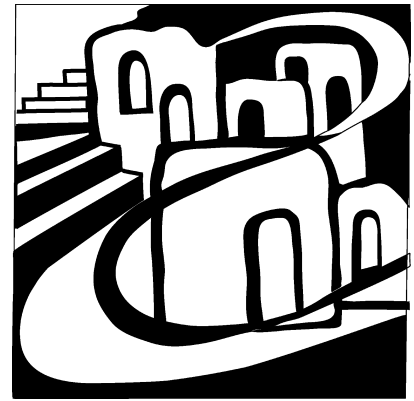


Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting 8



### Introduction to the Day:

*As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.*

### Prayer Requests

*Congregation participation in **bold print**.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the ✝ holy Trinity,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Source of all life,

**we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.**

**We fear that we are not good enough.**

**We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.**

**Forgive us. Stir us.**

**Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right,**

**act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.**

**Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✝ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

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## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Almighty God,

**your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

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

## FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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*Please stand as you are able.*

### **GOSPEL: John 14:1-14**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Sermon Introduction**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

*Christ is the cornerstone of God’s saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God’s chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Chris Peterson

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

ELW Hymn 389

## NICENE CREED

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*After each petition, the Worship Assistant will say, "Hear us, O God", the congregation will respond, "Your mercy is great.."*

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*Please take a few moments to greet those around you as you feel comfortable, keeping in mind that not everyone is comfortable shaking hands or hugging.*

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

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING SONG** “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” All Creation Sings Hymn 966

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together,

God of life,

**You give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.**

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**DIALOGUE**

**Preface**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

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 today 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**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please be seated.*

*We believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. All those who are baptized and have received formal teaching about The Lord’s Supper are invited forward to commune. If you desire a blessing, come forward and keep hands folded together. Come forward at the direction of the usher. Pick up a clean cup from the right side of the altar. The empty cups can be placed in the tray on the left side of the altar. Please indicate if you prefer grape juice or a gluten-free alternative.*

## COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

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## SONGS DURING COMMUNION

“You Are the Way”  
“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”  
“Here Is Bread”

ELW Hymn 758

ELW Hymn 484

ELW Hymn 483

*Please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

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

**Amen**

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION

“Now Lord You Let Your Servant Go”

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy and compassionate God,

**in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Today: Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship, 2:00

Cluster Event with Philorian Mpendaye, of the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese, 4:00

Monday: Book Study, 11:00, Week 6, Day 5 & Week 7, Day 1

Camp Hope Meal, 5:45 to help serve

Wednesday: Magical Mystery Tour of John 14:15-21; Noon

Monday, 15th: City of Yakima Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, 7 am—8 am

Red Cross Blood Drive; 12-5, helpers needed to check in donors

Counters for May: Norm Frank, Jim Sund

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;  
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;  
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:  
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives!”

ELW Hymn 619

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace.  
Serve the Lord!

## Thanks be to God!

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Kodi, Don and Sandy, Jackie Larson, Linda Uecker, Rita, Laurie Wilson, Jean Koch, Rex & Duke, Char Caprile, Dave, Elisabeth Dunbar, Sue Stewart, Rose Parker, Nicole, Max, Marty, John Oord, Tim Button, Darold Larson, Dax Rieder, Shawn, Armando, Marlys, Austin, Hannah and Nick, Charlie, Donna, Jim Sund, Tim Schultz, and Julietta.



City of Yakima Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, May 15, 7 a.m.—8 a.m.  
Henry Beauchamp Community Center, 1211 S. 7th St, Yakima

*Come one and all to Christ Lutheran's  
Spring Tea, May 20<sup>th</sup>; 1:00 p.m.*

*Join us for sandwiches, desserts, entertainment,  
laughter and of course TEA!*



*Please join us on May 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. For the Invitation to Extended Service of  
Christopher Peterson  
As Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church*

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*Sent to Serve and Tell*

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