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Alleluia! Christ has risen!
Fifth Sunday of Easter
5/15/2022

A few notes of welcome...

Presider: Pastor Kristi Lambing

Lector: John Townsend

Accompanist: Jon Glastra

Communion Assistant: Matt Mathison

All are invited to receive Christ in the bread and wine of communion.

We are so thankful that you are able to join us today!

The ↑ indicates when to stand, as you are able.

To follow along with the readings and responses, the **bold** lettering is when the assembly participates.

Welcome

↑ Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.
Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

*Gathering Hymn- ELW #367 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”
verses 1 & 4*

Prayer of the Day

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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Word

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

A reading from Acts

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“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. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If 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?” ¹⁸When 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.”

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God

Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! 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.**

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

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

⁵Let 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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹³Let 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 21:1-6

A reading from Revelations

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

⁴he 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.”

⁵And 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.” ⁶Then 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.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

↑ **Gospel Acclamation:**



S205a

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Christ

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

Word of God, Word of life

Thanks be to God

Children’s Time

Sermon

↑ **Hymn of the Day #807 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” all verses**

Apostles Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 People

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us we think of the Skagit River, Wiley Slough, Shelter Bay, Skagit Bay. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress, we lift up Janice and all those in pain. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those

experiencing despair and great need. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Beloved God, place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

What other prayers do we lift up today?

Resurrecting God, give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

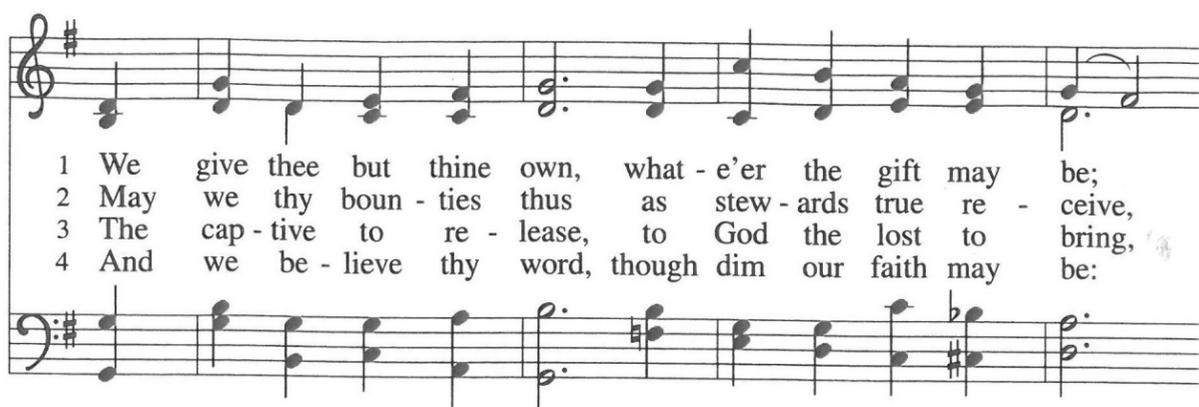
Peace

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

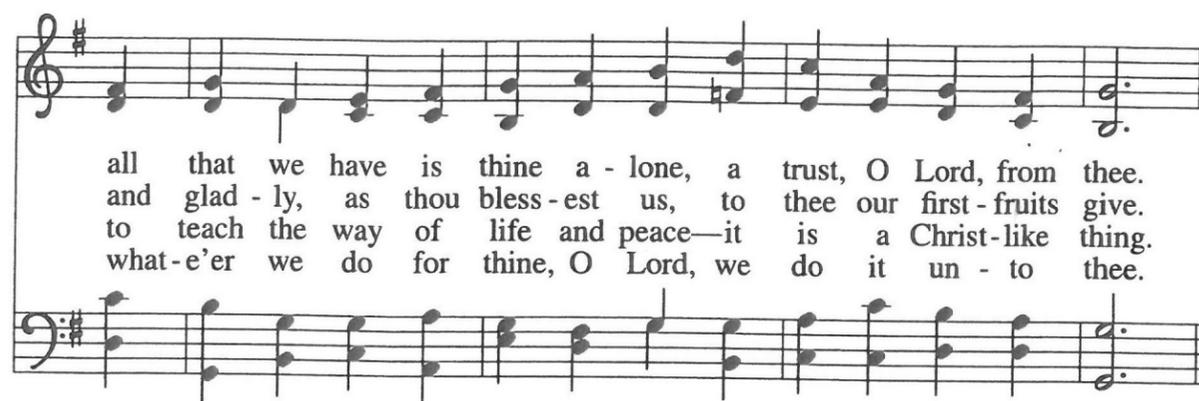
Offering (The offering baskets will be passed at this time, you can also give on-line at www.firconwaylutheran.org/page/give) We are grateful you can join us today!

