

May 18, 2025
5th Sunday of Easter, Year C
Senior Recognition Sunday



Ringling of Bell

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION & BLESSING OF SENIORS

*Ross Aldorfer - Hayden Baka - Francis Cusey
Jamison Hoffman - Devon Kreisler - Thomas
Paulson*

◆ THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of ☩ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Water! Water!

We praise you, O God, for water—
the *Zumbro and Mississippi Rivers*
and our many lakes,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.
We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for our water stories—
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.
We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,

P: healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.
We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for this font,
for through this water you have birthed us
into the family of Christ, bathed us in forgiveness,
and enlivened us in the Spirit.

P: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

C: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

P: O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us
health and well-being. We praise you, O God,
today, tomorrow, forever. Amen, and amen.

C: Amen, and amen.

HYMN Love Divine All Loves Excelling No. 854

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n,
to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all
compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit
us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry
troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find
thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life
receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy
temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise
thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless
let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly
restored in thee! Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our
crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and
praise!

PRAYER OF THE DAY We pray together

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our
actions gain nothing.

**C: 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

FIRST READING: ACTS 11:1-18 MSG¹

*Peter's vision: God gives the Gentiles
repentance that leads to life*

The news traveled fast and in no time the leaders and friends back in Jerusalem heard about it—heard that the non-Jewish “outsiders” were now “in.” When Peter got back to Jerusalem, some of his old associates, concerned about circumcision, called him on the carpet: “What do you think you’re doing rubbing shoulders with that crowd, eating what is prohibited and ruining our good name?” So Peter, starting from the beginning, laid it out for them step-by-step:

“Recently I was in the town of Joppa praying. I fell into a trance and saw a vision: Something like a huge blanket, lowered by ropes at its four corners, came down out of heaven and settled on the ground in front of me. Milling around on the blanket were farm animals, wild animals, reptiles, birds—you name it, it was there. Fascinated, I took it all in. “Then I heard a voice: ‘Go to it, Peter—kill and eat.’ I said, ‘Oh, no, Master. I’ve never so much as tasted food that wasn’t kosher.’ The voice spoke again: ‘If God says it’s okay, it’s okay.’ This happened three times, and then the blanket was pulled back up into the sky. “Just then three men showed up at the house where I was staying, sent from Caesarea to get me. The Spirit told me to go with them, no questions asked. So I went with them, I and six friends, to the man who had sent for me. He told us how he had seen an angel right in his own house, real as his next-door neighbor, saying, ‘Send to Joppa and get Simon, the one they call Peter. He’ll tell you something that will save your life—in fact, you and everyone you care for.’ “So I started in, talking. Before I’d spoken half a dozen sentences, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as he did on us the first time. I remembered Jesus’ words: ‘John baptized with water; you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ So I ask you: If God gave the same exact gift to them as to us when we believed in the Master Jesus Christ, how could I object to God?”

Hearing it all laid out like that, they quieted down. And then, as it sank in, they started praising God. “It’s really happened! God has broken through to the other nations, opened them up to Life!”

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 148 We read responsively

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things
and flying birds;**

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² **young men and maidens, old and young
together.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor
is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all faithful servants, the
children of Israel, a people who are near the
Lord. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-7 ²

John’s vision: a new heaven, earth, & Jerusalem.

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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, descending heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her beloved. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Look! The home of God is among the woman-born. God will dwell with them as their God; they will be God’s peoples, and selfsame God will be with them. God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; Grief and weeping and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.

And the One who is seated upon the throne said, “Look! I am making all things new.” The One also said, “Write, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then the One said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the thirsty from the spring of the water of life freely. Those who overcome will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my daughters and sons.”

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

◆ THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: JOHN 13:31-35 **C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD**

*Jesus gives a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you*

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

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S WORD

SERMON *Pastor D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN OF THE DAY *O God Who Gives Us Life*

Text- All Creation Sings #1086 Tune- KINGSFOLD ELW #251



- 1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb.
- 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven- ture and to dare,
- 3 O God of cov- e- nant and law, re-vealed in cloud and flame,



Who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
To plumb the bleak a- byss of doubt and find you e- ven there:
Your might-y deeds e-voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de- liv- er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de- spair in wan-der-ing through wastes of emp-ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove.



Help us to know your Spir- it still is mak- ing all things new.
Re- fresh us with the liv- ing spring of hope that nev- er dies.
As on our hearts you write a- new the cov- e- nant of love.

◆ 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF PEACE

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

OFFERING—*OFFERTORY*—GLOBE OFFERING
Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe in the front of the church.

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

C: Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

I Come with Joy

No. 482

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.

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.

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.

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

C: Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

◆ SENDING SONG

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee No. 674

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.

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.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring 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!

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



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PUBLIC DOMAIN HYMNS: *Love Divine All Loves Excelling; O God Who Gives Us Life/ KINGSFOLD TUNE; Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*

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CALENDAR

Su 5-18	9 AM WORSHIP – SENIOR RECOGNITION <i>Honoring 1st Lutheran 2025 HS Graduates</i> 10 AM Coffee/Fellowship
We 5-21	6 PM Council
Th 5-22	1 PM Love Day 7 PM AA
Su 5-25	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee & Columbia Presentation by Kathy Chatelaine

🌿 **Farmer's Market - Thursday, June 5** We will have a **First Lutheran "Pop - Up Shop"** to support our Organ Repair Fund, selling your home crafted items, produce, plants, baked goods, etc. Please price your items and let us know if discounted pricing is allowed. If needed, you can drop off items at the church prior. Heidi Haugen and Susan Hoversten will be sitting at the market on June 5. 📞 Call or text Susan with questions 907-854-5959
Excited to see all the talents in our organization!