

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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## + HOLY COMMUNION SETTING NINE +

*It is appropriate to stand during prayer and when receiving the Eucharist during the Easter Season. The Easter emphasis is on justification: "Because of what God has done in Christ through the cross and resurrection, I am justified and can stand before him."*

**ORGAN PRELUDE** Variations on "Lord Whose Love in Humble Service"  
(#712) Alfred V. Fedak

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**GATHERING HYMN** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! **No. 383**

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**P** We pray. O God, you shape the minds of the faithful into one will. May all your people love what you propose and desire

what you promise. Then regardless of the stormy tossing of this life, our hearts will come to anchor where true joys are found. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON      A Reading from the Book of Acts

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

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 148** *Sung as* "Praise the Lord! O Heavens"

**No. 823**

**SECOND LESSON** A Reading from the Book of Revelation

Then 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, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And 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; he 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." And 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." Then 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" (*Revelation 21:1-6*)

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia...

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel...

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

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

you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (*John 13:31-35*)

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Come, We That Love the Lord **No. 625**

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to "*Hear us, O God.*" is "***Your mercy is great.***"

A Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A Send your Holy Spirit upon your church. Awaken in us renewed commitment to our baptismal promises: to build community, to worship together, to share our faith, to serve others, and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Forgive us for the ways we have caused creation to suffer. Inspire creativity as we explore new ways of reducing our consumption of earth's resources. Restore forests and waterways. Replenish the habitats of all endangered and threatened species. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Call all nations to the repentance that leads to life. Empower legislators to craft laws reflecting your commandments to love and serve. Bring peace to Ukraine and all that are torn apart by warfare and violence. Bless police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and first responders who put themselves at risk to care for others. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We give you thanks for those who carry out the ministry of hospitality: greeters, ushers, those who make coffee and bake cookies, all who welcome newcomers and care for children, and all who extend a hand of peace to neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Make your home among us and shelter us from storms of death, mourning, crying, and pain. Draw near to those who weep and to those who are lonely. Restore health and wholeness to those who suffer. We pray for: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystina Cuch, Colleen Dehmke, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Karin Olafson (Dakota, Remi and Ada), Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Ron Sauer, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, John Watt, those we name aloud... and those we carry in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for your holy catholic Church:

- the Manitoba/ Northwestern Ontario Synod, synod staff, pastors, people, and Bishop Jason Zinko
- the West Centra Leadership Team, pastors, and people
- Grace Lutheran Church I Rancho Cordova, California
- pastors and chaplains of health care institutions, correctional institutions, and other specialized ministries
- all church volunteers in our congregations
- Trinity Lutheran, Grande Prairie, and Redeemer Lutheran, Hanna
- our Companion Synod, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia, Bishop Ata, the national staff, its pastors, leaders, and people
- the ministry of On Eagle's Wings
- the primate, bishops, priests, and people of the Church of Sweden and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark
- he bishops, priests, and people of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada
- the pastors and people of the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches of Canada

For all these, hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A You promise new life for all the faithful departed. Renew us in faith and hope until the day death is no more, when you will dwell with us in the new heaven and earth. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C And also with you.**

#### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful H. Willan

*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (Easter)

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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Version I)

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**THE FRACTION**

P Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**C Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

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#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please be seated. Assistants and those in need commune first.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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I Come with Joy

**No. 482**

**TABLE BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** (Easter)

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*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

**BENEDICTION**

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**SENDING HYMN**

Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing

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**DISMISSAL**

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**P** Go in peace...

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** “Sonata Giojoso” Barrie Cabena

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WELCOME to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today’s servants or speak with the pastor.

WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS

Usher: Jerry Rasmuson, David Richardson

Lector: Ahmed Conteh

Assistant: Art Wildeman

Altar Guild: Pat Fedkenheuer

Refreshments: Clarice Rasmuson, Shannon Friesen

Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Last Week	11 May 2025	Budget 2025
Current	\$ 3,120	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$ 0	
Building Fund	\$ 20	
Other	\$ 867	
Attendance	46	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	18 May	11:45 PM	Birthday Sunday
			Fellowship and Refreshments
		2:00 PM	CFMA Worship
Monday	19 May		Victoria Day Office Closed
		7:00 PM	Council
		7:00 PM	12 Step Program

Tuesday	20 May	10:00 AM	Hotshots
		6:30 PM	S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support
Wednesday	21 May	10:00 AM	12 Step Program
		7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Friday	23 May	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	24 May	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship
Sunday	25 May	10:30 AM	Sixth Sunday of Easter

COUNCIL MEETING – Monday 19 May at 7:00 PM downstairs.

HOTSHOTS – Join us on Tuesday 20 May at 10:00 AM as we really hope to access the movie “Jack the Bear” followed by a KFC lunch. All are welcome, as are friends. Sign up sheet is downstairs.

HOSPICE CALGARY - Dying to Know: “*Transformation of Hope Through a Palliative Diagnosis*”. Free online session 20 May 2025 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. Presenter: Iska Hollman. In the illness journey, hope and hopelessness are intertwined, often unrecognized or given little credit. By understanding this connection, we can better support others in their journey of life and grief. Register [here](#).

THE KNITTING GROUP will meet on Thursday, 29 May at 10:00 AM. We’ll help you learn to knit or crochet. All are welcome to visit with us.

HIGHWOOD HIGHLIGHTS - Submissions for the June issue are accepted until 27 May 2025. Email items to secretaryhlc@outlook.com

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES – is hosting a Free Education Luncheon “*Caring for the Pessimist*” 31 May 2025 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in the basement (66 7 Street NE, Calgary). Lunch 11:30 AM, Presentation 12:30 PM This talk may provide some tools when caring for an individual or member of your family. RSVP before 22 May lhmsac@gmail.com. See poster downstairs for more details.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 5:1-9