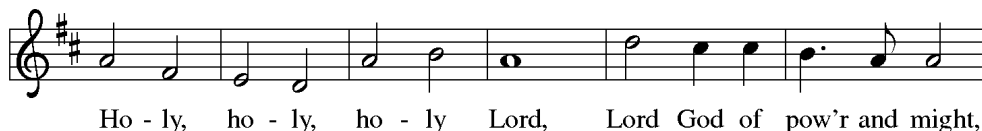
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary... we praise you name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

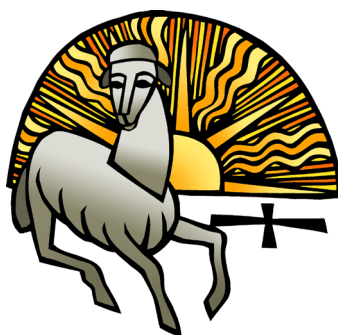
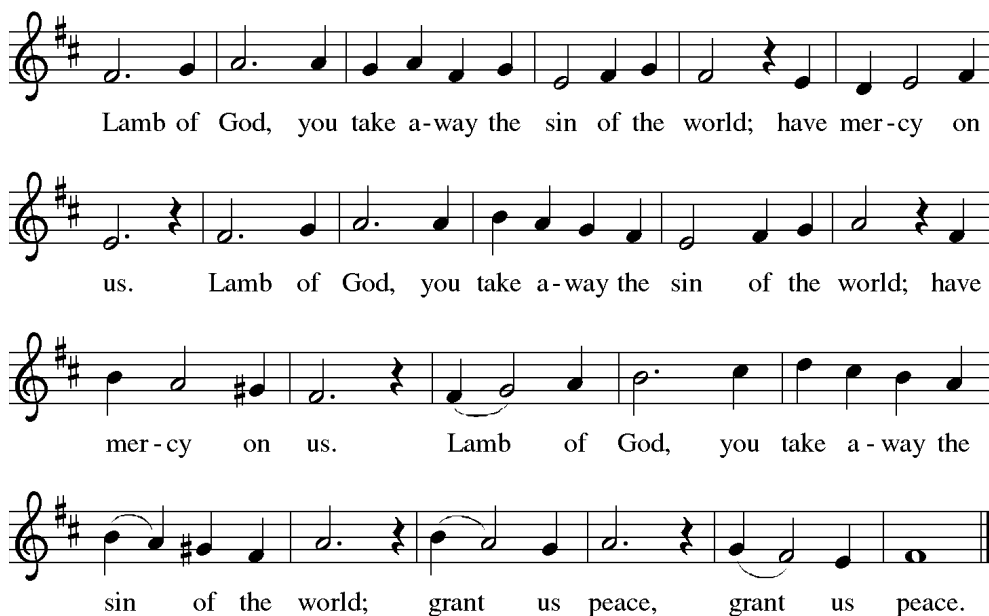
Lord's Prayer

**C: 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: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
The table is ready. All are welcome.

Lamb of God



Distribution Music

Please be seated.

Distribution

Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting ministers will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is positioned in front of the first pews.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you towards the front of the church for communion.

Post-Communion Blessing

*Please stand
as you are able.*

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

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

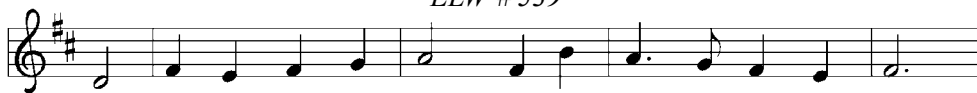


✠ Sending ✠

We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace, sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

ELW # 539



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace,
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word
- 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord;
- 5 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
your truth di - rect and keep us from cr - ror's gloom - y night.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your word.
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923
Music: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEIBEN, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord makes his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Please be seated.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Gigue for Saxophone & Piano

Fisher Tull (1934-1994)

You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music and praise.

WELCOME

We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—for prayer and worship. We will continue to have Wednesday and Saturday services online. We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Pastor.....*Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug*
 Organist*Dr. Kris Rizzotto*
 Worship Assistant.....*Mary Sabatke*
 Communion Assistant.....*Kathy Hering*
 Saxophonist.....*Brian Handeland*
 Reader*Steve Hoyt*
 Usher*Linda Nelson*

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 2	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i> Sanctuary & YouTube
MONDAY, MAY 3	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i>..... Sanctuary
TUESDAY, MAY 4	9:15 PM	<i>Prayer Ministry</i>.....Zoom
	7:00 pm	<i>Men's AA</i>Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study</i>.....Zoom
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting</i>.....Zoom
	4:00 PM	<i>Confirmation</i>.....Zoom
THURSDAY, MAY 6	7:00 PM	<i>Thursday Men's AA</i>Christy Room
	7:00 pm	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>.....Zoom
SUNDAY, MAY 9	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i> Sanctuary & YouTube

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



Bruce Johnson, nephew of Mary Ann Lisk; **Brian Krinke**, son of Jean & Lambert Krinke; **Jim Jodie**, cousin of Carolyn Hagford; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick & Suzanne Pepin; **David Beebe**, brother-in-law of Rick & Suzanne Pepin, & John Fitch; **Bruce Payne & Mike Payne**, cousins of Michelle McCreery; **Trevor Daniel**, prayer request by Cheri Moe; **Peggy Wagner**, friend of the congregation.

~HAPPY BIRTHDAY!~

Carolyn Hagford 5/2 Casey Christy 5/5
Joseph Mechels 5/6 Phyllis Dahl 5/8

Coffee Hour

Starting today, we will host a limited coffee hour on Sundays when we can be out on the patio. Coffee will be prepared and served but no food at this time. If you could help by preparing a pot of coffee on Sunday mornings and bringing it out to the patio after the service, please call the church office to volunteer for a Sunday.



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God's Help, Our Hands

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



Our Saviour's Housing Meals in 2021

For many years, *Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church* has provided a meal for 40 on the first Friday of the month. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our monthly meals have been provided by donation via check, money order, or [online](#). After **May 24**, when residents return to the shelter, **volunteers will once again provide & serve the meal**. In addition, OSCS is asking for donations of disposable food utensils, plates, & cups for serving. [oscs-mn.org](#)

Thanks to **Ellie Holmquist, Ruth Lee, Heather Jacoby, & Gretchen Robertson** for providing on **4/2/21**

2021 DATES

MAY 7 Andy & Monica Schwarm
JUN 4 Peter Van Bergen & Cathy Carlson
JUL 2 Pat & Kathy Bracken
AUG 6 Carol Kuehn, Vicki Kuehn-Larson & Rebecca Morell

Please consider serving on...

SEP 3 OCT 1 NOV 5 DEC 3

To reserve, contact Cheri Moe, moeclana@aol.com or [\(952\) 431-5226](tel:9524315226).

Thank You

Thank you to **Lee Wilson** for the beautiful pansies he provided for the 21st Street side entrance to the church.

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Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 to 12:00 PM

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