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Fifth Sunday of Easter



HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

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We at St. Luke's dedicate ourselves to grow in faith and love, to serve together, and to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God!

C: Let all the peoples praise You!

P: Jesus said, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

C: Let all the peoples praise You, O God!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Great God of love, hear us as we confess our sin to You.

A time of silence is observed.

P: We confess:

C: O Lord, Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought, word, and deed. We have been anxious and impatient. We have lived in ways that do not give witness to Your mercy in Jesus. We have been focused on our own concerns and have not opened our hearts to your perfect grace. Bring us to repentance, Lord. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right. By Your merciful guiding may we open our hearts to Your Word, worship You alone and accomplish all that accords with Your will. We pray this in the name of the mission of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OPENING SONG ~ 'Shout to the Lord'

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You,
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing,
Power and majesty praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar,
At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

(Repeat from beginning) then ends...

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Power and majesty praise to the King.
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At the sound of Your name.

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Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
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FIRST READING ~ Acts 2:14a, 36-39

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

³⁶"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING ~ 1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. ¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²²Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ~ Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹"What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

²⁵He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

All: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

MESSAGE SONG ~ 'Open the Eyes of My Heart'

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You. I want to see You.

repeat

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

repeat verse and chorus

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You.

repeat 3x

MESSAGE

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

OFFERING SONG ~ 'Lord, I'm Gonna Love You'

Lord, I'm gonna love You, love You Lord.
Lord, I'm gonna love You, love You Lord.
Lord, I'm gonna love You, with all that's in my heart.

Lord, I'm gonna follow, follow You.
Lord, I'm gonna follow, follow You.
Lord, I'm gonna follow You, with all that's in my heart.

Lord, I'm gonna worship, worship You.
Lord, I'm gonna worship, worship You.
Lord, I'm gonna worship You, with all that's in my heart,
With all that's in my heart.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer. (after final petition: Amen.)

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Guests Please Note: As Lutheran Christians we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion; that as we participate in the sacrament we receive His body and blood. If you are confirmed and trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord and accept this understanding of communion you are invited to commune with us. There is a choice of individual or common cup. You may choose a Gluten free wafer from the brass container as the host is served.

WORDS OF INVITATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

THE WORD'S OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ.....This do in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

DISTRIBUTION AND SONG

'One Bread, One Body'

Refrain:

One Bread, one Body, one Lord of all,

One cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, through-out the earth,

We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. **(Refrain)**

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. **(Refrain)**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered into one, for all.
(Refrain)

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'Bread of Life'

Refrain:

I myself am the bread of life.
You and I are the bread of life,
Taken and blessed, broken and shared by Christ
That the world might live.

1. This bread is spirit, gift of the Maker's love,
And we who share it know that we can be one:
A living sign of God in Christ. **(Refrain)**
2. Here is God's kingdom given to us as food.
This is our body, this is our blood:
A living sign of God in Christ. **(Refrain)**
3. Lives broken open, stories shared aloud,
Become a banquet, a shelter for the world:
A living sign of God in Christ. **(Refrain)**

I myself am the bread of life.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this gift of Your Son's true body and blood,

C: and we ask You that, as we have seen Your true glory in Your sacrificial love, You would help us show Your abiding presence in our words and actions;

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG ~ 'Hallelujah Feeling'

Verse 1 - Solo

Some days I climb the mountains
Some days I touch the clouds
Some days my best friend
Has been the cold hard ground
There's mercy new each morning
Comfort through the night
My eyes are fixed on Jesus
And I'm gonna be alright

Chorus 1

I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul
I got that hallelujah feeling and it won't let go
I've been born again yes and amen
No matter what comes I know
I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul
Hallelujah hallelujah

Verse 2 – Solo

Oh just because it's raining
Doesn't mean the sun won't shine
There's a season for the struggle
And a season for the prize
But my hope is never fading
'Cause it's anchored in the truth
My Father goes before me
And His joy will see me through

Chorus 2

I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul
I got that hallelujah feeling and it won't let go
I've been born again yes and amen
No matter what comes I know
I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul
Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah

Bridge

When everything is shaking
Got that solid rock like pavement
I might bend but I'm not breaking
(1st) I know who's on my side **(repeat bridge)**
(2nd) The Lord is on my side **(Chorus 1)**

Last time

Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah

THE SENDING

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God!

C: Let all the peoples praise You!

P: Jesus said, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

C: Let all the peoples praise You, O God!

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you

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

All: Amen & Amen.

P: Go in peace and serve the Risen Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.