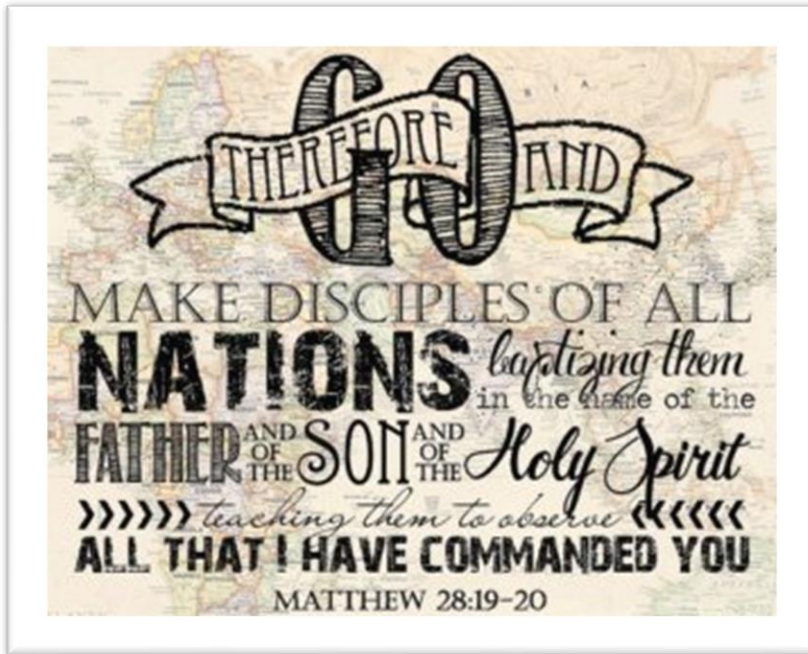


# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

9:30am



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# Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here!

To assist in your worship: \* means stand as you are able, **bold** print means we respond.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME

Paul met the people where they were when he addressed them at the Areopagus in Athens. He brought them on the journey of the story of Jesus by starting at their starting line.



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# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

He is risen!

**Christ is alive!**

God meets us where we are.

**With compassion and grace God welcomes us home.**

### \*GATHERING HYMN

*Lamb of God*

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### \*GREETING

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

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Now the Feast and Celebration*

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

*Refrain*

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

*Refrain*

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

*Refrain*

God; to make all things new.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray, God of all wisdom, **Paul knew how to sit with people in their own reality before bringing them along the journey of the story of Jesus. Teach us to honor people’s journeys with grace and respect. Amen.**

**WORD**

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

**FIRST READING**

Acts 17:16-31

Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 143

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**\*ACCLAMATION**

*Congregation:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we



go? You have the words of e - ter - nal



life. Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*GOSPEL**

John 13:31-35

Pew Bible New Testament Pg.112

The Holy Gospel according to John the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Brian Madigan

**SERMON**

Pastor Laurie Arroyo

**\*SERMON HYMN**

*Lift High the Cross*

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**\*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 THE CHURCH**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We have indeed received grace upon grace from you, loving God. Accept these our prayers and use them to transform hearts and lives. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.

## **\*SHARING OF PEACE**

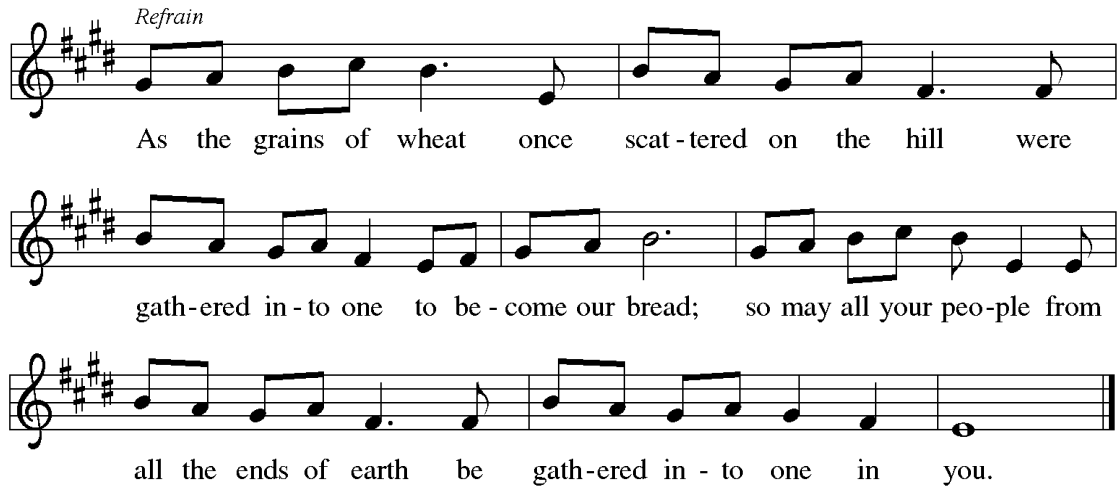
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY**

### **\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*As the Grains of Wheat*

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were  
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray: **In you we live and move and have our being, holy God. We can nothing apart from you. Even these gifts we offer were first granted to us through your grace and generosity. Accept these gifts teach us to continue your work as we meet people where they are. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav-en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God... passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again....**

Grace our table with your presence...**Come, Holy Spirit...**

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love. **Come, Holy Spirit....**

...O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**



## LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION SONGS

*I Am the Bread of Life*

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### \*BLESSING

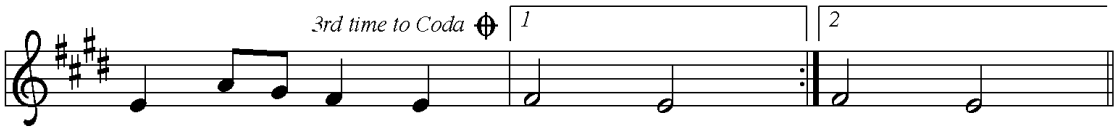
### \*THANKS BE TO YOU



- 1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
- 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
- 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

*Coda*



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

# **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **\*SENDING HYMN**

*We Are Marching in the Light*

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## **\*DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is alive! Share the good news. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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<b>Percussionist</b>	Nathan Latiolait
<b>Missionary to Colombia</b>	Linda Gawthorne

**It is our joy to worship with your whole family this morning!**

### CHILDCARE

We hope everyone of all ages and abilities will be able to worship together. If you need to take a "time out" please do so in the narthex (gathering space at the entry), and return to worship when you are ready. A changing table is located in the restroom off the narthex. Activity bags, filled with crayons, paper and storybooks, are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*CHRIST IS ALIVE!*

### OUR VISION STATEMENT

*Christ Lutheran Church is a community of believers committed to praising our Savior Jesus Christ. With his love, we reach out to those in need and welcome all with open hearts. Our worship dynamically combines, word, song and prayer to share God's incredible message. Having faith in this, we go forth knowing that with God and the power of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.*

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