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We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Offering Prayer

Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

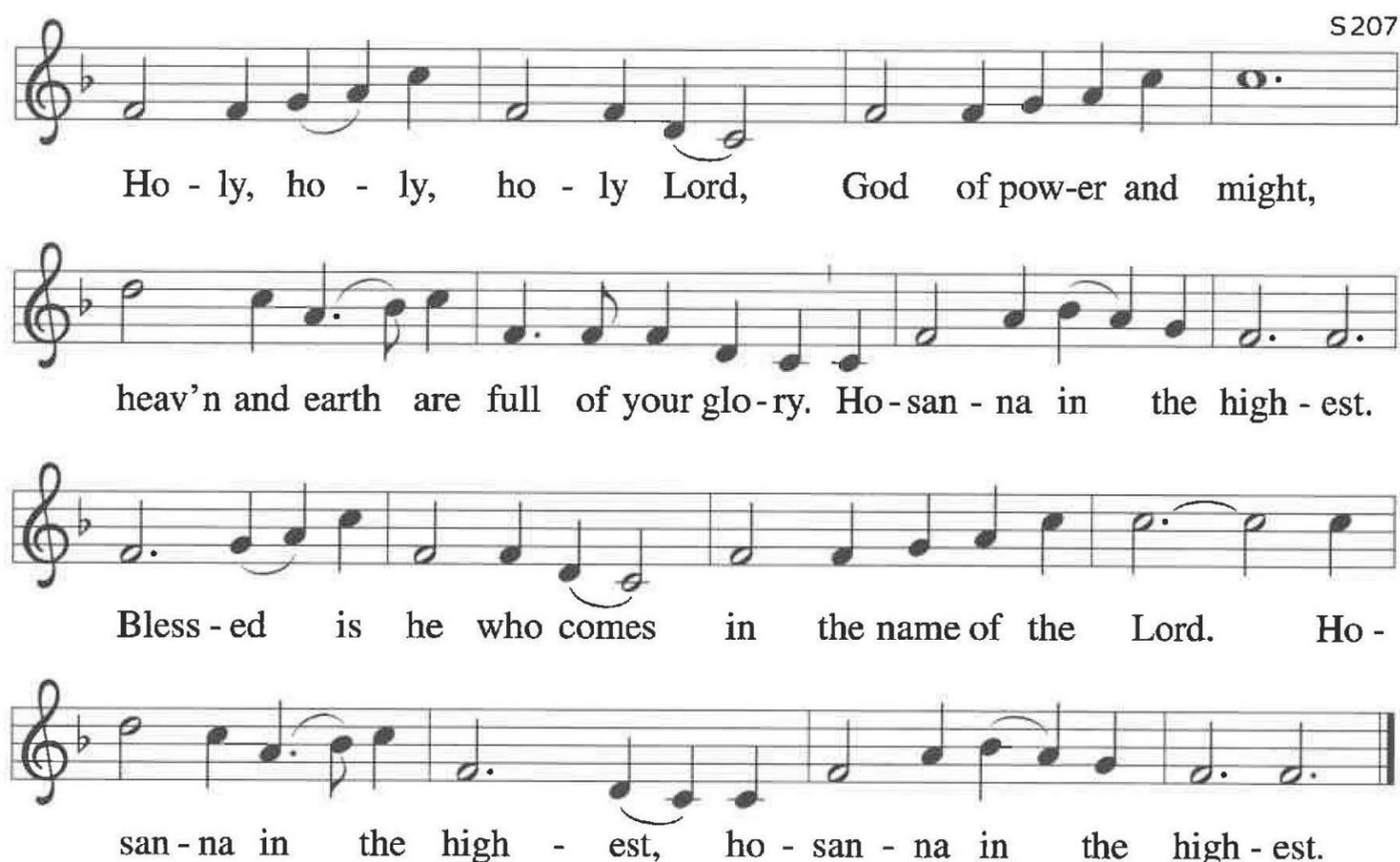
Meal

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.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:----

S 207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your
faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens
and the earth. Praise to you for saving
the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites
safely through the sea. Praise to you for
leading your people through the
wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of
Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you
for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out
on all the nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave
thanks; broke it, and gave it to his
disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my
body, given for you. Do this for the
remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave
thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the
remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember
our Lord's Passover from death to life as
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on
these gifts of bread and wine. Bless
this feast. Grace our table with your
presence.

Come, Holy Spirit

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with the sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Communion We will be serving musicians and communion assistants first. The ushers will direct you forward. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please let the ushers know.

Blessing after Communion

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption
✝ strengthen you and preserve you in eternal life.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

**We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup**

we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Sending

Announcements

You are invited to join us for coffee hour directly after church!

*5/15 Picture Directory photo opportunity, it's not too late to sign up!
Help us build our picture directory with all your lovely faces. We will
offer one more date in June. If you took a family photo recently, please
email it to pastor@firconwaylutheran.org and I will get it inserted.*

*Check out our website at www.firconwaylutheran.org for upcoming
events, and recorded sermons.*

Ringing of the Bell

 *Blessing*

Sending Song #685 "Take My Life, That I May Be" verses 1-4

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

Weekly Update:

5/19 Preschool's final concert at 6 p.m.

5/20 Private Wedding at 5 p.m.

5/21 AA at 4 p.m.

5/22 Sunday School project after church; Confirmation after Fellowship Hour

5/25-27th Pastor Kristi will be out of the office, but available by phone and email.

5/30 Front Office Closed for Memorial Day